

WITHEE ARRESTED

Charged With Tampering With the United States Mails.

POPULAR MAIL CLERK.

Letters Containing Money and Sent to Flirtious Persons, It is Alleged, Were Found on His Person and in His Room.

Alvin Z. Withee of Sault Ste. Marie, a well known and popular mail clerk on the Soo Line run between Gladstone and Sault Ste. Marie, was arrested in the Hawarden Inn at Gladstone last Saturday evening upon the charge of tampering with and robbing the United States mails. The arrest was made by Inspector C. J. Backus. It is said that Withee's arrest clears up a mystery that has existed for several years. The government officials have been working upon it a long time.

Withee was brought to this city Monday and in the evening was taken before United States Commissioner Jennings by Deputy United States Marshal Dolph of Marquette to be arraigned for his preliminary hearing. He waived examination, however. Bail was fixed at \$1,000, which was furnished, and Withee was set at liberty pending his trial, which will come up at the next term of the United States Court in Marquette. He is now at his home in the Soo. Bail was furnished by Raymond McDonald, also of the Soo.

When the Soo Evening News reporter called on Postmaster Webster last Monday and asked him concerning the affair, Mr. Webster said he was not then in a position to make any statement, but directed the newspaper man to another gentleman, who is in the employ of the government. This gentleman was in Gladstone at the time of the trouble and when found told the following story, in part:

"Withee was arrested in Gladstone for appropriating money that had been sent through the mails. Several letters were mailed from the Soo to a fictitious party in Gladstone. Two of the letters contained marked money, which was in bills, and the remainder contained nothing but blank paper. In one letter was \$3 and the other contained \$5. As soon as the letters were mailed the gentlemen sending them jumped the train and went direct to Gladstone, arriving there in the night. They went at once to the postmaster and routed him out of bed. From the place in which he was stopping they went direct to the postoffice and examined the contents of the mail bag. It was discovered that the letters were not there and Withee was taken in charge. The men who handled the case were Inspectors George W. Riddenbaugh and C. J. Backus. A thorough search of Withee and his room brought to light the missing money, which was so marked that there could be no mistake on the part of the inspectors."

RECORD OF LAST YEAR.

Articles of Association Recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

The following articles of association organizing corporations or societies were filed for record in the office of the Delta county clerk during the year 1903:

February 6.—Escanaba Steam Laundry Company; capital stock, \$15,000.

May 4.—Delta Hardware Company; increasing capital stock from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

June 2.—Oliver Hotel Company; capital stock, \$25,000.

June 10.—Mashek Chemical and Iron Company; capital stock, \$125,000.

June 20.—Escanaba Hardware Company; capital stock, \$50,000.

October 6.—Escanaba Lodge No. 354, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; no capital stock.

October 16.—Bink Wholesale Liquor and Supply Company; capital stock, \$30,000.

December 31.—The Swedish Club of Escanaba; no capital stock.

As to Marriage Notices.

The editor of The Iron Port rubs his hands gleefully as he thinks of the number of pining spinsters in town and the increased number of paid marriage notices he will receive during leap year.—Detroit Free Press.

The foregoing is all right in one sense, perhaps, but it so happens that The Iron Port is not in the habit of receiving pay for its marriage notices. Indeed, it is fortunate if it receives a "thank you" or any other manifestation of appreciation from those most interested in the gladsome wedding announcements. The Iron Port is always pleased to make in its columns. The editor will therefore continue to derive what satisfaction he may in the saying of kind and complimentary things about bridal couples and solace himself with the reflection that his reward for so doing will be waiting for him when he shall be called upon to leave this "weary vale of tears" for the realms of paradise above.

HAS MANY MEMBERS.

L'Institut Jacques Cartier Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Officers.

L'Institut Jacques Cartier, one of the largest and most prosperous societies in Escanaba, held its annual meeting Sunday afternoon, January 11, and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

President, David Godin; vice president, Phillip Elle; recording secretary, Mat. Pillion; financial secretary, Ovide Carufel; corresponding secretary, Wilfred Labelle; treasurer, Dennis Peters; assistant treasurer, Ambrose Derocher; sergeant at arms, Adelard Dupont; assistant sergeant at arms, Eugene Hamelin; trustees, Ambrose Derocher, Phillip Racine and L. Cloutier; sick committee, Phillip Racine, Z. Dugas and Joseph Goulet.

These officers were immediately installed and entered at once upon their respective duties.

The annual reports read showed the society to be in a most flourishing condition and with bright prospects for the future. At the present time it has 403 members in good standing and a cash balance of over \$2,000 in the treasury. During the past year about \$3,000 was paid on assessment and \$1,500 was paid out in sick benefits to members.

The new officers of Justice Temple No. 23, Rathbone Sisters, are as follows:

Most excellent chief, Mrs. Michael Green; excellent senior, Mrs. Ed. Smith; excellent junior, Mrs. Chris. Buckley; manager, Mrs. E. E. Wood; M. of R., Miss Mary Atkins; M. of F., Mrs. L. A. Rose; protector, Mrs. E. A. Elliot; guard, Mrs. G. H. Gay; trustee, Mrs. C. A. Miller; past chief, Mrs. L. A. Rose.

Mrs. L. A. Rose was elected as representative to the grand lodge and Miss Mary Atkins was chosen alternate.

The new officers of the Retail Clerks' Union are as follows:

President, G. W. Falstrom; first vice president, Dennis St. John; second vice president, Charles Specht; treasurer, Eugene Gaudette; recording secretary, Miss Lydia Johnson; financial secretary, A. Lenz; guide, Miss Anna Smith; guard, Joseph Golbat; sentinel, Gideon Carlson; trustees, George Provancher and Charles Marcus.

Musicians Union No. 239 has elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Joseph Wickert; vice president, Harry Broad; secretary-treasurer, William Morgan; members of examining board, William Morgan, Gene Sullivan and Hugh E. Brotherton; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, Harry Broad and Jerry Driscoll.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Swedish Lutheran church held its annual meeting on Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. L. J. Fredrickson; vice president, Mrs. A. Klissell; secretary, Mrs. Chas. Olson; treasurer, Mrs. W. Bogen.

The Daughters of Rebecas have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Noble grand, Miss Gertrude Hewlett; vice grand, Mrs. R. P. Jensen; secretary, Miss Birdie Provo; treasurer, Mrs. James Hewlett.

December Was a Cold Month.

The prevailing impression that December was an unusually cold month, even for this section of the country, is borne out by the facts contained in the Monthly Meteorological Summary issued by Observer Wurtz of the Weather Bureau. From the report it is learned that the mean temperature for the month was 16 degrees, a deficiency of 6 degrees for December for 31 years. The highest temperature recorded was 35°, on the 19th, and the lowest 15° below zero, on the 13th. The greatest daily range of temperature was 21°, on the 12th, and the least daily range 3°, on the 19th. There were eight days when the mercury fell below zero. The prevailing direction of the wind was west and the total movement 5,630 miles. The highest velocity attained per hour was 27 miles from the northwest. The total precipitation for the month was 0.8 of an inch and snow fell on 11 days. During the month there were seven clear days, four partly cloudy days and 20 cloudy days.

Some New Laws Wanted.

At the annual meeting of the health officers of Michigan, held at Ann Arbor last week, a legislative committee of six was appointed and instructed to go before the next legislature to secure, if possible, laws as follows:

- 1.—A state sanitarium for consumptives.
- 2.—Registration of births.
- 3.—Re-enactment of the previous law, or a modification thereof, relative to the care of indigent persons suffering from communicable diseases.

The last seeks to give the health officers power to contract bills for the class of persons and cases mentioned. W. H. Van Slyke of Hancock is the upper peninsula member of this committee. Escanaba was not represented at the meeting.

L. Van Winkle of Van's Harbor was in town Tuesday.

ELKS' NEW HOME

It Will be in Readiness for Occupancy at an Early Date.

TO BE FORMALLY OPENED

With a Brilliant Social Function of Some Kind—Brief Description of the Handsome Lodge and Club Rooms.

The work of making necessary alterations and improvements in the building at 508 and 510 Ludington street, which the Escanaba Lodge of Elks purchased last spring, is drawing near completion, and the Elks' new quarters will soon be in readiness for occupancy. If present plans are carried out, the formal opening of the handsome club rooms and lodge hall will be made a gala affair, in which friends of the Elks will be invited to participate. It probably will take the form of a grand reception and ball.

In that case it will undoubtedly take rank at the head of this season's social functions, for the Elks are never satisfied with anything but the best in whatever they undertake.

The basement of the building will be fitted up as a bowling alley. There will be two alleys each 83 feet long and 11 feet wide, and the entire equipment will be the best obtainable. On the first floor the entire west half and front part of the east half of the building will be rented for business purposes, while the rear portion of the east half will be used by the Elks themselves as a pool and billiard parlor. The second floor has been converted into a large hall or main club room, 43x49 feet in size, a lodge room and a suite of small rooms suitable for various purposes. The floor is of the finest hardwood and the size of the main hall will make it an ideal place for dancing parties or other social gatherings. This hall will not be furnished with chairs, but has an upholstered black leather seat running around the walls that will accommodate more than 200 persons. The furniture and fixtures of all the rooms will be of the best and when all is done the Escanaba Elks will have one of the handsomest and most comfortable lodge homes and club rooms in the upper peninsula.

NEW CLUB ORGANIZED.

Its Purposes Outlined in Articles of Association Now on File.

"The Swedish Club of Escanaba" is the title of a new organization which has recently been formed and filed articles of association in the office of the county clerk. The purposes of the club, as set forth in the articles of incorporation, are as follows:

"To promote the standing of its members in financial, social and educational matters; to teach the members to become saving; to help each other; to promote good fellowship among them in general; to assist and provide for sick and distressed members, and for social purposes."

Appended to the articles are the names of the following 12 charter members: Nels Ahlquist, Erick Anderson, John Logan, Peter Nelson, Nels Nelson, Peter N. Holgren, Olof Nelson, Ole Logan, Edwin Anderson, George Hedsten, Carl J. Dahlberg and Alfred M. Lovfander. The trustees are: Erick Anderson, one year; John Holmgren, two years; Peter Nelson, three years; Alfred M. Lovfander, four years; Olof Nelson, five years. The officers are: President, Nels Nelson; secretary, Carl E. Anderson; treasurer, John Logan. The club holds regular meetings once a month.

Local Theatre is Reasonably Safe.

Ever since the burning of the Iroquois theatre in Chicago and the appalling loss of life attendant thereon, there has been considerable discussion as to the safety of the local opera house in case of fire. Opinion is divided, but the preponderance inclines to the belief that the house is reasonably safe and that in case of fire breaking out during a performance the audience could effect its escape from the building without loss of life. Manager Peterson, however, will take all necessary steps to guard against danger and also increase the methods of escaping from it in case it should come. As it is now, there appears to be no undue cause for apprehension by patrons of the local theatre.

City Won Its Case.

The case of the City of Escanaba vs. Mrs. Caroline Olson was tried in Justice Glaser's court last Tuesday and resulted in favor of the plaintiff. The action was instituted by the city to enforce its right to collect charges against property for scavenger services. Such services had been performed on the defendant's property at the regular rate of \$4 per cubic yard and she refused to pay. Other property owners have also protested against paying similar charges but the outcome of this case probably will settle the matter without further trouble or legal opposition.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Held and Business Transacted Tuesday Night.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of education was held last Tuesday evening. Present—Trustees Jennings, Hughitt, Ellsworth and Thelander. Absent—Trustees Doherty and Youngquist. In the absence of President Youngquist, Trustee Jennings was called to preside.

Bills amounting to \$727.11 were allowed and ordered paid as audited by the Purchasing committee. The biggest part of the entire amount was for fuel purchased for the several schools.

The resignation of Miss Florence Cole as teacher was read and accepted and Miss Ethel Buck was engaged to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the school year at a salary of \$45 per month. Miss Cole is now at her home in Palmyra and gave as a reason for her resignation the continued illness of her mother, which made her presence necessary at home. Miss Brotherton is filling Miss Cole's place and Miss Buck takes Miss Brotherton's former position.

Supt. Jolliffe's monthly report was accepted and ordered placed on file. The report stated that the total number of pupils belonging to the schools on Dec. 23 was 1,835; per cent of attendance to date, 94.6; number of half days teachers were absent, 60. Supt. Jolliffe recommended the introduction of drawing work in the grades, that Miss Cummings be given this work and that her salary be advanced \$25 per month for the balance of the year. This recommendation, after some discussion, was referred to the Teachers' committee, with power to act. He reported that the transfer of fifth and sixth grade pupils from the North Escanaba school to the Washington school had been made and that the new arrangement has greatly relieved the condition in the North Escanaba school. The transfer of books to the Carnegie public library for distribution from there was reported as not yet completed.

After disposing of some minor matters of no particular interest to the public, the board adjourned.

FROM THE GAME WARDEN.

Letter Defining the Law as Regards Mounted Deer Heads.

In connection with the debate over the status of mounted deer heads under the state law, Robert Steele of Ballentine, Mich., submits to the Marquette Mining Journal the following letter from State Game Warden Chapman, received by him in answer to an inquiry:

Mr. Robert Steele, Ballentine, Mich., Dear Sir: It is against the law to sell or ship out of this state any portion of a deer. However, deerhides may be sold in Michigan when the person who desires to sell them is provided with a permit from the state game warden. You may receive for mounting after the season is closed any head from a deer that you know was killed legally, and has a license coupon attached. It is against the law to ship out of the state mounted deer heads; it is also against the law to ship deer hides out of the state.

C. H. CHAPMAN.

Suspended Work for Winter.

C. B. Driscoll and C. G. Mason, who have been working at the Oliver Iron Company's ore crushing plant in this city for some months past, have returned to Negaunee. The work has been suspended for the remainder of the winter. It will require two or three months to complete the plant and get it ready for operation. During the past month or so the men have been working at a disadvantage because of the snow and cold weather. The plant will be one of the finest to be found anywhere in this country. It is being installed with the greatest care. Mr. Driscoll superintended the operations and Mr. Mason looked after the engineering work.

Married Last Tuesday.

John J. Ammel, formerly of Duluth but now of this city, and Miss Nellie Jaegers of this city were united in marriage last Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The ceremony was performed in St. Joseph's parsonage by Rev. Fr. Eusebius and the bridal couple were attended by Miss Gertrude Jaegers, a sister of the bride, and John Rowan. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's parents near Ford River, where a wedding supper was served and a happy time enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Ammel will continue to make their home in this city. Both have many friends, who will be pleased to extend congratulations and good wishes.

Made a Good Record.

Oakshoak Times: Henry Olmsted, who pitched for Milwaukee in 1902 and for Peoria last season, has a brother named Fred, who promises to develop into a better player than himself. Fred played with the Duluth club in the Northern league and made a good record at third base, and he is now anxious to get with some club farther south, the Three-Eye or Texas league. The young man is wintering at Escanaba, Mich. Henry is also spending the winter in the north and is getting in shape to join Columbus in the early spring.

PRESENCE OF MIND

Coupled With Prompt Action Enables Mother to Save Her Children

FROM PLACE OF DANGER

Lowers Them From Second Story of a Burning Building by Means of a Clothes Line and Then Escapes Herself.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday morning fire broke out in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lyons at 901 Thomas street, and for a time threatened to be attended with serious results. It started in a room on the first floor from embers that had fallen out of a grate onto the carpet and when discovered had gained considerable headway. The lower floor was filled with flame and smoke and when Mrs. Douglas, who lived on the upper floor, attempted to go down with her three young children she found the stairway so full of fire and suffocating smoke that passage through it was extremely dangerous, if not impossible. The situation was a critical one, but Mrs. Douglas proved herself equal to the emergency. With rare coolness and presence of mind she immediately took a piece of clothes line that fortunately was at hand and tying one end of it around the baby lowered it out of a window to the ground below, where the willing hands of neighbors took charge of the child. Mrs. Douglas sent the other two children down to safety in the same expeditious manner and then escaped herself by means of a ladder put up by the firemen, who by that time had arrived on the scene.

The prompt and vigorous work of the fire department speedily extinguished the flames and the house was damaged but little. The room where the fire started, however, was completely gutted, entailing a loss of several hundred dollars, which is covered by insurance.

BUSINESS WAS BAD.

And So Mr. Cotton Became Discouraged and Skipped the Tra-la-loo.

Poor business for several weeks and dark prospects for the future so discouraged Oliver Cotton, half owner and treasurer of the Godding Comedy Company, which played here all last week, that he and his wife skipped from the city early last Monday morning with what cash there was in the company's treasury and some of the baggage. They failed to tell Mr. Godding, the other owner of the show, of their intention, but their departure was speedily discovered and prompt measures resulted in the interception of Mr. Cotton at Powers. Sheriff Roberts found him there, but had no authority to hold him, as no warrant had been issued. However, Cotton permitted the officer to bring back his baggage, the value of which could be applied toward the liquidation of his share of the unpaid bills and salaries due members of the company. Cotton declared he had no money to speak of and his returning here would be of little use. He and his wife were permitted to continue on their way to Chicago, for which place they had purchased tickets. Their trunks were brought back here and turned over to Mr. Godding, who, with what members of the company are left, is now playing an engagement in Gladstone.

If things keep on this way it will become necessary for theatrical companies to provide themselves with a double mascot before coming to Escanaba. The town has been a hoodoo for several troupes in as many months and trouble of some kind or another has accompanied them here or broke out before they could get away.

Funeral of Mrs. Annie Schils.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie Schils was held from St. Joseph's church last Monday morning and was very largely attended, testifying in some degree to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Rev. Fr. Eusebius conducted the services and the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery. Among the relatives and friends from outside the city here to attend the funeral were: Miss Annie Schils of Milwaukee, Frank Schils of St. James, Minn., Mrs. Barbara Raymond and daughter Marie of Antigo, Wis., Nicholas Schils and Frank Wilson of Port Washington, Wis. Nearly all of them have since returned to their respective homes.

Presbyterian Church.

Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Temptation." Sunday school and Bible classes 11:45 a. m. In the evening there will be special music by a male quartette, and Prof. Morgan will give a cornet solo. Wednesday evening prayer and social service at 7:45. All are cordially invited.

REV. DR. A. USQUEANS, PASTOR.

W. C. T. U. QUARTERLY MEETING.

Review of the Excellent Work Done in the Past Three Months.

The quarterly meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held at the home of Mrs. John F. Oliver last Monday and there was an excellent attendance. Following is the interesting report thereon, as kindly furnished The Iron Port by the press superintendent of the Union:

Reports of the various officers and superintendents were read, showing much activity along some lines of work. Six business meetings were held during the quarter, and one temperance rally in the Swedish Lutheran church, at which there was a good attendance and excellent addresses by the pastors. Four temperance sermons were given in response to the appeal made by the Union to the pastors.

The sum of \$27.45 has been paid into the treasury this quarter and \$16.16 was expended, leaving a balance on hand of \$11.29.

The Flower Mission department gave a lunch for the benefit of their special line of work and it netted about \$21. Of this amount \$4.96 has been expended. Ten bouquets have been distributed at the hospital and 44 dozen carnations; also much good literature. On Christmas day every patient was presented with a holy booklet made by the deft fingers of the devoted Flower Mission superintendent. Each booklet contained a Christmas message. Five shut-ins were remembered with flowers at the Christmas-tide and many a lonely life was brightened and cheered by gifts and loving messages from the individual members of the Union.

Some members of the Union went to the county farm the day before Christmas and gave each of the inmates bags of candy, pop-corn and nuts; also fruit and a little gift. Some people think this is a foolish work and that those poor old people have all that heart could desire. We know that they are well cared for and are comfortable, but they are there alone—poor, old and friendless, without kith or kin, some blind and some crippled for life, and they do appreciate the fact that some one remembered them. So if we can put a little ray of sunshine into their lives, friends, don't complain.

The press superintendent has supplied the local papers with notices of the various meetings and has always been met by unflinching courtesy from the editors.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and all enjoyed a short social time.

Circuit Court Next Week.

Circuit court for Delta county will convene next Monday morning, and the term may be an interesting one. There are an even 50 cases on the official calendar. Of these there are four criminal cases, 24 jury civil cases, 15 non-jury cases and six chancery cases. The criminal cases will be taken up first and are as follows:

The People of the State of Michigan vs. John Anderson and James Reynolds, Larceny.

The People of the State of Michigan vs. Napoleon Laporte. Keeping and maintaining a gaming house.

The People of the State of Michigan vs. Henry Seidjack. Violation of the game laws.

The People of the State of Michigan vs. Ernest Bartlett. Embezzlement.

Held Its Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Schoolcraft, Delta and Menominee counties, held in Manistique last week, the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year:

Pres. and Treas.—John Sexton, Garden.

Secretary—Frank Aldrich, Hiawatha. Directors—Geo. W. Sorter, Doyle; J. J. Riley, Manistique; H. L. Hutchingson, Garden; Peter Forsburg, Stephenson; Geo. Eastman, Manistique.

Frank Aldrich declined his election as secretary and Dr. T. J. Tracey of Garden was elected instead. The company is reported to be in good condition and during the past year had but four losses to meet.

Grand Organ Recital.

The celebrated concert organist, Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, will give an organ recital on the new and beautiful pipe organ in the Swedish Lutheran church, corner Wells avenue and Mary street, on Thursday evening, Jan. 21st, beginning at 8 o'clock. The program will include compositions of Gounod, Meyerbeer, Wagner and Dr. Baldwin himself. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Turner, prominent local vocalists, will assist. Admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents.

Methodist Episcopal Church.

Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Morning theme, "The Two Poles of Moral and Spiritual Life." Evening theme, "All Misery is the Consequence of Sin." Wednesday evening prayer meeting. All citizens and strangers are cordially invited to be present at the services of the church.

JAMES M. KERRING, PASTOR.

J. C. Rosenberg transacted business in Iron Mountain Tuesday.

THE IRON PORT.

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A WEEK'S RECORD

All the News of the Past Seven Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

CONGRESS IN SESSION.
Meets to Consider Reciprocity for Cuba and Other Affairs.

Congress reconvened on the 4th after the holiday recess. The senate devoted the session to Panama and President Roosevelt's special message on Panama affairs was read. The nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, to be secretary of war, and Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, to be civil governor of the Philippine Islands, were received. In the house no business was transacted. A report was received from the joint army and navy board setting forth the need of fortifications in the Philippines.

Senator Lodge practically monopolized the senate session on the 5th in a speech advocating the Panama treaty. In the house a resolution was passed extending sympathy to the citizens of Chicago and elsewhere in their sad bereavement because of the theater disaster. The president's message relative to the Panama canal was read.

DOMESTIC.

The deaths from the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago now number 588, with six bodies remaining unidentified. There were 226 funerals on the 3d, the greatest number ever held in one day in any American city. Every theater in the city has been closed until safety laws are complied with, and Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, part owners and managers of the Iroquois, and City Building Commissioner Williams, were arrested on charge of manslaughter and gave bonds in \$10,000 each.

The public debt statement issued on the 2d shows that the debt decreased \$11,618,530 during the month of December. Cash in the treasury, \$379,374,896. Total debt, less cash in treasury, \$914,150,880.

A national convention of Jews will be called at Philadelphia to plan removal of millions of their race from Russia.

Mail service at Ripley, Tenn., may be suspended by President Roosevelt because of a negro mail carrier's murder by a mob.

During 1903 the United States produced \$74,425,340 in gold and \$30,520,088 in silver.

The Citizens' State bank at Luton, Ia., was robbed by burglars of \$700.

Horace G. Burt unexpectedly resigned the presidency of the Union Pacific railroad.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 2d aggregated \$1,772,594,839. The decrease compared with the corresponding week of last year was 7.6.

A blizzard swept over the eastern states and New York traffic was nearly suspended, and Boston and Philadelphia were stormbound.

Three boys about ten years of age, two named Lounberry and the third named Dutcher, were frozen to death on the bay at Bayport, Mich.

The First Baptist church, one of the finest in Indianapolis, Ind., was burned to the ground.

St. Catherine's academy, a Catholic school for girls near Springfield, Ky., was burned, the loss being \$200,000.

Lawrence Dewey, brother of United States Senator Chauncey M. Dewey, of New York, and one of the most prominent citizens of Detroit, Mich., fell dead at his home.

William Sheaver, a bartender, and Mrs. Clara Collins, met death by asphyxiation in a lodging house in Columbus, O.

Treasury department experts have begun an investigation into charges of irregularity in the accounts of the interstate commerce commission.

Baptists may refuse to accept further donations from John D. Rockefeller on high ethical grounds.

Chicago engineers, abandoned by other unions, have called out all of their men in downtown office buildings.

The total dead from the Iroquois theater fire in Chicago now number 592, with four bodies still unidentified. Every theater and public hall in the city has been closed by the mayor and must remain shut till new requirements are framed and met.

At the result of threats against her life, Mme. Lillian Nordica for some time has been under constant police guard in New York apartments.

Fire in the Delaware apartment building in Chicago caused damage of \$25,000 and made 125 persons homeless.

The United States supreme court declares that Porto Ricans are not citizens of the United States, though they are not necessarily citizens.

After a quarrel Frank Benedict fatally shot his wife and then blew out his own brains in Burlington, Ia.

The seventy-sixth general assembly of Ohio convened at Columbus.

The government weather bureau reports unfavorable conditions for winter wheat during December.

In a proclamation Gov. Peabody, of Nebraska, declares San Miguel county to be in a state of insurrection and gives the military full power to restore peace.

President Roosevelt in a special message on Panama denied complicity of the United States in the revolution, and said recognition was due to insolent repudiation of the treaty.

Leonard Wood's nomination as major general was ordered by the senate military affairs committee to be reported favorably.

The United States Steel company's earnings for the last quarter of 1903 fell from \$32,302,821 to \$14,845,042.

The eastern and New England states were in the grip of the bitterest cold that has prevailed in many years.

The commission to investigate the Iroquois theater catastrophe in Chicago, place the blame and make recommendations which may prevent the recurrence of similar disasters, has begun its work. Another death from the disaster brings the total up to 591.

C. L. Linley, a civil engineer, was killed by a fall in the burned Iowa capitol wing, which he was inspecting.

New York immigrant arrivals the past year are 75 per cent. of total; 804,235 persons came from abroad, including 642,959 in steerage; 714,124 landed in 1902.

Five hundred children escaped safely from a burning school at Arnold, Pa., marching out in regular order.

Alfred A. Knapp, under sentence of death for wife murder at Hamilton, O., and self-confessed murderer of five persons, has been granted a new trial.

Forty thousand wage-earners have been given employment during the last two weeks by the resumption of iron and steel mills in the Pittsburgh district.

Gov. L. F. C. Garvin, of Rhode Island, was inaugurated for his second term and the general assembly organized.

A record of loss by fire in the United States and Canada for the year just closed shows a total of \$156,195,700.

Nearly 18,000 men have been laid off by 15 railroads centering in Chicago in the last three months.

There were 9,768 failures reported in the year 1903, with liabilities of \$154,277,093, and assets of \$4,060,475, a decrease in number of two per cent.

The Mississippi legislature assembled in regular biennial session at Jackson.

Trains collided on the Rock Island road near Topeka, Kan., and Engineers Reardon and Benjamin were killed and many passengers fatally hurt.

Human life is safer in Kentucky than it is at night in the streets of New York or Chicago, declares Gov. Beckham in his message to the legislature.

During the last year the accounts of 168 retiring postmasters were short \$23,454.

Weather records in Maryland for 20 years have been broken, the thermometer ranging in several places from 14 to 20 below zero.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Mississippi republicans will hold their state convention in Jackson on March 23.

Gen. James Longstreet, one of the foremost figures of the civil war and the last of the great confederate leaders excepting Gordon, died of pneumonia at Gainesville, Ga., aged 83 years.

The national convention of the socialists party will be held in Chicago May 1.

Rev. Dr. Chauncey Hobart, 93 years old, one of the most conspicuous figures in the Methodist church of the northwest, died at Red Wing, Minn.

Grover Cleveland was presented to the democratic party as a presidential candidate by Richard Olney at a New York banquet to Mayor McClellan.

Rufus Blanchard, cartographer and historian and one of Chicago's most prominent pioneers, died at his home in Wheaton, aged 83 years.

The republicans of the Third district of Pennsylvania have nominated George A. Castor for congress. Samuel J. Randall is the democratic nominee.

Benton L. Beebe, editor and publisher of the Sign of the Times, a Baptist publication, died in Middletown, N. Y., aged 59 years.

FOREIGN.

An American war ship is reported to have sunk the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon in a naval battle in the Gulf of Darien.

The leading sentiment in Russia is that war with Japan is inevitable. Newspapers say the country should assert itself and not let a little nation dictate to it.

Japan lets notified the powers that the situation in the far east is critical and that she is preparing for the worst.

Dr. Herman Adler, of London, praises American Jews for seeking to have President Roosevelt interfere to prevent another Kishineff massacre.

With United States Minister to Colombia Beaupre the cruiser Olympia reached Colon from Cartagena.

A fire in the pueblo of Calumpit, in the Philippines, destroyed 250 houses and several lives were lost and 1,000 persons were rendered homeless.

Gen. Reyes, in behalf of Colombia, demands that former conditions on the isthmus be restored and his country allowed to put down the rebellion alone.

Inventors of a trackless train made their trial trip in Paris, and were congratulated by President Loubet on its success.

Strong irritation against Americans and English is indicated at St. Petersburg, because of undoubted sympathy for Japan.

A South American diplomat says Colombia must fight to preserve her integrity, and that the feeling toward the United States and Panama is growing more bitter.

The cruiser Dixie reached Colon with 600 marines under Gen. Elliott and there are now 1,200 marines on the isthmus.

Europe has given up all hope of averting war between Russia and Japan and there is an ominous dread in London that other powers may be involved.

Dispatches from St. Petersburg state that Russia's reply to Japan is now in the hands of Admiral Alexieff, to be delivered when he thinks it fitting.

The Royal opera house at Berlin has been closed by the Kaiser till more exits are built and fireproof stairs substituted for modern ones.

Anarchy is reported in Corea and United States marines from the gunboat Vicksburg landed at Chemulpo and started for Seoul to protect the legation there.

The Cuban congress has passed a bill allowing the establishment of a national lottery.

LATER.

Senator Morgan occupied the time in the United States senate on the 7th and criticized the president and the attitude of this government in connection with the Panama republic. The house was in session only 12 minutes.

J. E. Marcell, cashier of the Highland (Kan.) bank, was arrested on a charge of forgeries aggregating \$160,000.

Former Congressman Edmund H. Driggs was found guilty in New York of accepting money for a contract while a member of the house of representatives.

The legislature of New York met in annual session at Albany.

The Russian squadron sailed from Port Arthur for the Korean coast with sealed orders and will attempt to intercept any Japanese force that seeks to land on the peninsula.

James Garfield killed his wife and himself at Minneapolis, Minn.

Ruth Cleveland, aged 15 years, the eldest daughter of the ex-president, died suddenly at Princeton, N. J., of heart failure, caused by an attack of diphtheria.

Ex-Gov. Taft, of the Philippine Islands, sailed from Manila for the United States.

A fleet of United States warships was assembled at Colon, and it was believed by naval officers there that their mission was to insist on the withdrawal of the Colombian army now across the border or force a fight.

Warren Barnhart, oldest member of the firm of Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, type foundry, died in Chicago, aged 67 years.

Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, has been informed by Secretary Hay that the Panama question will not be reopened.

E. H. Harriman has been elected president of the Union Pacific railroad.

Gus Gregory (colored) was hanged at New Madrid, Mo., for the murder of George Marshall July 19, 1902.

Elijah J. Woodruff died at his home in Toledo, O., at the age of 101 years.

Gov. John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, was inaugurated at Boston for his second term.

The coroner's jury begins its inquiry into the Iroquois theater horror in Chicago and many witnesses told of the death struggle, saying that exits were locked, that the so-called asbestos curtain burned, that there was little or no fire fighting apparatus on the stage and that the employes of the theater were undisciplined.

Alleged irregularities in the post-office department constituted the only theme in the United States senate on the 6th. In the house Mr. Warner (Ill.) introduced a bill providing for a judicial code for the United States.

Herbert J. Croft committed suicide in Chicago after Frank J. Croft, his twin brother, had taken his own life.

Coroner Traeger says that many of the Iroquois theater victims in Chicago are buried in wrong graves because of mistakes in identification.

John Reed, a veteran of three wars, died in Decatur, Ind., aged 105 years.

The coroner's inquest over victims of the theater fire began in the city council chamber in Chicago. The death list has been reduced to 565 because of shifting bodies between morgues.

Seventeen dead and 36 injured is the result of a wreck on the Rock Island railroad near Wiltard, Kan.

The Coliseum in Chicago, where the republican national convention will be held, has been closed for alleged violation of law and churches come next.

Among the gifts to the Chinese empress on her sixty-ninth birthday were 17 automobiles.

Statesmen in Washington are vexed at the delay in China in ratifying the treaty opening two Manchuria ports to trade with the United States.

The school board adopted memorial for 96 pupils and 38 teachers of the Chicago schools killed in the theater fire.

Diplomats at St. Petersburg have abandoned hopes of peace and expect hostilities to break out at any moment, or as soon as Japanese troops land in Corea.

Nine persons were injured, some seriously, in a wreck of a Burlington passenger train at Rochford, S. D.

President Palma has vetoed the national lottery bill passed by the Cuban congress.

Van Dine, Niedermeier and Marx, the car barn bandits, were placed on trial in Chicago.

Sergeant Julius Frederick, arctic explorer and member of the Greely expedition in 1881, died in Indianapolis, Ind., aged 53 years.

Students at the Wesleyan university at Delaware, O., will hereafter not be allowed to use tobacco.

Criminal mischief attended the inauguration of a general strike in Chicago among hotel engineers. Some refused to go out and nonunion men replaced others.

INVESTIGATION OF THEATER HORROR

Evidence Is Heard with a View of Fixing the Blame on the Guilty Parties.

OFFICIAL LIST OF DEAD NUMBERS 565

Managers of Playhouse and City Official Arrested, Charged with Manslaughter—All Theaters Closed.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A complete analysis of the Iroquois theater fire has been made by Attorney Monroe Fulkerson, who is conducting the investigation for the fire department.

Carelessness in handling the lights, lack of fire drill for employes, and desertion of their posts by the employes during the panic are charged.

The management is bitterly arraigned for failure to keep the skylights over the stage opened.

"I will stake my reputation upon the statement that if the stage ventilators and skylights had been opened during the fire, and the skylight over the auditorium had been closed, the flames would not have reached the audience, and hundreds of lives would have been saved," said Mr. Fulkerson.

The analysis of the attorney is most important at the present time, as he has examined many of the witnesses who will be heard by the coroner's jury. His investigation did not have such a wide scope as that of the coroner will take, being confined to the origin and location of the fire.

Absolute Lack of Supervision.
Absolute lack of supervision over fire appliances, fire escapes and exits in the theater was admitted by the managers, Harry J. Powers and Will J. Davis, and the business manager, Thomas Noonan, in an examination by Attorney Fulkerson. Noonan furnished the most sensational testimony. Assuming responsibility for the management of the employes of the theater, he confessed that he had never instructed the men under him what they should do in case of fire, and had assigned no one to the management of the fire apparatus. He admitted that two exits to Randolph street on the ground floor were locked, and that the fire exits to the north, three each from the parquet and first and second balcony floors, were bolted.

Dead Number 565.
The coroner's official list of dead—for use at the inquest—contains just 565 names. Previous police reports indicating 591 dead are declared now to be inaccurate and due to the shifting of bodies from one morgue to another.

Managers Arrested.
Will J. Davis, Henry J. Powers and Building Commissioner George Williams, who were arrested on warrants charging them with manslaughter in connection with the Iroquois disaster, were arraigned before Justices Underwood and were released under bonds of \$10,000 each.

The hearing of the accusations against the three men—Davis and Powers as managers and part owners of the theater, and Williams as the city official whose province it was to prevent the opening of an unsafe playhouse—will be held in the Stanton avenue police court January 12 at 10 a. m.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—When the Iroquois fire started the audience viewed it with calmness, and in fancied security sat and waited, with astonishing faith, until death suddenly swooped out from the proscenium arch and claimed nearly 600 souls.

This terrible fact was brought out with distinctness at the first session of the inquest, which was begun Thursday morning in the council chamber of the city hall.

The great audience, largely made up of women and children, firmly believed in the safety of the Iroquois theater. For several minutes after the sparks began to fly on the stage the audience remained practically motionless, watching the stage hands trying to extinguish the fire. The audience sat, sane and practically quiet, while the sparks charged into flames.

Not until the great mass of fire leaped out from under the stalled curtain did the panic really start. Those persons, even in the second balcony, who heeded the very first warnings escaped without great difficulty.

The beginnings of the inquest indicate that the playhouse tragedy will be probed to the very bottom, until every detail of the horrible calamity and its causes are exposed to the full light of day.

Exits which could not be opened, curtains which would not come down, aisles which were overcrowded, fire protection which did not protect, absence of discipline among employes and many other things which might have contributed to cause the appalling loss of life in the Iroquois theater fire were charged in the testimony of the witnesses who appeared at the first day's session of the inquest.

Gives Credit to Archbishop Ireland.
Rome, Jan. 5.—Archbishop Guici, the apostolic delegate in the Philippines, reporting to the vatican on the settlement of the friars' land question, says the influence of Archbishop Ireland contributed considerably to bringing about a satisfactory solution of the problem.

Plea of Not Guilty Entered.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 5.—State Senator Burns was arraigned in the superior court Monday afternoon on the charge of accepting a bribe for influencing legislation in the water deal. He stood mute, and a plea of not guilty pro forma was entered.

GOVERNOR OF OREGON

Uses Pe-ru-na in His Family and Grip.



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A Letter From The Governor of Oregon.

Peruna is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Letters of congratulation and commendation testifying to the merits of Peruna as a catarrh remedy are pouring in from every State in the Union. Dr. Hartman is receiving hundreds of such letters daily. All classes write these letters, from the highest to the lowest.

The outdoor laborer, the indoor artisan, the clerk, the editor, the statesman, the preacher—all agree that Peruna is the catarrh remedy of the age. The stage and rostrum, recognizing catarrh as their greatest enemy, are especially enthusiastic in their praise and testimony.

Any man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well nigh universal; almost omnipresent. Peruna is the only absolute safeguard known. A cold is the beginning of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cheat catarrh out of its victims. Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it. Every household should be supplied with this great remedy for coughs, colds and so forth.

The Governor of Oregon is an ardent admirer of Peruna. He keeps it continually in the house. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, he says:

STATE OF OREGON,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:
Dear Sirs—I have had occasion to use your Peruna medicine in my family for colds, and it proved to be an excellent remedy. I have not had occasion to use it for other ailments.

Yours very truly,
W. M. Lord.
It will be noticed that the Governor says he has not had occasion to use Peruna for other ailments. The reason for this is, most other ailments begin with a cold. Using Peruna to promptly cure colds, he protects his family against other ailments. This is exactly what every other family in the United States should do. Keep Peruna in the house. Use it for coughs, colds, la grippe, and other climatic affections of winter, and there will be no other ailments in the house. Such families should provide themselves with a copy of Dr. Hartman's free book, entitled, "Winter Catarrh." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio.

Ask Your Druggist for a free Peruna Almanac for 1904.

TALES ABOUT PEOPLE.

W. I. Buchanan, the minister to the newly created republic of Panama, was formerly a resident of Delhi, Ind., where he worked as a blacksmith week days and sang in the Methodist church choir on Sundays.

In order to protect themselves from forgeries of their pictures some British painters have taken a leaf from the scientists, and, in addition to their signatures impress the mark of their thumbs on the wet oils or water colors in one corner of the picture. The idea of identifying people by the impression of their finger tips was introduced by Sir Francis Galton and has been practiced of late for the detection of criminals.

Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager, tells of an amusing blunder made by a young actor in one of his productions. Up to this time the young man had not risen above thinking parts, but at last he was intrusted with this exclamation: "The king is dead; long live the king." On the first night of the play he became more and more nervous as the time drew near for him to utter the words quoted. His cue came and he was trembling with a bad case of stage fright. At length his voice came, and this was the use he made of it: "Long live the king; he's dead."

American financiers who when in London have had occasion to meet the urbane, yet extremely business-like, secretary of the Bank of England were surprised to learn the other day that in his leisure he wrote stories that fairly bubbled over with the spirit of childhood. Between K. Graham, important factor in the management of "The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," and Kenneth Graham, author of "The Golden Age" and "Dream Days," there would seem to be a wide gulf. If the attempt of a lunatic to assassinate the bank secretary had not drawn wide attention to that financial factotum, with consequent publication of his biography, the fact that mirthmaker and money handler were one person would have been known only to a chosen few.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.
There are at least 250 Filipino students in American colleges.

The value of the high school property in the United States is \$129,000,000.

C. D. Tenney, LL. D., has entire charge of educational affairs in the metropolitan province of Chihli, China.

Edward Mallinckrodt, of St. Louis, has given sufficient money to refit the library in Boylston hall, Harvard, and purchase new books.

Rev. E. J. Bodman, pastor of the Bogle Street Christian church, Fall River, Mass., has among his flock a number of the mill operatives whose wages were cut ten per cent. recently. Mr. Bodman concluded that his salary of \$950 per year should suffer the same cut, so he voluntarily reduced it by \$100, the same to remain in effect as long as the local depression exists.

Another Filipino has just arrived at Yale and has entered the law department of the university. He is Juan B. Alegre, and he has already received a liberal cosmopolitan education. He has been through the schools of Manila, and upon his graduation went to Spain, where he was graduated from the University of Barcelona. He later studied in London. He has been sent to Yale to complete his law education. There are three Filipino students now at Yale.

With the cares of business behind him, and thoughts of wife and baby in his suburban home occupying his mind to the exclusion of everything else, Hilltop hurried down Chambers street to the ferry. He paused for a moment at a busy crossing just as a truck laden with kegs of fresh Vermont maple sirup backed heavily against the curb. Down came a tub from the top-most tier and broke with a dull, sickening thud at Hilltop's feet. He looked in dismay at his sirup-covered feet and trousers and exclaimed: "Here's a pretty mess!" "Well," responded the driver, "it's not on me."—N. Y. Times.

How Did He Guess It?
Bobby—I say, Mr. Updyke, what do you suppose Clara said about you just before you came in?
Mr. Updyke—I haven't an idea in the world, Robert.
Bobby (amazed)—Well, you've guessed it! That's just what she did say!—Stray Stories.

The Out Wonder.
The Editor must tell his readers of this marvel. It originated with the largest farm seed growers in the world, the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. It has stiff straw, stands up like a stone wall, is white, heavy, and has long ears, filled to the tip with fat, plump kernels. It is a great stooiler, 80 stocks from one kernel. IF YOU WILL SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c IN STAMPS to above address, you will get a sample of this Out Wonder, which yielded in 1903, in 40 States from 250 to 310 bu. per acre, together with other farm seed samples and their big catalog. [K. L.]

Mrs. Partens—"My husband has so much taste, don't you think?" Mrs. Cutting—"Yes; it's a great pity there isn't a little of it that might be called good."—Philadelphia Press.

Are You Going to Florida?
Winter Tourist Tickets are now on sale via Queen & Crescent Route, Southern Railway, and connecting lines to points, South, Southeast and Southwest, good returning until May 31, 1904.

Tickets can be purchased going to Florida via Lookout Mountain and Atlanta, and returning via Asheville and the Land of the Sky, giving a variable route. For information address, W. C. Rinearson, G. P. A., Cincinnati, O.

To err is human; but few men have enough divinity in them to forgive without saying: "Don't let it happen again!"—Puck.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Good qualities, like good steel knives, grow dull of edge unless they are used.—Chicago Journal.

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ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.

THE FLOWER ON THE TRAIL.

My heart was weary yesterday.
I said: "The day is long;
The busy hum of middle day
Shuts out the morning song;
The rush of myriad hurrying feet
That crowd the upward slope
Have crushed the daisies into dust
And spent the dew of hope.

Then straight within the cramped path
The eager throng had trod
A little purple flower unfolded,
Nor pined for greener sod;
And one whose load had weighed sore
Looked down at it and smiled,
And dreamed of woodland trails he'd
loved
To follow when a child.

So, still, when bitterness and fret
Would drown the melody,
Some little harmony steals in
To set the music free;
And we may keep till eventide
The morning joys we knew,
If ever in our hearts there live
The daisies and the dew.
—Shariot M. Hall, in Youth's Companion.

A Real Daughter of the Revolution
By CAROLINE GEBHARDT.

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CHAPTER VII. A REVELATION.

Once on the road, Bessemer and his men put spurs to their horses and galloped at a lively rate. Scouts had reported that the enemy was resting not far off. Bessemer, riding at the head of his mounted dragoons, the perspiration streaming down his red face, his eyes sparkling with anticipation of victory, his well-knit figure held erect in the saddle with British military stiffness, looked what he was—a combination of force and fire.

A turn in the road brought them in sight of a stream. The troopers gave a shout of triumph, broken by Bessemer's ringing command. In the water were nude men, bathing and swimming and sporting; along its edge, on the opposite side, were others, stripped to their waists, doing their "family" washing; while farther up the bank, under such shade as the sparse cotton-wood trees gave, were yet more, smoking or napping or eating. Most of them had their rifles beside them and their horses close by, but it availed them little.

Their cry of astonishment, chagrin and terror beat the hot air ere that of Bessemer's men died away. The naked wretches in the water were cut down before they could escape. Across the stream with eager haste, yet with perfect order, went the British, carrying all before them. In vain did Sumter start from his nap under one of his baggage-wagons, seize the nearest horse by its mane, saddleless and bridleless as it was, and try to rally his soldiers. The lay was lost, and though the English colonel did not capture the "brigand," as he had boasted he would, he failed in little else he set out to do; and, indeed, few save Sumter himself escaped; not enough to warrant pursuit in that appalling heat.

The British returned the way they had come, exulting. Ever thoughtful of his troops, though he was himself most anxious to get back to the Elery plantation and make that his stopping place for the night, Bessemer perceived that the heat and the sharp, hard ride since dawn had put considerable strain upon his men. Noting a large, comfortable-looking house setting some distance off the road, surrounded by a fine grove of trees, he asked, "Can you tell me, Edward, who lives yonder? Methinks it is a good place for an afternoon rest. Be they rebels or Tories, we shall become their uninvited guests, but I should like to learn which they are, that I may know whether to request or command."

"They are Tories," the boy answered eagerly, "as loyal to our king as my own family; and they will make you a gladly welcome, I am sure, as my people have." Bessemer perceived that under the summer flush which already covered his cheek there rose a richer wave of crimson.

"Aha, a sweetheart residing there," he thought, and with a sympathetic feeling turned his horse off the road and entered the gate, which stood conveniently open.

The house was not the imposing mansion the Elery homestead was, but there was a warm southern welcome awaiting the intruders and a piece of news mightily to Bessemer's liking as well. A courier, riding hard to overtake the British commander, had likewise stopped there for rest, and scarce had the English colonel dismounted ere he handed him a dispatch from Cornwallis conveying the news of Gates' defeat.

There were three daughters of the house, all of them vivacious young women, as Bessemer soon discovered. "Oh, how delightful," they exclaimed, when the contents of the dispatch became known; "two great victories in one day; think of it!"

"Not in one day, ladies," Bessemer reminded them. "Gen. Cornwallis won his on the sixteenth."

"I have a better plan," the lieutenant answered. "My mother made Col. Bessemer and myself promise ere we left that, if we routed Sumter in time, we should return home and spend the night there. They will be expecting us, and my father will be most grievously disappointed if we do not come; but why not have a dance on our lawn, as we did the summer before I went to England? Remember you, Peggy, what fun we had?"

"Fun? Oh, it was delicious," she answered, clasping her hands in ecstasy.

The plan pleased Bessemer better than the first proposed, and so it was arranged. He encamped his little army and most of his prisoners in one of the Elery fields that evening. One of the prisoners he considered too valuable a capture to risk thus, and he besought Mrs. Elery for a special room for him. As a prisoner, he was second only to Sumter himself.

"Now, dear madam," he said to his hostess, when these arrangements had been completed, "you must let me take the burden of our frolic tonight off your hands. I want this to be my festivity, given in honor of your neighboring Tory friends. 'Tis sufficient that you grant us the privilege of using your beautiful grounds, and I shall see to it that their lordliness is not marred."

Mrs. Elery made a feint of reluctant concession to this, but in truth she was not sorry to wash her hands of all but the indoor preparations. She and Jane immediately set about seeing to the making of cakes, salads, and various confections to serve as refreshments.

Dressed in the freshest of the evening gowns left from her last visit to Charleston, Miss Elery made a stately and handsome figure that



MISS ELLERY MADE A STATELY AND HANDSOME FIGURE AS HER MAMMY GAVE HER THE LAST TOUCHES TO HER COSTUME.

evening as her mammy tucked a high, jeweled comb into her complicated coiffure and gave the last pats and touches to her costume.

Carrriages began to roll up the avenue, and Jane descended the stairs that she might assist her stepmother and Col. Bessemer in receiving their guests.

None of Bessemer's enemies, and he had not few, could deny to him the qualities of taste and energy. The combination of these with that fine executive ability which enabled him always to get full service out of those under him had insured the success of his dance. The scene was beautiful. Among the trees strolled many pairs of lovers. Upon the rustic benches sat the chaperons and elderly guests, while the tarpaulin was gay with dancers moving in the stately measures of the minuet or revelling in the sprightlier movements of livelier dances.

There were beautiful women in plenty; southern women with bright eyes, animated faces and rich voices, dressed in the beautiful costumes of the day, the low-cut bodices, the flowing skirts, the hair waving over ears and caught by high, jeweled combs at the back, the pointed-toed slippers with flashing buckles, the flirtatious fans and cobwebbed handkerchiefs.

And as for the men, they were as gallant a lot as one would wish to see; the British officers smothered in red coats and gold lace; the civilians in knee-breeches, ruffled shirts and silk-lined coats.

Well pleased, Bessemer moved among his guests, dropping a pleasant word here, a merry jest there, but never quite losing sight of the younger hostess. He was aware that beneath the smiling graciousness with which she was assisting him there lurked a certain constraint, and he could well guess the cause.

One lady, rather exceeding the age when it was fashionable to be found still unmarried in those days, tapped the colonel on the arm with her fan as he was passing the bench where she sat.

"Tell me, dear colonel, how many prisoners did you take to-day? A marvelous number, from all I hear, and they do say you have a most mysterious one whom you have hid in Mrs. Elery's garret. Nay, they go farther and state that it is Jane's lover, Godfrey Worthington. Poor Jane! It would go hard with her if I were to befall Godfrey; they have been devoted to each other for so many years, though they do say her stepmother will not bear to see the match. Tell me"—she dropped

her voice to a confidential whisper—"is it really he you have?"

"Madam," Bessemer answered, gathering himself together, "I know naught of this Worthington of whom you speak, but I should say that the gentleman whom I hold as prisoner were more suited to be Miss Elery's father than her lover, since he is a man fully 60 years of age, white-headed and gray-bearded. His name is Pierce."

"Pierce? Gen. Pierce? That horrid old rebel? Oh, how delightful that you have caught him. He is the very one who hung the Tories this summer."

"The very one, madam, and he shall pay for it."

He left her with a courteous bow, but his heart was not as light as when she had accosted him. What was this silly woman's chatter about a lover of Jane's? A Godfrey Worthington, forsooth? Of course, there was nothing in it; and yet he must be sure.

CHAPTER VIII. AS THE DANCE WENT ON.

He drew aside pretty Peggy Winston, who was the occasion of the dance. "Do you know aught," he asked, "of a person by the name of Godfrey Worthington?"

"Godfrey Worthington? Oh, yes, I have known him all my life. Why, he and Jane are sweethearts. Have been for years, though they do say her mother does not approve the match, and was most glad when he espoused the rebel cause that she might have excuse for forbidding his coming here. Did you not know that you nearly captured him once? It was last May, when you stopped at Jane's for breakfast. He was coming to see her then, knowing, I suppose, that her father and mother were from home and thinking it a good opportunity to press his suit. He was almost up to the house before he discovered your soldiers."

Bessemer's brow grew black. So this was the young brave who had given him such a turn that fine spring morning?

"'Twas just like Godfrey," the girlish voice went on. "He is ever doing daring things. It is for that Jane loves him most, I think; though he is handsome too—oh, so handsome! I have heard it whispered often that Jane is no less a rebel at heart than he, but that she keeps it concealed to maintain peace with her stepmother and Edward."

"In truth, dear lady," Bessemer answered, "methinks report doth most grossly wrong Mistress Jane. None, I am sure, could be more loyal than she." But he tore himself away with some troublous thoughts running through his brain.

He sought an early opportunity to secure Jane by himself. "Come, sweet mistress," he said, "and take a stroll with me. I long to see if I cannot frighten away that pesky lolemn thoughts have been playing havoc with your gaiety to-night?"

Jane looked at him in some surprise. "Have I not been gay?" she asked. "I thought I had. I know of no excuse for solmen-musings unless, indeed, it be the solemnity of contrasts, and, in truth, I could not but think, as I watched this beautiful scene which you have conjured for us to-night, what a medley our life now is. This afternoon, from my chamber window, I saw you take past our house the prisoners you had captured. Such sad, weary-faced men they were, many of them sorely wounded and scarce able to walk. My heart bled for them; yet here to-night we are in the midst of music and dancing, and they within ear-shot of it all. How cruel, how heartless it must seem to them."

"Methinks, madam," Bessemer answered, with a sneer born of his accumulated irritation, though policy warned him of the unwisdom of showing it, "methinks you show most wondrous solicitude for these rebels; and what think you I have heard to-night? That you are one at heart."

A merry look spread over Jane's face. If she could but keep him fencing with her upon the subject of Tory or rebel, she might prevent him from broaching the other subject she dreaded, for she was not yet prepared to say whether or not she would marry him.

"And so you have found me out?" she cried in mock dismay. "Ah, colonel, what punishment will you mete to me? Am I to be carried a captive on one of your prison ships now lying in Charleston harbor? They say they are most unpleasant places to reside in. Or am I to be hung, or what?"

Bessemer looked down at her, the gravity of his face softening before the sparkle in her eyes. "I do not know," he said, "what punishment could be great enough to mete out to one who withdraws so precious an ally from the king's cause; however, with your permission, fair lady, we will leave that most serious question for future consideration. Tell me rather what you think of the success of my plan for keeping in good humor Tory friends? Think you not this entertainment will make the ladies wish the harder that we might remain victors instead of those unmanly rebels and inspire our sympathizers among your neighbors with renewed ardor? Come, sweet enemy, give me your opinion."

"I doubt not you are right, colonel," she answered saucily. "Methinks I have heard that it did indeed tax the fertile brain of your general and yourself to hatch schemes for keeping in your Tory allies; but my Aunt Susannah says such is ever the handicap of a bad cause. The enthusiasm of its followers, lacking the fuel of righteousness, soon woul-

ders and must be constantly rekindled; while a good cause—well, she would remind you that the American patriots do not need a dance to inspire them."

"A neat speech, my beautiful rebel," he observed; "but is this all the reward I am to receive when I had far more in mind the hope of giving you enjoyment than of entertaining your Tory neighbors? Nay, do not turn away. Hear me out. This morning when I rode from your door my pulses throbbled with hope; but to-night something in your manner thwarts me. What has reared this barrier between us? Have you spent those few short hours in rinking of your heart a fortress? And, if so, what weapons can I use that will batter down its walls? Will patience and persistence do the work? Then, indeed, will I never despair."

"We all know," Jane observed, "that Col. Bessemer adds to his reputation as a gallant soldier that of an adroit strategist. I see he would fain betray the heart's owner into a confession of the strength or weakness of its forces; but methinks it would be wiser for the besieged to permit the assailant to determine for himself what weapons to use."

"Ah," said Bessemer, half bitterly, half questioningly, "if I could only be sure a certain rebel were not harbored within the walls of that heart, I might be more encouraged to make the attack."

"And is a loyal soldier of his majesty the king to be daunted by a rebel?" Jane asked. "Fie! I would not have thought it."

The Englishman's face darkened. "No, on my soul, is he not," he cried, "nor by ten thousand rebels. I accept your challenge, madam. The time is not far distant when I hope to prove myself a match for that rebel. Meanwhile, it behooves me to select one of yonder forest's stout trees for stringing up another rebel now in my keeping. By daybreak, I trust, we shall be rid of him and leave his dangling body as a warning to others of his ilk."

The brightness died out of the girl's face. "You cannot mean that you will hang that poor old gentleman who is now a captive in our garret? I saw him when they brought him to the house this afternoon, and I thought his face most sweet and noble, while I have ever heard him spoken of as brave."

"Aye, brave enough; but 'poor old gentleman' scarce fits so bloody-handed a wretch. I have not forgot that three of our allies were strung up by his command four weeks ago, and, by my faith, their death shall be avenged."

"But they were marauders, who plundered dwellings and murdered women and children. At least, so I have heard. It will not bring back their lives to take another life, and surely it were better to be merciful and teach these despised rebels the justice and moderation of their opponents than to set them an example of cruelty and vengeance."

(To Be Continued.)

SHIRTS GROW ON TREES.

What an Old Sailor Said Could Be Found on South Sea Islands.

"Shirts grow on trees where I came from," said the old sailor, according to the Philadelphia Record. "How so, shipmate?" a pale clerk asked.

The sailor emptied his glass and wiped his mouth with the back of his hand. "I'm a-speakin'," he said, "of the South seas. You know them islands over there?"

"Sure," said the clerk.

"Well, that's where I mean that shirts grow on trees. There's a kind of a willow tree on them islands with a soft, flexible bark. A native selects a tree with a trunk that's just a little bigger round than what he is. He makes a ring with his knife around the trunk through the bark, and he makes another ring four foot below. Then, with a slit of the knife, he draws the bark off, the same as a boy does in makin' a willow whistle, and he's got a fine, durable shirt. It he needs to do is to dry it out, make two holes for the arms, and put a lacin' in the back to draw it together."

"In the spring of the year the shirts are gathered. Men and women both go out at that time to look for trees that fit them. These bark shirts are treated so as to be soft and flexible. They don't look bad. Gosh hang'd if they look bad at all, for shirts that grow on trees."

Motto Worth Adopting.
Admiral Sir John Fisher, who replied for the British navy to a toast at a recent Royal Academy banquet, said in the course of his speech: "I always think on these occasions of the first time I went to sea on board my first ship, a little sailing two-decker, and I saw inscribed in great big gold letters the one word 'Silence.' Underneath was another good motto, 'Deeds, not words.' I have put that into every ship I have commanded since. This leads me to another motto, which is better still. When I was commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean I went to inspect a small destroyer, only 260 tons, but with such pride and swagger that she might have been 16,000 tons. The lieutenant in command took me round. She was in beautiful order and I came aft to the wheel and saw there 'It Veniant Omnes.' 'Hallo,' I said, 'what the deuce is that?' So I told me, he said, 'Let 'em all come.' That was not boasting, that was the sense of conscious efficiency—the sense that permeates the whole crew—and I used to think as the admiral it would be irresistible, provided the admiral was up to the mark."



RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

THE TEARS FROM OUR EYES.

(Mr. George R. Scott, of the Witness, related a touching little incident in a recent issue of that paper, of a little child who had been punished for some slight misdeed, and was soon heard, from the seclusion in which she had been left, calling her papa to come to her; and when questioned as to what she wanted of papa, replied: "I want you to wipe the tears from my eyes." In response to the touching appeal, the loving father went to the little one and tenderly wiped away all her tears. So the dear little eyes were dried, the sorrowful heart comforted, and the little one calmly went to sleep. The following lines suggested by this sweet little story were written at the request of Mr. Scott, although the writer scarcely dares to hope that her thoughts on this beautiful topic will quite come up to Mr. Scott's idea.)

Dear little Marie had been naughty, and knew
The sorrow of naughtiness born;
Her young heart was aching; each moment she grew
More sorrowful, lonely, forlorn.
At length she can bear it no longer, and cries:
Come, papa, I want you; wipe the tears
From my eyes."

The heart of the father is touched by that cry;
He hastens to his darling's relief.
He hears every sob, every pitiful sigh
That tells of the little one's grief;
And the father-love speaks in the blessing
that lies
In his touch as he wipes all the tears from
her eyes.

Peace comes with that touch; for the fountain
of tears
Is sealed, and no longer she weeps.
The pain that has filled her young heart
disappears.
And sweetly the little one sleeps.
She sleeps; still her voice in the father's
ears cries:
Come, papa, I want you; wipe the tears
from my eyes."

O Thou great All Father, Thy wonderful
love,
Earth's father-love—great though it be—
But feeby portrays. In Thy Heaven above
Earth's sorrows reach even to Thee,
Thou hearest forever each sad voice that
cries:
"Come, Father, I want Thee; wipe the tears
from my eyes."

Thy sin-stricken children, through all the
long years
Since sin bore its fruitage of pain,
O'erburdened with sorrow and blinded
by tears,
Have called Thee, and never in vain.
Thou hast heard, and hast answered their
pitiful cries:
"Come, Father, we want Thee; wipe the
tears from our eyes."

Thou hast, and Thou wilt, as time onward
shall roll
Through all the long ages to be,
Thine ears shall be open to hear every
soul
That pleadingly calls unto Thee,
Whatever the sorrow that speaks in those
tears.
Thy kind hand shall wipe all the tears
from all eyes.

Peace comes with Thy coming; no longer
they weep
Who call Thee, and feel Thy hand pressed
To their eyes in their sorrow; but sweetly
they sleep.
As the babe on the fond mother's breast,
O Father, at last, when Death's hand on
us lies,
Once more, and forever, wipe the tears
from our eyes.
—Emily Stuart Lawrence, in N. Y. Witness.

CONCERNING BOGS.

Always Receiving, Never Giving.
Makes Plague Spots in Natural
and Moral Worlds.

What is a bog? The veriest schoolboy knows that it is a bit of marshy ground into which surface water flows without finding an outlet. The standing water upon this saturated ground becomes stagnant, and is usually covered with a nauseous green slime, the abode of reptiles, where only the wild water grasses flourish in the sour, fermenting earth. It is a place offensive to the senses, a blot upon the fair face of nature. The secret of this plague spot is that a bog absorbs, but it never gives forth in blessing. It turns the good things it receives into pestilential characteristics.

Alas, says Philadelphia Young People, that there should be such monstrosities as human bogs in the world! Like their prototype of the earth, they absorb whatever comes in their way, but never impart the good they have taken in. Men have an unlimited appetite for sermons, but that is the end of it, so far as putting them in practice is concerned. They never do anything for Christ or humanity. Neither time, money, influence, nor sympathy is shared or imparted. Their one accomplishment is to absorb. With no outlet, the very things that naturally uplift and ennoble, bring about festering, destructive conditions which work lasting woe and harm. They carry a noxious atmosphere.

The recipe for becoming a bog is a simple one. Always receive, never impart. Let self fill the center and circumference of life, and the result will be a moral bog, odious in the eyes of God, and a baleful influence in the world.

What Our Dead Do for Us.

We often think of our dead, and we are inclined at many a time to do what we know they would have been glad to have us do. There are earthly ties that are sundered, but are the ties of spirit wholly separated between those beyond the veil and those on this side? "Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," can we believe this to be so? George Elliot says on this point: "The dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them; they can be injured by us, they can be wounded, they know all our penitence, all our aching sense that their place is empty, all the kisses we bestow on the smallest relic of their presence." It is a gain to ourselves, whatever it be to our dead, when we bear ourselves lovingly toward the dead as if they were conscious of our loving spirit.—S. S. Times.

RELIGION OF A GENTLEMAN.

Makes Allowances for the Shortcomings of Some Others—Illustration of Important Truths.

"At the very least a man's religion ought to make him a gentleman." Mr. Alford spoke with some impatience, says the Youth's Companion. "What personal illustration are you going to follow that remark with?" asked his friend, with a smile.

"I have a personal illustration in mind, but you haven't yet assented to the general proposition."

"I am disposed to be conservative. A man's religion ought to do a great many things that it does not always do. You must allow something for the man."

"But I was giving what I counted the 'irreducible minimum.'"

"And the thing of most importance? Then you are mistaken. Religion may sometimes be very real and not make a man a gentleman; nor is the making of a gentleman the thing of importance. I suspect that you are referring to our mutual friend Carson."

"Yes; he is at it again. A more obstreperous, unbalanced and mischief-making man I never knew."

"I knew one who was more so—Carson himself."

"You think his religion has improved him?"

"I know it. Before his conversion Carson was as you know him, only more so, and in another way. He is a hard man to get on with, because he gets impatient with others when they are less zealous than he is in good works. He was once as reckless and wanton in pursuit of evil as he now is temperately zealous for good. He was as quarrelsome as he is now—more so, in fact—and a good deal less likely to be on the right side when he quarreled. Moreover, he was not then, as he is now, penitent after his blunders."

"You did not know that he was a man capable of penitence? The intensity of his zeal in error when he is wrong is the measure of his self-condemnation when he is over the heat of his passion. He is quick-tempered, hasty in speech, uncharitable in judgment, narrow in his outlook—what more shall I admit? He was once all this and more. And now he is, first of all, absolutely sincere; there is not a dishonest fiber in his being. He is in dead earnest, and might well put to shame some men of more culture who take things easy. From the soles of his feet to the ends of his red hair he is full of human sympathy that goes out to every living thing that God has made, full of readiness to help, and he never seems to get tired."

"He is a valuable man, and his religion is a grand success, but it will never make him a gentleman; he will always be a blunderer, a man of hasty speech, deficient in the graces of the Christian life. But if you knew him as I do, he would be about the last man you would choose to illustrate the failure of religion to change a life for good."

"The other man was silent for a time. 'I did not know all this,' he said, after a little. 'I must make more allowance for Carson—and perhaps there are some things that I can learn from him. I am just wondering whether my own religion has done as much for me.'"

"Nevertheless," said his friend, "your proposition was partly right. A man's religion ought to make him a gentleman. There is no good reason why a man, being already a gentleman, should not also be a Christian; and there certainly is no reason why a Christian should not add this excellent grace and be a gentleman. But religion is not of necessity a failure, even if it does not in every case make a man a gentleman."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

But Patience was willing to wait.—John Bunyan.

To-morrow's burden prevents to-day's blessing.—Ram's Horn.

A sunny temper gilds the edges of life's blackest cloud.—Guthrie.

Active participation in the duties of this world seems to be the surest safeguard for the health of body and mind.—Lydia Maria Child.

The only greatness is unselfish love. There is a great difference between trying to please and giving pleasure.—Henry Drummond.

Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those who come in contact with you, and you will never be forgotten.—Chalmers.

Cheerfulness is a small virtue, it is true, but it sheds such a brightness around us in this life that neither dark clouds nor rain can dispel its happy influence.—E. V. B. Alexander.

So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

There is no noble life save that which is lived above the uncharitableness, the discontent which fills human intercourse every day. . . . At the last there can be no beauty for you or me but the beauty of holiness.—Mrs. Mary Clemmer Hudson.

For God esteems it one of his glories, that He brings good out of evil; and therefore it were but reason, we should trust God to govern His own world as He pleases; and that we should patiently wait till the change cometh, or the reason be discovered.—Jeremy Taylor.

It is not in our Lord's Cross and Passion that His patience comes next home to us. . . . Patience with the daily disappointments of life, patience with the follies, the unworthiness, the ingratitude of those one loves—these things are our daily example. Wounds in the house of our friends take human nature by surprise and God only can teach us to bear them.—Julia H. Brainerd.

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BIG TIME FOR EDITORS.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association will be held in Detroit at the Wayne Hotel, January 21st and 22nd, and will be followed by a trip to Washington, leaving Detroit at 7:10 on the evening of the 23d. The Iron Port acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to "come along," and regrets exceedingly that its editor will be unable to accept. However, he wishes that the rest of the "press gang" will have the biggest kind of a time and there is small doubt that they will, judging from the program and itinerary of the journey to and from Washington that has been prepared. The program of the meeting at Detroit will be chuck full of good things and the gathering promises to be one of the best and most largely attended of any in the history of the association. It all but makes us weep to think we cannot be there. Just read this sample paragraph concerning the journey to Washington, taken from the announcement and invitation issued from the office of Secretary H. A. Hopkins of St. Clair:

"The route will be by the Pennsylvania lines. Washington will be reached at 7:15 Sunday evening, January 24, going through the picturesque mountain scenery by daylight. Advices from Washington say that the pitch is already heating for a warm, happy time of it for three days. A senatorial secretary is in charge of the pitch. One of the most prominent members of the congressional delegation writes that the Michigan delegation will unite in making the trip a memorable one. We shall, of course, be received by President Roosevelt. Arlington and Mt. Vernon will be visited. Both houses of congress will be in session. A reception will be tendered the party at the home of General Alger one evening. A ball will be given in our honor at the Dewey, to which all of the Michigan people in Washington will be invited, and we are also to be guests at another reception where the opportunity will be afforded us to meet the cabinet officers, justices of the supreme court and members of the senate. Washington is now the Mecca of all Americans," etc., etc.

FOR DELEGATE AT LARGE.

The Iron Port is pleased with, and heartily seconds, the motion offered in the following editorial announcement made by the Marquette Mining Journal of last Saturday:

"At the solicitation of many of his friends Lieutenant Governor Alexander Maitland of Neegaunee has consented to become a candidate for selection as delegate at large from the state of Michigan to the republican national convention to be held at Chicago next June, and has authorized the Mining Journal to announce his candidacy. There are four of these delegates at large, and custom demands that one of the number be given to the upper peninsula, the honor falling to the lot of William E. Parnell four years ago. Mr. Maitland has the field to himself, as far as any other announcements to date are concerned. Mr. McLean of Gogebic thought some of seeking the honor, but finally decided to endeavor to secure election as a district delegate instead, his candidacy being well received.

"There is nothing presumptuous in Mr. Maitland's candidacy. Selection as a delegate at large is an honor to which his position in public life, his past record as

a republican and his prominence in a business way in upper peninsula affairs amply justify him in aspiring. The office is purely honorary and is usually bestowed on men with unimpeachable records as partymen and of high standing in the broader requirements of good citizenship. That Mr. Maitland will be strongly supported for the nomination goes without saying."

The captain of a stormbeaten Norwegian steamship accomplished one of the most remarkable feats of human endurance known anywhere when he spent eighty hours in succession on the bridge of his vessel in the recent tempest. A true berserker spirit, his! Surely, he must have the blood of the ancient vikings in his veins!

Would it not be an excellent idea to introduce and practice regular fire drills in the public and parochial schools of the city? Such drills are practiced and made a part of the regular routine of the schools in many cities. The wisdom of such a practice will readily be admitted and its speedy adoption cannot be too strongly urged by those who believe that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

In a circular letter sent out by F. M. Byam, who is acting as secretary of the Michigan League of Republican clubs, in relation to the primary election plans of the league, the statement is made that the league is not pushing the interests of any particular candidate for governor, but is working only for the victory of the principle of direct voting on nominations. Mr. Byam asks for the addresses of those who may want direct voting literature sent to them.

The Ishpeming Iron Ore likes Senator O. B. Fuller and isn't at all backward about saying so. Hear it: "There seems to be a political battle in the Menominee-Delta district over the state senatorship. Mr. Mills of Menominee and O. B. Fuller of Escanaba are said to be in the field for the same position. Mr. Fuller has made us an able representative, and has always been found on the right side. We like his independence and his honesty. Don't know Mr. Mills so well, but we do know Fuller is made of the right kind of stuff. The matter will probably be amicably settled long in advance of the convention."

The executive committee for the "Under the Oaks" celebration at Jackson next summer has appointed committees on program, invitation and transportation. Chase S. Osborn of the Soo is on the program committee and Hon. Peter White of Marquette is a member of the invitation committee. It is announced that the program committee will make arrangements for parade, reception, speech by President Roosevelt, and reception of such distinguished guests as Fred D. Grant, Robert T. Lincoln and Booker T. Washington. The committee of fifty to invite President Roosevelt includes Senators Alger and Burrows and all of the Michigan congressmen, who are expected to go with the committee when it calls on the president at the White House January 18.

State politicians now say that the Republican State Central Committee will probably call three conventions for the coming year—one, the regular spring gathering for the election of delegates at large to the republican national convention at Chicago; the second, for the nomination of three candidates for judge of the supreme court, in accord with the law passed by the last legislature creating three new judgeships, and the third for the nomination of candidates for state offices. There has been considerable discussion as to the proper method for the nomination of candidates for the judgeships, it being urged that nominations for these responsible positions should not be mixed up with the scramble of ordinary politics, such as is seen in the regular con-

ventions, and men interested in the judgeship matters say that members of the state central committee have concluded that the only proper way is to call a separate judicial convention. The judges are to be elected in November, like all other officials.

In his annual report Postmaster-General Payne indorses the post check system, saying: "The rapid extension of the rural free delivery service increases the demand that the government shall provide some easy, convenient and safe method for the transmission of small sums of money through the mails, and I urge upon congress the importance of passing some law which will insure to our people this advantage at as early a date as possible. As the rural free delivery service has been extended the number of letters carrying small amounts of currency has greatly increased. At present there is no convenient method provided in the rural districts for making such remittances through the mails except in currency or postage stamps, and such currency and stamp remittances are a constant temptation to those handling them."

The Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, an educational institution that the residents of the Lake Superior Copper Country are especially proud of, began its winter term for the season of 1903-4 last Monday with an enrolment greater than that of any corresponding season of the year in the history of the college. Among those who have entered the college for the regular and special courses are men who have left responsible and remunerative positions to take up studies which will qualify them to fill higher positions in the industrial and mining world. The opportunity which the College of Mines presents for men to acquire a thorough technical education is far in advance of that afforded by other colleges not so favorably located and equipped. That this fact is known and appreciated is proved by the men who come to it from some of the leading schools of the world to complete their mining education.

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THE CITY IN BRIEF

Many Minor Municipal Matters Gathered From Various Sources.

ESCANABA AND VICINITY

The Iron Port Reporters' Weekly Brief of Information, Gathered in Their Daily Rounds of the City—General Notes.

Mose Kurs visited at Iron Mountain last Sunday.

Peter Blake of Hyde was in the city on business last Tuesday.

John F. Johnson opened his new saloon in North Escanaba last Monday night.

An enjoyable dancing party was held in the Sons of Hermann hall last Saturday night.

Cordwood is in great demand and a large quantity of it is being sold by fuel dealers and farmers.

Rev. Mr. Knowles of Iron Mountain and Rev. Dr. A. Urquhart of this city exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The Escanaba and Lake Superior road's new engine, No. 204, has been received and is now in successful operation.

The opening of the new theatre at Ishpeming announces that hereafter there will be no Sunday night performances.

Dr. Minor C. Baldwin, one of New York's famous pipe organists, will give a concert in the Swedish Lutheran church on the evening of the 21st inst.

Ed Day, who was employed by Louis Blifford at Beaver, had the misfortune to break one of his legs while felling a tree one day last week. He is now in the Delta County hospital.

Under a contract recently entered into, the A. P. Hopkins Cedar Company of this city will this winter furnish the Western Union Telegraph Company with a large number of cedar poles.

The local hotels are again enjoying the big business they had previous to the holidays. The traveling men are back on the road and they are so numerous that the hotels are kept well filled most of the time.

Residents in various parts of the city are complaining of the depredations of hicken thieves. N. P. Johnson of 530 Morris street had ten fine fowls stolen from his henhouse one night last week, and several other thefts of a similar nature are reported.

O. P. Chatfield is building an addition to his new machine shop on Stephen avenue. When complete the addition will be used as a brass foundry and brick core oven. Although in operation but a short time Mr. Chatfield's machine shop is doing a large business.

At the annual meeting of the Northwestern Cedarman's Association, held in Chicago last week, H. W. Reade of this city was elected president and Ole Erickson, also of this city, was chosen one of the members of the board of directors. Daniel McGillis, a former resident of Escanaba, was elected vice president.

P. M. Peterson has purchased from Jacob Moersch the lot, 140x50 feet, just west of Ed. Erickson's store on Ludington street; consideration private. The lot is at present occupied by a small dwelling house and John Vaasaw's barber shop. It probably will be used by Mr. Peterson as a site for the new opera house which he is planning to build next summer.

Mrs. Minnie A. Kirkpatrick has been appointed administratrix of the estate of her deceased husband, David Kirkpatrick, who was accidentally killed at May while acting as conductor of ore train on the C. & N. W. road. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has two little sons, aged six and eight years, respectively. Her appointment as administratrix is to legally care as guardian for their interests in the estate.

A. Arland of St. Paul, Minn., but now manager of a mine at Freeport, left Wednesday for Sturgeon Lake, Ontario, where he goes to inspect the Belmore Bay Gold Mining Company's property to determine the need of stamp mill necessary to treat ore, and make a report on the section shaft being sunk on their H. W. claim. Marc Pepin accompanied Mr. Arland and will remain at the mine until the first of March.

The breakwater which the Whitney Dredging Company has been engaged in constructing for the protection of the North-Western Company's ore dock, is approaching completion. Work upon it was begun Nov. 1, and it is expected will be finished in a few weeks. The breakwater considerable of a structure, being nearly 2,000 feet in length and substantially built of piling and plank, in a filling of sand and stone.

The watch which was supposed to have been stolen from John Morton, a young man who died at the Delta County hospital several weeks ago, has been found and turns out not to have been stolen at all. It was found in a pocket that Morton had occupied in a ship at Ralph before being brought to hospital and has been forwarded to relatives at Lansing. The watch, fallen out of Morton's pocket while he was in the bank and as he was detained at the time he never noticed its

M. J. Olson, the piano tuner, has been in the city all this week.

What the people of Escanaba need is a little more sand—on the sidewalk pavements.

Isn't it about time the young ladies of Escanaba made some move toward giving a leap year party?

Don't fail to see Knute Erickson in "The Man From Sweden" at Peterson's opera house this (Saturday) evening.

James W. Fiak has resigned his position with Ed. Erickson and is now advertising manager of Rathfon Bros. department store, succeeding Stanley W. Smythe.

The contract for carrying mail from Perkins to Brampton, Delta county awarded to Dulphice Filon, has been rescinded and a new contract awarded to Roscoe S. Morse of Perkins for \$400.

Security Lodge of the Columbian League held installation of officers last Tuesday evening and followed it up with a social time in which good music and refreshments figured very pleasantly.

If this weather keeps on the upper peninsula banana and muskrat crop will be considerably damaged, says the Ishpeming Iron Ore. It was predicted we would have an open winter. Instead, everyone is yelling "shut the door."

Armadus Lemay, formerly of Menominee, who was convicted in circuit court there in 1886 by Judge Grant, of the murder of William Bishop, and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the institution at Jackson, has been pardoned by Gov. Bliss.

Daniel H. Carroll was at Hancock last Sunday and Monday and acted as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of Mrs. Katherine Burns, who died suddenly Friday morning. The funeral was held Monday morning and Mr. Carroll has since returned home.

The William Mueller Company, operating in this section of the upper peninsula, has contracted to sell its cedar log cut of this season, which will approximate about 1,000,000 feet, to the Morgan Lumber & Cedar Company, which will saw them in its mill at Foster City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Fax expect to leave about February 1st for Minot, North Dakota, where Mr. Fax will take a position in a pharmacy. Escanaba friends of the young couple will regret their departure but will wish them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Marquette Mining Journal: After the first flurry the Thirtieth district seems to be taking the rival candidacies of Senator Fuller and W. N. Mills of Menominee somewhat more quietly. It is well. The convention is a number of months in the future. The pot should not be allowed to come to a boil too early, lest someone get scalded.

The petition being circulated for the removal of the Escanaba postoffice from its present quarters to the new Cleary building at 815 Ludington street is receiving many signatures. In fact, a large majority of Escanaba's citizens are decidedly in favor of a more central and convenient location for the postoffice and it is probable that the petition will be granted and the change ordered made when the matter is brought to the attention of the post-office department at Washington.

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C. E. Helmer has been enjoying a trip in "the sunny south," making a visit in New Orleans.

James Kinney, the Standard Oil Company's manager at Marquette, was instantly killed by a locomotive while walking on the track early last Monday morning.

Crystal Falls Diamond Drill: John Ward, who is confined in the hospital with a broken leg, has been very unfortunate of late. He contracted a slight cold that developed into pneumonia and has been very sick.

Although the continued cold weather has many disadvantages, it brings joy to the heart of the ice man. Owing to the severity of the season he has no fear that he will not be able to fill his store houses and so have a sufficiency of the cool material to supply the demand during the summer months. All Escanaba dealers are now busily engaged in reaping the ice harvest. They

report that the ice is of excellent quality and thickness.

The University of Michigan this year has more students than ever before.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chelson are happy over the recent birth to them of a fine son.

Miss Annie Schils, who was called here by her mother's death, will return to Milwaukee today.

The Woman's Club will meet this (Saturday) afternoon at the home of Mrs. Theodore Farrell, Wells avenue.

Seldon R. Newton of Milwaukee, a brother of Mrs. Walter Field of this city, was married on the 6th inst. to Miss Anna Schultz of Columbus, Wis. The young couple will reside in Milwaukee.

Escanaba is said to possess a young lady who is so fond of attracting attention to herself that if no other suitable victim presents himself she has been known to attempt to mash the potatoes. Fact!

"De stoahkeepah who doan do no advertizin' in de papers," says the Hon. Jeremiah Grider of the World's Democratic Agitator, "Might jes es well kias hisse'f good-bye, kase dey ain't nobody goin' to leab no happy home to trade wif 'im."

The Escanaba Water Company will soon begin the work of laying its new intake pipe from the pumping station out into the deep waters of the bay. The pipe will run out about half a mile and will insure a more plentiful and purer supply of water.

At Powers on Thursday night of last week occurred the death of Enos Bradner, one of the pioneer citizens of Menominee county and one of its first business men. He had resided in Powers for sixteen years and was 92 years old. The remains were taken to Green Bay for interment. He is survived by two sons and five daughters.

Two million cigars, in storage and ready for shipment, were burned in the Marquette prison fire last Monday. This is easily the greatest number of cigars "smoked" on the upper peninsula at any one time. There was time to save but a few thousand. So quick was the progress of the flames that it was possible to get out of the cigar shop office but a few books, including the check book, and the day's mail.

The jury in the Frank Van Gorder trial at Iron Mountain last week returned a verdict finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter. Judge Stone sentenced Van Gorder to ten years at hard labor in the branch state prison at Marquette. Motion for a new trial has been made and will be argued at the next session of circuit court in Dickinson county. If the motion for another trial is not granted it is said that an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

Lawrence Malloy, a young man of Lathrop, has been paid \$3,500 by the Chicago & North-Western Ry. Co. in settlement for injuries which he received in a locomotive collision on the company's road at Baraboo, Wis., nearly a year ago. Malloy lost his left leg below the knee and his right leg was badly fractured. At the time of the collision Malloy was employed as a fireman by the North-Western company. He is a minor and his father, W. B. Malloy, of Lathrop, has been appointed as his guardian.

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SEVENTEEN DIE IN A WRECK

JAPAN TO THE GREAT BEAR—

(By McCutcheon, in Chicago Daily Tribune.)

Terrible Collision on Rock Island at Willard, Kan.

Passenger and Freight Trains Meet on Same Track—Heroic Work of a Doctor.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 7.—Seventeen persons were killed and 37 injured in the Rock Island passenger wreck at Willard Wednesday morning. Most of the injured are in hospitals in Topeka. The doctors announce that all will recover with the exception of Mrs. M. A. Hill, of Greensburg, Kan.

Following is a list of those killed: Mrs. J. H. Hill, Greensburg, Kan.; Mrs. W. S. Martin, St. Joseph, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Harville, Chillicothe, Mo.; Ben Harville, son of Mrs. Harville, aged 13; Tot Harville, daughter of Mrs. Harville, aged 3; Mrs. Susan Reed, sister of Mrs. Harville; James Griffin, Claremont, Mo.; E. E. Meyer, Buffalo, N. Y.; Raymond A. Martin, Chillicothe, Mo.; W. S. Martin, St. Joseph, Mo.; E. R. Rankins, De Kalb, Mo.; William J. Wells, 511 East Chambers street, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Kaiser, Russian address unknown; Gale Fuller, aged 7; Brockton, Ia.; Grace Reed, Chillicothe, Mo.; Lenora Reed, Chillicothe, Mo.; an identified boy, aged 8 years.

Carelessness of trainmen caused the wreck. Instructed to meet a special freight train at Willard, the engineer and conductor of the ill-fated passenger train noting that a freight train stood on the sidetrack at Willard, rushed through thinking that the cars they had seen were the ones which they had been instructed to pass. Failure to scrutinize the number of the engine was directly responsible for the collision. Had the engineer compared the number of the train at Willard with his orders, the accident would have been averted. Upon seeing at Willard a freight train on the siding, Engineer Benjamin threw open the throttle, and under the impetus of full steam, the passenger train leaped into the darkness and crashed along at rate which the passengers declare to have been fully 65 miles an hour. A note of warning of the fearful impending danger ever made itself known to the sufferers.

The hero of the wreck was a Dr. Bell of New York city, a young physician himself crippled, walking on crutches. Dr. Bell, although slightly hurt as a result of the collision, was the first to leave the Pullman sleeper, which was not damaged. Struggling heroically forward on his crutches, he immediately assumed charge of the rescue work. First he ordered the chair car and sleeper cleared. Then, after directing the removal of the injured to these cars, he administered what whisky was at hand to deaden the injuries until the relief train should arrive, and saved the life of the foreman by tying an artery with the aid of a penknife and a piece of string.

After working until nearly exhausted, Dr. Bell only gave way when the physicians arrived from Topeka with medicine and instruments. Then he steadfastly refused to disclose his name, and it was only partially learned from fellow passengers.

CHINESE MASSACRED.

Imperial Soldiers Destroy Village Campaign Against Bandit—Two Thousand Persons Slain.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 7.—Two thousand Chinese were massacred by imperial soldiers under Admiral Fong in December in capturing Ma Wong I at Shekpo village, on East river, in Canton. Shekpo was destroyed and other villages desolated. Ma Wong I attacked junks owned by Mandarins, having thousands of dollars aboard. The soldiers aboard repel the attack, causing the bandit to withdraw. Securing a hundred followers started off on a pillaging expedition attacked Shekpo. Admiral Fong marched on Shekpo with 2,500 soldiers, the marines commencing a regular siege. Ma Wong appeared and fired on the soldiers, killing eight. This incensed Fong who ordered a heavy cannonade. The village was shortly in flames, resulting in the death of 2,000.

Are Placed on Trial.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Van Dine, Miller and Niedermeier, three men accused of the street car barn robbery and double murder, and a long list of other desperate crimes, were put on trial for their lives in Judge Kerst's court Wednesday morning. Criminal Court building was filled early with a crowd of the curious. The work of obtaining a jury is expected to take several days. Law for the accused men will make a fight, and many objections are expected.

The Public Debt.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows at the close of business December 1903, the debt, less cash in the treasury amounted to \$214,150,880, a decrease of the month of \$11,618,520.

Shot Through the Heart.

Superior, Wis., Jan. 7.—Gordon H. Campbell, aged 30, was shot and killed Wednesday, three bullets having entered his heart. Charles Crump, colored, is under arrest. Crump's white wife is the mother, by a former marriage, of Campbell's white wife, and the women are being held as witnesses.

Tragedy in New York.

New York, Jan. 7.—Maurice Fallik shot his wife Sarah Wednesday, and she died soon after in the hospital. Fallik then attempted suicide by hanging, but was discovered before life was extinct. He will probably recover.

Rice Crop Is Excellent.

Manila, Jan. 3.—This is the first year since the insurrection in 1896 the crops of rice and other cereals in Luzon have been large and of good quality.



"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star, How I Wonder What You Are Up To."

STATEHOUSE RUINED. WAR ALMOST CERTAIN.

One Wing of Iowa's Handsome Capitol Building Ruined by Fire, with Loss of \$250,000.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 5.—Fire gutted the northwest wing of the state capitol Monday with an approximate loss of \$250,000. The chamber of the house of representatives is a charred mass of ruined debris and cannot be fixed up in time for the approaching session of the legislature. The fire gained great headway before it was checked, starting about ten o'clock, and at noon it was thought the entire building was doomed, and Gov. Cummins ordered the contents of all the offices removed. However, it was finally confined to the wing of the capitol in which it originated and by six o'clock was practically extinguished.

The origin of the fire is a mystery and Gov. Cummins will order an immediate investigation. The supposition that it started either from a lighted candle carelessly left burning or from an electric light wire.

The building was supposed to have been fireproof, but the use of several false ceilings in the house furnished excellent material for the flames. Gov. Cummins states that the house chamber cannot possibly be repaired this winter.

RECESS IS OVER.

National Legislature Resumes Its Sessions—Several Nominations Are Sent In.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The senate's first session following the holiday recess was devoted entirely to Panama. President Roosevelt sent a message on the subject, which was received with great interest. Discussion continued throughout the day, speeches being made both in defense of and against the policy which has been pursued.

The president sent to the senate the nomination of William H. Taft, of Ohio, to be secretary of war. The president also nominated Luke E. Wright, of Tennessee, to be civil governor of the Philippine Islands, and Henry C. Ide, of Vermont, to be vice-civil governor of the Philippine Islands; civil service commissioner, John W. Black, of Illinois; consul general, Henry D. Saylor, Pennsylvania, at Coburg, Germany; assistant secretary of commerce and labor, Lawrence O. Murray, Illinois; marshal, James A. Toler, Northern district of Mississippi.

The senate committee on military affairs Monday decided to report favorably the nomination of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. The vote stood 7 to 2.

Death of Gen. Longstreet. Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 4.—Gen. James Longstreet died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Estlin Wheelchell, Saturday afternoon at five o'clock. Acute pneumonia was the cause of his death. He was 84 years old. His sudden death was a great shock to his family. Only Friday he was discussing improvements to be made on his farm and talked as if he had every hope of life for some time yet.

Indicted for Embezzlement. Washington, Jan. 5.—The grand jury reported three indictments for embezzlement against James M. A. Watson, formerly a clerk in the office of the auditor of the District of Columbia. Watson has been in jail since last June, when he was arrested on the charge of embezzling District government funds. The total amount of his embezzlement is placed at \$78,000.

Fire Chief Killed. London, Ont., Jan. 7.—Chief Roe, of the fire department, was killed, and three firemen were badly injured by the collapse of a burning wall at a fire Wednesday. Sterling Bros.' wholesale shoe factory and warehouse was burned. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Killed Himself. Sioux Falls, S. D., Jan. 7.—N. W. Milles, vice president of the People's savings bank, committed suicide by hanging himself. Personal troubles are ascribed as the cause. He leaves a family.

officers, even above, no one connected with this government had any previous knowledge of the revolution except such as was accessible to any person of ordinary intelligence who read the newspapers and kept up a casual acquaintance with public affairs.

After thus treating extensively the events leading up to and during the revolution, the president refers to the recognition of the new government by the United States, and in this connection he says: "By the unanimous action of its people, without the firing of a shot, and with a unanimity hardly before recorded in any similar case—the people of Panama declared themselves an independent republic. Their recognition by this government was based upon a series of facts in no way dependent for its justification upon our action in ordinary cases. I have not denied, nor do I wish to deny, either the validity or the propriety of the general rule that a new state should not be recognized as independent until it has shown its ability to maintain its independence. This rule is derived from the principle of noninterference, and as a corollary of that principle has generally been observed by the United States. But, like the principle from which it is deduced, the rule is subject to exceptions; and there are in my opinion clear and imperative reasons for a departure from it in the present instance. These reasons embrace, first, our treaty rights; second, our national interests and safety; and, third, the interests of collective civilization."

Reasons for Ratification.

He reviews these reasons at considerable length and justifies the speedy recognition on other and all of them. He refers to precedents to show that treaties concluded with one nation are binding upon the successors of that nation, thus the treaty of 1846 with New Granada, which transferred first to Colombia and now to Panama. Of the second reason he says: "This recognition was, in the second place, further justified by the highest considerations of our national interests and safety. In all the range of our international relations, I do not hesitate to affirm that there is nothing of greater or more pressing importance than the construction of an interoceanic canal. Long acknowledged to be essential to our commercial development, it has become, as the result of the recent extension of our territorial domain, more than ever essential to our national self-defense. . . . In the light of our present situation, the establishment of easy and speedy communication by sea between the Atlantic and the Pacific presents itself not simply as something to be desired, but as an object to be positively and promptly attained. Reasons of convenience have been superseded by reasons of vital necessity, which do not admit of indefinite delay."

In the same connection he charges Colombia with attempting to so delay the ratification of any canal treaty as to keep that government in a position not only to secure the \$10,000,000 offered it as compensation by this government, but to secure the \$10,000,000 promised the Panama Canal company for its franchise and until October 31, 1904, the franchise of the Panama Canal company would have expired, and the Colombian government be in a position to seize its property and rights on the isthmus upon the expiration of that term. He demands that the government of the United States should ratify the treaty if it seemed that the government would have to go to the Nicaraguan route, and that he had made the original draft of his message to Congress along that line. This was one of three alternatives that confronted the government. Another was that the people of Panama might take the protection of their own interests into their own hands and establish a government competent and willing to do its share in the construction of the canal. This is what occurred, and made the reverting to the Nicaraguan route unnecessary. The fact, impossible under the authority of the president as vested in him by the action of Congress.

Report of Commander Hubbard.

The president emphatically denies that the government had any hand in the instigating of this revolution. He knew, as all the world did, that such was imminent, and the navy department took necessary measures to protect American interests, but nothing further. He gives copies of the orders sent to commanding officers of American warships, and their various reports upon the situation. He charges Colombia with the instigating of this revolution, and quotes the report of Commander Hubbard of the Nashville, dated November 2, to sustain this charge. In this report Commander Hubbard says, in part: "Pending a complete report of the occurrences of the last three days in Colon, Colombia, I most respectfully invite the department's attention to those of the date of Wednesday, November 1, which amounted to practically the making of war against the United States by the officer in command of the Colombian troops in Colon. At one o'clock p. m. on that date I was summoned on shore and received signal, and on landing met the United States consul, vice consul and Col. Shaler, the general superintendent of the Panama railroad. The consul informed me that he had received notice from the officer commanding the Colombian troops, Col. Torres, through the prefect of Colon, to the effect that if the Colombian officers, Gen. Tobal and Gen. Torres, who had been selected in Panama on the evening of the 3d of November by the independents and held as prisoners, were not released by two o'clock p. m. on that date, he would open fire on the Colombian army and kill every United States citizen in the place, and my advice and action were requested. I advised that all the United States citizens should take refuge in the shed of the Panama Railroad company, situated in a building capable of being put into good state for defense, and that I would immediately land such body of men, with extra arms for arming the citizens, as the command of the ship would permit. This was agreed to and I immediately returned on board, arriving at 11:15 p. m. The order for landing was immediately given, and at 1:30 p. m. the boats of the ship with a party of 42 men under the command of Lieut. Commander H. M. Witzel, with Midshipman J. P. Jackson as second in command, time being pressing, I gave verbal orders to Mr. Witzel to take the building above referred to, to put it into the best state of defense possible, and protect the lives of the citizens assembled there—not firing unless fired upon. The Colombian soldiers were ordered to build the railroad company almost immediately after we had taken possession, and for about one and a half hours their attitude was most threatening, it being seemingly their purpose to open an attack. Happily our men were cool and steady, and while the tension was very great no shot was fired. At about 3:15 p. m. Col. Torres came to the building for an interview and expressed himself as most friendly to Americans, claiming that the whole affair was a misunderstanding and that he would like to send the boats of the ship to the coast, and Gen. Tobal and have him direct the continuation of the show of force. A special train was furnished and safe conduct guaranteed. At about 5:30 p. m. Col. Torres made the proposition to withdraw his troops to Monkey Hill, if I would withdraw the Nashville's force and leave the town in possession of the police until the return of the alcalde on the morning of the 6th. After an interview with the United States consul and Col. Shaler as to the probability of good faith in the matter, I decided to accept the proposition, and brought my men on board, the disparity in numbers between my force and that of the Colombians, nearly ten to one, making me desirous of avoiding a conflict so long as the object in view, the protection of American citizens, was not imperiled.

"I am positive that the determined attitude of our men, their coolness and evident intention of standing their ground, had a most salutary and decisive effect on the immediate situation, and that the initial step in the ultimate abandoning of Colon by these troops and their return to Cartagena the following day.

"I feel that I cannot sufficiently strongly express to the department my indignation at this outrage and the insult to our dignity, even apart from the savagery of the threat."

In view of the reports of the various naval officers in Panama, and the president concludes "that, instead of there having been too much provision by the American government for the maintenance of order and the protection of life and property on the isthmus, the orders for the movement of the American warships had been too long delayed; so long, in fact, that there were 67 marines and sailors available to land and protect the lives of the American men and women. It was only the coolness and gallantry with which this little band of men wearing the American uniform faced ten times their number of armed men, in carrying out their duty, that prevented a murderous catastrophe, that prevented a murderous catastrophe. At Panama, when the revolution broke out, there was no American man-of-war in the harbor, and no American troops on the isthmus. 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Several Drunks of Whiskey Halted the Man from Poverty to Almsouse.

Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, was in one of the small towns in this district campaigning last fall, says the New York World, and heard a conversation between one of his friends who was about to move to Dallas county, Tex., and a native: "Hear you're going to Texas," said the native.

"Yes, going to Dallas county." "Well, I wish you'd look up my brother down there and tell him I'm doing mighty poorly. The interest is coming due and I wish he would send me some money."

The native then went and had a couple of drinks of local whiskey. Shortly afterward he met the man who was going to Texas. "I hear you're going to Texas?" "Yes."

"Well, if you'll run across my brother down there tell him I see fine and that everything is going along all right."

The man who was going to Texas promised and the native dropped into the saloon and had some more drinks. When he came out he again hailed the man who was going to Texas and said: "Say, if you see my brother down there just tell him to send me if he needs any money."

Good News from Minnesota. Lakefield, Minn., Jan. 4.—Mr. William E. Gearty of this place is one of the best-known and most highly respected men in Jackson County. For 45 years he has suffered with Kidney Trouble and now at 77 years of age he has found a complete cure and is well.

His cure is remarkable because of the length of time he had been suffering. Cases of 40 years' standing might be considered incurable, but the remedy that cured Mr. Gearty seems to know no limit to its curative power. Mr. Gearty says: "I have suffered with misery in my back for about 45 years and had all the troublesome symptoms of Kidney and Urinary disease. I tried various kinds of remedies, but all to no effect until I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. Now I have no pain in my back and feel quite well in every way."

"I am 77 years of age and I feel better than I have for the last 40 years. I attribute it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

"Everybody says the baby looks like you. Doesn't that please you?" "I don't know," replied Poppley, "but I tell you what; I'm glad nobody thinks of saying I look like the baby."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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The Cleveland household is grief-stricken over the death of the eldest daughter, and many messages of condolence are being received. The private school which Ruth attended has been closed for the rest of the week out of respect.

President John N. Finley, of the College of the City of New York, Mr. Cleveland's personal friend, has come to make all arrangements for the funeral. The interment will take place Friday.

In response to many inquiries, former President Cleveland gave out the following statement: "After a few days' illness, which began with an attack of tonsillitis and developed yesterday suddenly into diphtheria, our oldest daughter, Ruth, died suddenly to-day." Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, who has for many years been the family physician of the Clevelands, was summoned from New York, but did not arrive until after Miss Cleveland's death. Mrs. Cleveland is prostrated at the death of her daughter.

Ruth Cleveland was born on October 3, 1891, in her father's residence at 619 Madison avenue, New York, after Mr. Cleveland had served his first term as president. She was named after Mrs. Cleveland's grandmother and as "Baby Ruth" was a great favorite in Washington society during her father's second term in the white house. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland have four remaining children, Esther, who was born in the white house September 9, 1893; Marion, born at Gray Gables, Buzzard's Bay, July 7, 1895; Richard Folsom Cleveland, born here October 28, 1897, and Francis Grover Cleveland, born at Gray Gables, Buzzard's Bay, July 18, 1903.

It is now understood that it was the child's illness that prevented Mr. Cleveland's attendance at the dinner to Mayor McClellan in New York January 4th.

The funeral service will be held at the Cleveland home, conducted by Rev. Maitland Bartlett. Mr. Cleveland, with President Finley, of the College of the City of New York, Dean Andrew West and a few intimate friends, will accompany the body to Princeton cemetery, where interment will take place. Dr. Bryant says the other children show no signs of diphtheria.

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Mrs. William Gibson is reported to be quite severely ill.
John Jackson, the merchant tailor, has been north this week in the interests of his business.

Work on the North Escanaba extension of water mains has been suspended until next spring.

H. M. Stevenson has been away this week, selling watches and jewelry to the men in the logging camps.

Charles Beasah is able to be out again after a four weeks' siege of illness in the Delta County hospital.

The members of the football team were entertained at Wells Thursday by Dan Robinson, a member of the team. A very pleasant time is reported.

The slot machines operated in various places of the city have again been ordered out by the legal authorities, as represented by Sheriff Roberts. Wonder how long they will stay out this time.

Raymond McDonald of Sault Ste. Marie was in the city last Sunday and Monday and went as surety on the bail bond of Alvin Z. Withee, who is held for trial in the United States court on the charge of robbing the mails.

Louis Johnson and Martin Peterson, who are visiting at their former home in the old country, have been heard from. At the time of writing they were in Copenhagen, Denmark, were in good health and having a fine time.

Mayor Sourwine announces that no more boxing matches, or prize fights as they are in reality, will be permitted in this city during the remainder of his term of office. All good people will applaud Mayor Sourwine's determination in this matter.

Axel Peterson still continues to receive challenges for boxing, but pays no attention to them, as he is determined to stick to his intention to remain out of the fighting game. He received a "def" this week from "Billy" King, a pugilist of Detroit.

John Horrigan, a lad about 16 years old, was tried before a jury in Justice Glasser's court last Monday upon the charge of stealing goods from Herman Salinsky's store some time ago. The evidence introduced was not sufficient to convince the jury of the boy's guilt and he was discharged.

With this issue Oliver A. Terrio severs his connection with The Iron Port editorial staff and will leave today for Oshkosh and Fond du Lac, where he will visit for a time before re-engaging in newspaper work. Mr. Terrio's work with us has been very satisfactory and we regret his departure.

Miss Aimee Lalonde, deputy county treasurer, left Tuesday evening for a visit of several weeks at her old home in St. Hermas, Province of Quebec, Canada, and to attend the wedding of her brother. Before returning Miss Lalonde will make brief visits at Montreal, Quebec and Rutland, Vermont.

Fred Adams, formerly of this city but now located at Ten Strike, Minn., is in the city visiting relatives and friends. Upon his return to Ten Strike Mr. Adams will be accompanied by his sister-in-law, Miss Annie Duranceau, who will visit there with her sister, Mrs. Adams, for some time. They will leave tomorrow night.

M. B. Burke, the actor, who was arrested in this city last week and taken to the Soo to answer to a charge of seduction, had his preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace in that city and as a result was held for trial at the February term of circuit court. He was unable to secure bonds and must remain in jail pending his trial.

The fourth of the series of St. Patrick's church socials will be held at St. Patrick's hall next Tuesday evening and will be in charge of a section of ladies headed by Mesdames John O'Meara, William Sullivan and W. E. Rogers. The usual door and card prizes will be given and there will be a musical program and serving of refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roemer were made the recipients of an exceedingly pleasant surprise party on Friday evening of last week, the occasion being Mr. Roemer's birthday. The evening was passed most agreeably with cards and other amusements by Mr. and Mrs. Roemer and their company of unexpected but welcome friends. Refreshments were served.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Escanaba, held last Tuesday, all of the old directors were re-elected, as follows: C. C. Royce, W. W. Oliver, S. B. Rathfon and P. H. Van Cleave of this city and Lieut. Gov. Alexander Millland of Negaunee. The meeting of the directors to elect officers is yet to be held. It is not probable that any change will be made in the present set of officers.

S. H. Sparks is visiting relatives at Antigo, Wis.

Dr. O. E. Youngquist was at Negaunee and Ishpeming Wednesday on professional business.

The Phi Kappa Epsilon held a meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Miss Alpha Snyder.

Thomas Riley has returned to school. His presence next year will greatly add to the strength of the football team.

The football team enjoyed a sleigh ride to Ford River last Saturday evening. The party was chaperoned by Miss Roehford.

Superintendent Jolliffe has decided to introduce the fire drill for regular practice by teachers and pupils in the public schools. Good!

Mrs. John Harris of Bark River and son Will of Duluth are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. McCaulay, 317 N. Jennie street.

Knute Erickson, the "jolly gude fellow," will present his popular play, "The Man From Sweden," at Peterson's opera house tonight.

Mrs. A. P. Smith returned Thursday from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Indiana and lower Michigan. Of course Mr. Smith is more than glad.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wixson have reached Pensacola, Florida, where they will spend the remainder of the winter. Mr. Wixson writes that they are enjoying July weather.

Rev. Dr. Urquhart is in Iron Mountain this week, assisting Rev. F. P. Knowles with special services. Next week he will assist Rev. Dr. Stalker of Calumet in similar meetings.

There will be a joint installation of the new officers of Bartley Tent, K. O. T. M., and of Escanaba Hive, L. O. T. M., in North Star hall on Thursday evening, January 21st. After the installation there will be a social session and a supper.

Dr. A. S. Winn has received a letter from Judge Jeremiah Donovan, who left here a very sick man several weeks ago for his old home at Chatham, Ontario. The judge writes the good news that his condition has improved and that chances are good for his getting well again.

Commencing Saturday evening, January 23d, the New City band will give a series of promenade concert-dances in the opera house at Gladstone. These affairs have become very popular here and doubtless will also be successful at Gladstone, where one will be given each week as long as the patronage is sufficient to make it pay.

The democratic national committee held a meeting in Washington, D. C., last Tuesday and furnished a surprise by selecting St. Louis as the place for holding the national convention in 1904.

The date fixed for the convention was Wednesday, July 6th. Two ballots for choice of city were taken, resulting as follows: First—New York, 6; Chicago 20; St. Louis, 23. Second—St. Louis, 23; Chicago, 21.

Alonzo R. Northup, who has been located at Everett, Wash., for several years past, has returned to Escanaba and contemplates remaining permanently. He has connected himself with the insurance firm of Northup & Benton and will assume the place now held by Clarence Ingram, who intends taking a special insurance agency, traveling out of Chicago. Mr. Northup's friends are greatly pleased to see him here again.

At the annual meeting of the Escanaba Electric Street Railway Company, held last Tuesday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President and general manager, A. R. Moore; vice president, O. B. Fuller; secretary, I. C. Jennings; treasurer, J. K. Stack. Reports presented showed that the business of the company during the past year was very satisfactory.

Improvements and extensions of the road are contemplated for the coming year.

The Hooligan Octette chalked up another nice, large mark to its credit at its dancing party in Clark's hall last Tuesday night. The affair was just as enjoyable as it could be. The attendance was of the size and kind that makes dancing a pleasure and the excellent music furnished by Sullivan's orchestra added the finishing touches. As social entertainers the Hooligans are "all there" and the date of their next party will be awaited with eagerness.

Branch State Prison Scorched.

The Marquette branch of state prison had its first severe visitation from fire last Monday, when the cigar shop was completely destroyed, the boiler and engine house gutted and the main shop building slightly damaged. Only a providential change of the wind and the excellent work of the convicts saved the main shop building, which houses the overall shop, the printing office, shoe shop, tailors' shop and kitchen.

The losses are estimated at from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the state and about \$22,000 for the Franklin Cigar company. There is no insurance on the state account, but the cigar company has \$12,800 in Marquette agencies.

Value of a Technical Training.

The first step to success is a technical training for the work in which one proposes to succeed. To provide such a technical training is the business of the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa. They will be glad to furnish particulars on application. See their announcement elsewhere in this issue.

NEWS FROM RAPID

Young Ladies to Give Leap Year Party—An Exciting Runaway.

DEATH OF JOHN HOCKS

Big Bunch of Personal and General News Notes Gathered By The Iron Port's Correspondent at Rapid River.

The young ladies of the village are taking time by the forelock and making the most of leap year. Next Saturday eve they are to give a party in Hock's hall and entertain to the best of their ability. The young ladies who have the matter in charge are the Misses Gurneau, Michaud, Libbie Hruska, Bertha Hruska and Anna Buchman. So with those young ladies at the head of the affair, we look to a successful as well as a delightful time. Mr. and Mrs. Troppie and a violinist from Escanaba will furnish the music.

During the fire last Wednesday afternoon Mr. Kuiskern's new team became frightened at the sound of fire bells and ran away. They dashed up Main street and finally got on the sidewalk in front of Mr. Buchman's. It was shortly after dismissal of school and many children and some of the teachers were on the street, but all escaped uninjured.

John Hocks, who had been seriously ill for over a year, died last Friday and was buried from the Catholic church Monday. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son to mourn his sad demise.

There is considerable talk here about the proposed street car line between Rapid River and Gladstone. Hope it will amount to something more than talk.

There are few new cases of scarlet fever in town and most of the old cases are better. As a result the full enrollment of pupils will soon be back to school.

Miss Pearl Trenary of Trenary is the guest of Miss Clarissa Guroo.

Rev. Mr. Walton of Oak Park, Ill., has been called to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Congregational church caused by the resignation of Rev. Mr. Allison. He is a very good speaker and his congregation are much pleased with him.

Miss Ida Buddinger, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, for some time, has returned home.

The Laing hospital has been about filled with patients for a month or more.

H. W. Cole has returned from a trip to Trenary and nearby points.

Miss Julia Sterling has a large class in music here and is kept busy Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

Miss Rose Doran, teacher of the Whitefish school, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Harkins and Miss Flynn at Rapid.

GLADSTONE ITEMS.

The board of education is planning to equip our schools with fire escapes. Miss Ida Ingalls is filling the vacancy in the first ward school due to Miss Kilroy's absence.

Eugene Willit was in town this week shaking hands with old friends. William Reynolds of Masonville called on friends here last week.

Mrs. A. E. Neff was called to Kaukauna, Wis., on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Heilman.

C. R. Conger of Brampton transacted business in town last Saturday.

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Many of the young men took advantage of the free ticket offer made by the opera house management and look their best girl to the play Monday night.

Miss Grace McDonough is assisting the office force at Marble's axe factory.

J. A. Bradley is assisting H. J. Krueger in the tin shop.

Mrs. Joseph Bruenig has been ill with typhoid fever, but is now convalescent.

A few members of the "Coterie" met at the home of Mrs. W. I. Ely and arranged the course of study for the ensuing year.

Dr. Ingalls made a professional visit to Munising last week.

The engine on the branch run was derailed five miles north of Rapid River and Engineer McFarland escaped with slight injuries.

The Royal Arcanum installed its new officers last Tuesday evening.

Clarence Filkins, employed at Blackwell's hardware store, is taking his annual vacation.

H. W. Noble electrician for the Cleveland Cliffs Co. at Marquette, was called to this city to make some repairs to the local furnace.

The Cleveland Cliffs Iron Co. has cut wages ten per cent at the fur-

nace and there is a rumor of the wire plant shutting down.

A. E. Neff and E. G. Ingalls transacted business in Rapid River last Tuesday.

Thomas Blake received slight injuries at the round house this week, by a headlight falling on him.

Robert Marshall has resigned his position with the Hoyt Grocery Co. L. W. Rawson called on friends in Escanaba last Sunday.

HYDE PICK-UPS.

Miss Vin Belair made a flying visit to Hyde Monday evening.

A sleighload of young people went to Hyde Sunday for a good time at Mrs. Becker's farm.

Miss Emma Maunig is at Hyde on an extended visit.

Miss Anna Nolden is visiting at Hyde.

There will be a wedding at Hyde in the near future. For information call at the Hyde blacksmith shop.

Harry Perron and John Estenboller are jobbing at Newhall.

Miss Dillie Richard gave a party Saturday evening to a number of her friends.

Mae Booth of Perryville is attending school at Hyde.

FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

This Will Interest Every Resident of Escanaba.

You can readily verify the following particulars, for the gentleman supplying them will be only too pleased to answer any enquiries by mail. If you suffer from disorder of the kidneys or bladder and desire to be cured, write him about Doan's Kidney Pills and learn that the following statement is true in every particular:

Richard White, of 420 Wells avenue, Menominee, saw filer at the L. W. & V. S. Co.'s mill, says: "For over a year my back ached continually and trouble with the kidney secretions existed, a sure indication that the kidneys were excited or weakened. I knew what was the trouble, but how to check it was a mystery. Ardently wishing to get rid of what was a positive nuisance, it struck me that Doan's Kidney Pills might help me, so I procured a box at a drug store. Without going into particulars of the results obtained from the treatment, it is enough to say that since I stopped using the remedy I have been thoroughly examined by a competent physician, who pronounced me sound. I will be only too glad to give minutest particulars of my experience with Doan's Kidney Pills and my physical condition when I commenced their use to any one inquiring."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Superior District is Sixth.

The customs district of Superior, with Marquette as its port of entry and Hon. Gad Smith as collector, stands sixth among the customs districts on the lakes and connecting rivers in the volume of its exports for the calendar year 1903. The exports, tabulated by countries, for the first eleven months of the year are as follows:

England.....	\$5,380,602
Quebec, Ontario, etc.	1,494,847
Newfoundland.....	14,320
Scotland.....	208,062
Ireland.....	20,530
Germany.....	67,656
Belgium.....	11,360
Total.....	\$7,197,367

Some Old Friends Back Again.

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Wanted

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE in this county and adjoining territories, to represent and advertise an old established wealthy business house of solid financial standing. Salary \$21 weekly, with expenses paid each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Expenses advanced and horse and buggy furnished when necessary; position permanent. Address, The Columbia, 630 Monon Bld., Chicago, Ill. 4-6t.

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Via the North-Western Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at one fare for the round trip, on Jan. 25, limited to return until Feb. 1, inclusive, on account of Masonic Grand Lodge. Apply to Agents Chicago & North-Western R'y 4-2t

Jobbers, Attention!

We are in a position to supply you with hay, oats, flour, feed, potatoes, beans and other things you are using in your camps, by the carload or less. Let us make you a price on a car delivered at your station.—FALK & BUCHAN, 300 Ludington street, Escanaba, Mich.

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GIVE US A TRIAL.

First publication Jan. 16, 1904; last Feb. 27, 1904. STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Circuit Court for the County of Delta, in Chancery.

EM SEYMOUR, Complainant, vs. EMMA SEYMOUR, Defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Delta in Chancery, at the City of Escanaba in said County, on the 4th day of January A. D., 1904.

In this cause it appearing from affidavit on file, that the defendant, Emma Seymour, has departed from her last known place of residence and her residence cannot be found and it cannot be ascertained in what state or county she resides.

On motion of C. D. McEwen, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered that the said defendant, Emma Seymour, cause her appearance to be entered herein, within six months from the date of this order, and in case of her appearance that she cause her answer to the complainant's bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served on said complainant's solicitor, within twenty days after service on her of a copy of said bill and notice of this order; and that in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by the said defendant.

And it is further ordered, that within twenty days the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Iron Port, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for appearance.

J. W. STORCK,
Circuit Judge.

C. D. McEwen,
Solicitor for Complainant.

First publication Jan. 9, 1904; last Feb. 17, 1904. NOTICE under Section 140, Tax Law, of Michigan.

To the owner or owners of any and all lots in the land herein described, and mortgagee or mortgagees named in all charged recorded mortgages against said or any assignee thereof of record:

Take Notice, That sale has been lawfully of the following described land for unpaid thereon, and that the undersigned has thereto under tax deed issued therefor, and you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof any time within six months after service of this notice, upon payment to the signed, or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land is, of all such unpaid such purchase, together with one per cent additional thereon, and the fee, sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon payment of a declaration as common law, and the further sum of five dollars for description, without other additional charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made the undersigned will institute proceedings to enforce the sale of the land.

DESCRIPTIONS	Sec.	Town	Range	Ass.
S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4	9	41 N	21 W	21.1
S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4	9	41 N	21 W	21.2
S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4	9	41 N	21 W	21.3
S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4	9	41 N	21 W	21.4
S. W. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4	9	41 N	21 W	21.5

(Signed) FLORENCE J. DEWINE
Place of Business, Brampton,
Dated January 8, 1904.

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