

THE IRON PORT.

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR

ESCANABA, MICHIGAN, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1904.

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TWO BIG DEALS.

J. K. Stack Acquires Interests of the Late John Corcoran.

IS SOLE OWNER OF BANK

Escanaba Lumber Co. & Viola Lumber Co. Combine Under Name of Escanaba Lumber Co.

The interests of the late John Corcoran in the several business enterprises in which he was associated with J. K. Stack, under the firm name of Stack & Corcoran, have been purchased by Mr. Stack from Mr. Corcoran's heirs. By this transaction Mr. Stack becomes sole owner of the Bank of Escanaba, an institution that ranks among the foremost in the city. The affairs of the bank will be largely under the direction of Cashier M. M. Smith, and no change will be made in the present force of employes.

The Escanaba Lumber company which was owned by Stack and Corcoran, has been re-organized with J. K. Stack as president; Allan Hopkins, secretary; and A. P. Hopkins, treasurer, and takes over all the holdings of the old Escanaba Lumber Lumber Co., the Viola Lumber Co. and the A. P. Hopkins Co. The new organization with J. K. Stack and A. P. Hopkins as the principal stockholders, becomes one of the largest concerns of its kind in this district. The capital stock amounting to \$250,000, has already been subscribed. The head office will be established at Masonville early next year. The uniting of the companies under one head gives the new concern a vast amount of timber to work upon, enough in fact, to insure operations in this district for twenty-five years.

MONEY FOR RIVER ROUGE

Congressmen Want it for Much Needed Improvement.

Congressmen Lucking, Townsend and Sam Smith are making strong efforts to secure an appropriation this year for the improvement of the Rouge river. Manufacturers along the river want a 20-foot channel as far as the village of Oakwood and 16 feet beyond that point. It would cost \$50,000 to complete this work, but the committee on rivers and harbors has been asked to allow \$15,000 to this session so that it can be started. Congressman Lucking had a conference with Chairman Burton regarding the matter. The objection raised by some members of the committee and hinted at by Chairman Burton in Detroit last October, is that the committee is starving to adopt and adhere to a system of compelling the localities interested to make all improvements inside the harbor lines. It was also contended that the Rouge river was but a harbor on the Detroit river and that the villages of Delray and River Rouge should pay for the improvements. Mr. Lucking insisted that it was not a mere harbor, but a large navigable stream and a highway of much commerce, which entitled it to be improved by the government. He also pointed out that the government should improve Thunder Bay river, Au Sable river and Black river, streams of much less importance.—Detroit Free Press.

HAS ORDERED NEW LAUNCH

J. B. Frechette of Bark River Has Let Contract for Fine New Launch.

One of the new boats which will be added to Escanaba's fleet of launches next year will be a fine new launch just ordered by J. B. Frechette of Bark River. Mr. Frechette already has a launch which he uses in his trips from Escanaba to his cottage at the mouth of the Bark river, but the new boat will be larger and speedier. The contract has been let to Kinney & Sons of Depere, a firm well known, and successful launch builders. The launch owned by Austin Farrell, formerly of Gladstone, was built by this firm. The new boat will be ready for delivery on the 15th of April. Mr. Frechette will winter in Escanaba.

BILL WAS GOOD

Large Crowds Pleased by Ben's Theatre Program.

Ben's Theatre has been crowded nearly every night this week by large audiences who have been attracted by the excellent performance that has shown there this week. Mr. Salinsky's efforts to put on a good bill for the past week have certainly been appreciated. On Monday night the three largest audiences attended that have been present at the theatre this season.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist church will be held on Thursday evening of next week.

BREAK THROUGH ICE

Tug Tomlinson & Steamer James Watt Force Passage to Gladstone.

In order to release the steel truss steamer Charles R. Van Hise, which lay for several days last week at the coal dock at Gladstone, the tug Tomlinson of this port and the steamer James Watt forced a passage through the frozen ice Sunday morning to the Gladstone port. The trip was a difficult one as the ice was in many places eighteen inches thick. With water ballast aft, the bow of the Watt was raised until she drew but eighteen inches forward while aft she drew four feet, and in this way great force and weight were brought to bear upon the ice. Frequently both boats were brought to a stand still and forced to back up in their course and get a fresh start. It proved a particularly hard task to turn and when the Gladstone coal dock was reached an area of several acres had to be broken in order to prevent the Watt from turning around. No difficulty was experienced by any of the three boats on the return trip and the two steamers passed by Escanaba Sunday evening on their way to Manitowoc. They were the last two of the ore or coal carrying boats to sail from any port on Lake Michigan.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION

Citizens Requested to Observe as Holidays Mondays After Christmas and New Year's.

Following is the proclamation issued to-day by Mayor Valentine:

To the citizens of Escanaba: Following the precedent taken by other municipalities of the state and country in allowing the custom to become general through usage, of recognizing the day following a legal holiday which falls upon Sunday, to be regarded as a holiday, I proclaim that Monday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Jan. 2, shall be observed as holidays in the city of Escanaba.

Union labor, recognized as one of the controlling forces of our government, has requested this action and being mindful of the welfare and of wishes our working people, I would ask that all ordinary business pursuits be abandoned in the city of Escanaba on the two days named in this proclamation.

This request is given in the spirit of this season and it is my wish that all people of the city shall observe the general holidays thus made.

Signed this twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1904.

A. J. Valentine, Mayor.

Notice to Water Consumers.

All water consumers take notice. I have repeatedly called your attention to the fact that the Water Company's financial conditions were rather embarrassing and I have done all that I can to have those still in arrears for our service pay up, without creating any additional expense, to say nothing of the annoyance and hard feelings created by means of a shut off. You must remember that I am only an employee and must obey orders. The Water Co. will not be responsible for any damage your plumbing may sustain as a result of a shut off. Many of the services will freeze in less than one hour after same is shut off, and hot water fronts in stoves are liable to burst. The water service is a matter of business and all 1904 water rates must be paid at once.

W. J. HATTON, Supt.

PRESENTS FINE APPEARANCE

Fair Savings Bank Store is in Holiday Dress Throughout.

So great has been the demand for Christmas toys at the Fair Savings Bank Department store, that a new supply had to be ordered during the week by wire. The original stock of toys was an immense one and the fact that it was almost entirely sold out speaks well for the management of the store. The interior of the many departments presents at this season a magnificent appearance. Appropriate holiday decorations have been put up throughout the entire store. Every possible foot of floor space is utilized for the display of the immense holiday stock. All week the store has been thronged with crowds of eager buyers.

Car Ferry Damaged

While crushing the heavy ice near the harbor entrance at Frankfort last week the Ann Arbor Carferry No. 3 was damaged to such an extent that the trip to Menominee had to be given up. The boat was put back to the harbor for repairs.

The teachers of the Washington school on Tuesday gave a dinner in honor of Miss Barbara Will, who has been engaged as a teacher in the public schools for some time and whose resignation which has been accepted by the board of education will take effect tomorrow.

Christian Science services are held every Sunday morning at 10:30 and Wednesday evening at 7:30 at 608 South Charlotte street. Subject for Sunday: "God." All are cordially invited.

SHIPMENTS FELL OFF.

Amount of Ore Shipped Not as Large as Last Year.

WAS 3,740,983 TONS

Shipments from St. Paul Dock Exceeded those from the Same Dock Last Year.

3,740,983 tons of ore were shipped from Escanaba during the season just closed. Of this amount 2,873,700 were forwarded by the C. & N. W. R'y. Co. and 867,283 from the St. Paul docks. Compared with last year's shipments there is a falling off of 633,292 tons. The St. Paul docks shipped this season 30,000 tons more than last.

Following is a detailed statement from General Agent H. A. Barr, of the amount of ore received by the C. & N. W. R'y. Co. from the mines and shipped:

LAKE SUPERIOR MINES.	
Beaumont	23,965
Champion	174
Cleveland	44,647
East New York	7,299
Moore	25,828
Princeton	75,683
Regent Iron Co.	59,841
Richmond	68,184
Salisbury	10,012
Superior	213,625
Volunteer	68,442
Total	597,659

MEMORINEE RIVER MINES.

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Aragon	374,944
Baltic	154,006
Bristol	56,352
Caspian	4,243
Chapin	259,518
Commonwealth	1,617
Crystal Falls Mng. Co.	251,590
Dober	64,206
Evance	153,452
Hemlock	119,577
Hiawatha	38,148
Iron River	17,336
Loretto	42,815
Munro	32,332
Mansfield	79,163
Penn Iron Mng. Co.	141,947
Pewabic	361,814
Verona	20,205
Nanaimo	9,086
Forest	11,988
Total	2,179,336
Lake Superior	597,659
Memominee	2,179,336

Grand Total	2,776,986
Lake shipments	2,776,986
All Rail shipments	96,714
Grand Total	2,873,700

WANT ROADWAY OPENED

Bay de Noc Farmers Want Road Opened on Bay de Noc.

In order that they may gain access to the city in the winter time the farmers in Bay de Noc township have petitioned the council that a road way be opened up between the east side of North Tilden avenue and the bay shore. The proposed roadway would pass just behind Main and Kelly's livery stable. The route has been used for several years by all who cross the ice either to Stonington or Gladstone. It is, however, on private property and it is desired that it be opened up as a public roadway.

Another petition signed by business men of this city was presented at the same time and asked for the same thing. Both petitions have been referred to the street committee.

NO BOUT AT GLADSTONE

Mayor Mason Prohibits Boxing Match in That City.

The boxing match arranged between Pat Ryan of Escanaba and Jack McKay of the Soo, was not pulled off last night in Gladstone as was first intended when the bout was arranged. Mayor Chas. D. Mason, of that city, early in the week announced that the match would not be permitted, and so arrangements were made to hold the bout at Rapi River.

WILL MEET JAN. 3

County Board of Supervisors Will Hold Regular Session.

The members of the Delta county board of supervisors will meet in regular session on Jan. 3. One important business matter to be taken up by the board at this session is the purchase of a few sites for a county poor farm and the sale of the present poor farm. The bonds of the new county officers will also be inspected and passed upon.

TOOK DEFEAT POORLY

Mt. Pleasant Team Complains of Escanaba Players.

Some belated reports in the Mt. Pleasant papers have recently reached Escanaba. The reports are very different than those which appear in the impartial Detroit and Chicago papers and indicate that Mt. Pleasant took defeat with poor grace.

Although all other reports of the game state that the Mt. Pleasant team was as heavy if not heavier than Escanaba, the report from Mt. Pleasant makes the absurd claim that Escanaba was 50 per cent heavier. Following is what the Mt. Pleasant writer has to say of the game.

As per schedule, Mt. Pleasant high school team champions of lower Michigan, played the alleged high school team of Escanaba, said to have been champions of the upper peninsula, at Ann Arbor yesterday, and met defeat by a score of 15 to 5. The Escanaba team was too heavy by about 50 per cent for our boys to cope with.

It was the most flagrant violation of football ethics, and a violation of every principal of decency and justice, for the Escanaba high school management to thus impose such a team upon the football enthusiasts or for high school management to lend its name to further such a nefarious scheme. At least three of the players in the Escanaba team were men grown and weighed more than 200 pounds. The game has been protested, and when the proof of the above are furnished, our boys will stand champions of all Michigan. A special train from Mt. Pleasant took about 200 people to Ann Arbor to see the game, and not a single person in the whole lot was disappointed, simply disgusted.

TO SPEND MILLIONS.

New Engines and Rolling Stock for P. S. and C. H. & D. System.

Since the merger of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton and the Pere Marquette in the Great Central system orders for new motive power and rolling stock totaling \$4,159,000 have been given. Figures taken from the shop reports at Lima are interesting. It is shown that orders have been entered, in many deliveries on which have been made, for forty new locomotives, at a cost of \$714,000, and 5,000 box and flat cars, at a cost of \$3,445,000, or a total of \$4,159,000.

These figures do not include the nine locomotives originally ordered by the C. C. & L. division before the absorption, which cost \$10,000 each, making a total expenditure of the Great Central route in recent months of \$4,249,000 for motive power alone.

SEMER NAMES ASSISTANT

Joseph Mallman Will be Deputy in County Treasurer's Office.

Charles Semer, county treasurer elect, has appointed Joseph Mallman as the office of deputy county treasurer. Mr. Mallman has been for several years connected with the Delta county abstract office and is particularly well qualified for the new position. The selection of Mr. Mallman meets with universal approval.

DR. YOUNGQUIST APPOINTED

He Will Succeed Chas. J. Semer as Supervisor from Third Ward.

Dr. O. E. Youngquist was the unanimous choice of the council for supervisor from the third ward to succeed Charles J. Semer, county treasurer elect. The choice meets with universal favor among the citizens of the third ward.

Bad Stabbing Affair.

A serious stabbing affair between two Finlanders took place at Foster City Sunday evening, and as a result Joseph Polar, a farmer living in the vicinity, lies in a critical condition from a deep knife wound, and Alexander Jacobson, a woodsman, is locked up in the Iron Mountain jail. Both men were intoxicated and became involved in a quarrel. Polar was operated upon, but as blood poisoning had set in his recovery is considered doubtful.

Death of George Crosier

George Crosier, president of the Top Dock Workers Union died last Saturday at his home at 417 South Mary street from paralysis of the heart. He was 38 years of age and leaves a wife and one child. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his funeral was conducted under the auspices of that society on Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church.

Child Scalded.

Blanch, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore St. Peter, of St. Clair street, was badly scalded Thursday by falling into a tub of boiling water. Preparations were being made to scrub the floor in one of the rooms and the baby climbed over the edge of the tub. The burns are quite serious and though they may not be fatal, the child's nervous system may suffer as the result of the shock.

SHOULD SELL LIGHTING PLANT

Special Committee Makes That Recommendation to City Council.

REPORT WAS ACCEPTED

Matters to be Submitted to a Vote of The People.

At the meeting of the city council held Tuesday evening the special committee, appointed to investigate the advisability of disposing of the municipal lighting plant, reported that the plant should be sold.

The reading of the committee's report caused considerable discussion in the council. All agreed however that the best way to do would be to submit the question to the people. The report was accepted unanimously. A motion was then made that a special election be called and that twenty days notice of such election be given. The motion met with much opposition.

It was stated that a special election would be too expensive and that the question should be held until the spring election.

It was also stated that twenty days was too short a time in which such a question could be brought before the people.

When put to vote ten aldermen voted in favor of the motion and four against it.

The members of the council favoring the resolution were: Aldermen Franzen, Priester, Shevalier, Tolan, Lawson and Carey.

The motion was declared lost by the Mayor as a resolution to call a special election requires two thirds vote of the aldermen elect.

Following is the full report of the special committee composed of Aldermen Jensen, Carey and Tolan and the report that was made to the committee by the board of public works as to the requirements of the plant:

"We, the committee to whom was referred the question of disposing of the city lighting plant beg leave to report as follows:

That we have found from a report given us by the board of public works and Supt. Wildi, the same being hereto attached that the plant is old and out of date and by reason of such is too expensive in operating to be profitable on an average, such as ought to be considering the prices allowed it for light and gas. Therefore we recommend that the plant be disposed of and that the question of disposing of the plant be submitted to the people at an election.

Respt. signed,

PETER JENSEN,
J. F. CAREY,
J. J. TOLAN.

Escanaba, Mich., Nov. 21, 1904.

"As per your request I submit to you a report setting forth conditions of the lighting plant together with the improvement which will have to be made within the next two years.

The plant is now operating with a good gain although having a very expensive running plant in the way of having to use more fuel by reason of not having economical boiler and engine capacity. The immediate wants of the plant will be an up-to-date feed water heater as the present one in use is merely a toy. This will cost about \$300. A new steam heater is now being installed in place of the present one which had not been put up properly. This improvement will cost us \$600. The plant has a capacity for 1200 more incandescent lights while the arc light capacity is about taken up.

Taking the general growth of the plant into consideration, this 1200 incandescent lights will probably be taken up in two years. In order to operate more economically and give better service I find it necessary to install larger transformers and also a line wire. I think that \$1,000 would be necessary for this improvement. Had we an up to date plant we could operate with one-third of the expense and give better service all around. In the gas plant I would not recommend any improvements unless the system was changed over to coal gas.

Signed, Fred Wildi, Supt. Solomon Greenboot, chairman of the board of public works."

Marriage Licenses.

Among those who obtained licenses to wed within the last few days are: Albert Swanson and Emma Mattson Escanaba.

Walter Dubroek of Trombly and Stella Dahn of Brampton.

Cecil Mellens of Metropliton and Ida Zuercher of Escanaba.

Alfred Johnson and Hensina Hendrickson both of Escanaba.

Hubert H. Caneby of Nuhna and Bessie Barlow of Nahms.

Miss Tessie Greenboot, who is attending the Milwaukee Dwyer college, is home to spend the holidays.

MURDER IS CHARGED

John Gallagher of Manistique Accused of Killing His Father.

John Gallagher, who has a number of relatives in Escanaba, is now under arrest in Manistique charged with the murder of his aged father, Burnett Gallagher. The prisoner's sister, who at first attempted to shield her brother by saying that her father died from injuries received in a runaway, now confesses that on Dec. 5, her brother viciously assaulted his father and inflicted injuries from which he died.

After a saloon row in which he tore an opponent's lip from his face, John Gallagher disappeared and search was made for him by the Schoolcraft county authorities. It was supposed that he had left the district when his hiding place was learned rather unexpectedly and through accident. On the day of the funeral of Burnett Gallagher, Sheriff Moody noticed smoke issuing from the Gallagher home which was supposed to be unoccupied at that time. The doors were locked but an entrance was made but no trace of the young man was found. The search would have proved fruitless had not Mrs. Moody, who remained outside the house, noticed a movement of the curtain in the attic. This information led to a search of the attic where Gallagher was found.

His arrest was followed by the confession of his sister. Neighbors and friends are said to be aroused because the young man was sheltered and protected from the law in his own home.

The University and the State.

The University of Michigan is a part of the public educational system of the state. The governing body of the institution is a Board of Regents, elected by popular vote for terms of eight years, as provided in the constitution of the state. In accordance with the law of the state, the University aims to complete the work that is begun in the public schools, by furnishing ample facilities for liberal education in literature science and the arts, and for thorough professional study of engineering, medicine, law, pharmacy and dentistry. Through the aid that has been received from the United States and from the state, it is enabled to offer its privileges, with only moderate charges to all persons of either sex, who are qualified for admission. While Michigan has endowed her University primarily for the higher education of her own sons and daughters, it must be understood that she also opens the doors of the institution to all students, wherever their homes. It is in this broad generous and hospitable spirit that the University has been founded, and that it endeavors to do its work.

MAKES GOOD SHOWING

City Lighting Plants Show Good Gain For Month of November.

The november report of the city municipal lighting plants presented to the city council Tuesday evening shows the largest gain of any month this year.

The net gain in operating the electric plant was, according to the report, \$1,253.18 and gain in the gas plant amounted to \$104.46 making a total from both plants of \$1,357.64.

Following is the report in brief:

ELECTRIC PLANT	
Earnings of the plant	\$3,243.78
Expense of operating	\$1,990.60
Gain in operating	\$1,253.18

GAS PLANT	
Earnings	\$784.90
Expense of operating	\$680.44
Gain in operating plant	\$104.46

Personal Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Carr entertained a large party of friends at a photograph party at their home at North Escanaba Monday evening.

Miss Angeline Rowe was on Sunday evening surprised by a large number of her friends who called at her home at 309 South Georgia street, to remind her of her birthday anniversary. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music. Miss Rowe was the recipient of a ring from her friends.

Miss Maud McColl who has been attending the Normal School at Ypsilanti, is home to spend the holiday vacation.

Mrs. Ed. Erickson returned Sunday morning from a visit with friends in Lower Michigan.

John Erickson and Mr. Mrs. Gustav Cedarburg will leave Escanaba on Sunday evening for a visit with friends in Sweden.

Mrs. D. C. McDuffie was stricken with paralysis Monday forenoon at her home on South Campbell street. Her condition which at first appeared serious is now much improved.

Coming Soon.

At the Peterson opera house, Wednesday Dec. 28, the domestic melodrama "Human Hearts" will be presented by a good company and with elaborate scenic environment. Its pathos is said to be effective; its mirth irresistible; and its dramatic situations strong and stirring. It will be presented faithfully, both in its setting and in the action which will reveal with marked clearness and force, its very remarkable plot.

Miss Betty's Christmas Gift

By HOPE DARING

Let me see! To-day is—yes, it is the tenth. Just two weeks from to-morrow is Christmas!

Miss Betty Dane, spinster, stood before a calendar which hung on her sitting-room wall. She was a plump little woman, upon whose face a faded pink flush still lingered. Her brown eyes were shy, and the brown hair rolled back from her brow was threaded with silver.

"Christmas!" she repeated, as she went back to her rocking chair. "I suppose a Christian woman ought not to say such a thing, but I dread the day," and Miss Betty wiped her eyes.

"I ought to be ashamed, and I am," she went on, rocking to and fro, "but it's dreadful never to have a Christmas like folks who have a family. Now I'm not repining because I'm an old maid, for I never saw the man I'd think of, not for years, anyway," the dull pink in her cheeks burned to crimson. "I haven't a relative in this part of the country, and I am so shy and bashful that I never get close to people. Sometimes I envy people, women, I mean, who get the pretty, dainty gifts that love prompts."

She sat a few minutes in silence, then resumed her half-articulate murmur:

"If I was poor—I mean really, for I am not rich—the church would send me

A little later she stood by the dresser, the shades lowered, and her purchases set out before her. After her usual fashion Miss Betty commended with herself: "You were foolish, Betty Dane, to pay a dollar and a half for a china cup and saucer when you have more than two dozen of them now. But it is a beauty," and touching the fragile porcelain with a caressing finger, "and there's nothing nicer to give a woman than china. There are two handkerchiefs. They are the sheerest, softest linen, and the embroidery is beautiful. I am not so sure about the book. The girl at the store said 'The Blue Flower' was one of the best-selling books of the season. But I did something worse than buying these things."

Miss Betty paused. Her eyes sparkled, and she trembled with excitement.

"You ordered two dozen red carnations sent up to yourself on Christmas eve. Yes, you did, Betty Dane. Well, I suppose you had a right to, only it's too bad there is no one else."

With a sigh she commenced her preparations for supper. The momentary depression passed as her mind dwelt upon her day's outing. When she sat down to her supper Miss Betty was at peace with all the world.

The table was spread with snowy linen, glistening silver and pretty china. There was a quaint, old-fashioned silver teapot of fragrant hyson, bread, a pat of yellow butter, creamed potatoes, thin slices of pink ham, a dish of black-berry jam, and a plate of rich dark fruit cake.

The windows of the dining-room faced the side street. In her abstraction Miss Betty had forgotten to lower the shades.

kerchiefs she had purchased for herself.

"I suppose it is foolish to send a woman in her circumstances such a nice one," she said, in a shame-faced way to Florence, "but women like—well, they like pretty gifts on Christmas."

Florence bent her sunny head and kissed Miss Betty. "It is dear instead of foolish. Why, Miss Betty, that is the Christmas spirit, giving the best."

The day before Christmas was clear and cold. There was no snow, but the earth lay brown and bare in the grasp of the frost king. Just as the shades of evening were beginning to fall Miss Betty emerged from the church where she had been all the afternoon.

"Come home to supper in an hour, dear," she called back to Florence, who stood in the doorway, her sunny head outlined against a mass of dusky evergreens. Florence nodded a smiling assent, and Miss Betty hurried on. She stopped for the mail and found a card from the express office. Calling there she received the package from the florist.

"I am so glad I ordered the carnations," Miss Dane said to herself. "Florence will be delighted with them. In the morning she shall take a few over to Miss Bliss, who is sick. I know Florence will be pleased with the cup and saucer. It seems almost providential that I bought it, for she does love pretty china. And I'm glad I have that other handkerchief for our minister's wife. Mrs. Perry is a real lady, and she don't have any too many of the pretty things women like."

Miss Betty was home by that time. In a trice she had the stoves open and the kettle on. As she took the scarlet carnations from the box and inhaled their spicy fragrance, a gurgling laugh broke from her lips.

"What a duncy you were, Betty Dane, to go and buy yourself Christmas presents! Why, I have given them all away but the book, and I wish there were some one to whom I could give that. I have learned that the blessedness of Christmas is in giving, not in getting." She soon had the coffee and the water for the oysters on the stove. As she brought a dish of salad from the pantry she heard the door bell ring.

Miss Betty went forward and opened the door. A man's voice asked:

"Is Miss Florence Nesbit in?"

"Miss Nesbit will be here in a few minutes. Will you walk in and wait for her?"

"Indeed I will, ma'am. I am the child's uncle, and I have just come home from a long stay abroad to find that my poor sister lost all her money before her death. The idea of Florence teaching school when I've more money than—Eh! Why, you are Betty Dane!"

Miss Betty looked up into the bronzed bearded face.

"Yes, Jack; I am Betty Dane!" The man came a step nearer. "Betty, I was a hot-headed fool in the old days. You were right to throw me over and not to answer my letter, but it hurt. It hurts yet, Betty, for I have never loved any other woman."

The little spinster had grown very pale. Should she speak? It cost her a great effort to put aside her fatal shyness, but she did it.

"I never knew there was a letter, Jack; it did not reach me. I have been true to your memory all these years."

Florence came five minutes later. She found Miss Betty in the arms of her uncle, Jack Patterson. It took some time to explain matters. The delight of the girl almost equaled that of the elderly lovers.

It was while they were at supper that Miss Betty looked up to say:

"Oh! I am so glad I bought that book! You don't understand, Jack, but I've a Christmas present ready for you."

Mr. Patterson's eyes twinkled.

"That is fine. I am sorry, Betty, that I have nothing to offer you, nothing but love."

Glad tears dimmed Miss Betty's sight. Her heart's hunger was satisfied. The perfect human gift—the image of the Gift that brought Christmas to the world—was hers.—Washington Home Magazine.

Save Us from Our Friends.

Once upon a time a man who had experienced a prosperous year in business thought it would be a gracious thing to share his good fortune with his wife, so at Christmas he presented her with the finest diamond necklace he could purchase. When the neighbors saw it they set their heads together and decided that the man had made the gift for the purpose of keeping peace in the family. They wondered what his wife had caught him at, and each invented a bit of scandal to fit the case.

Moral—The easiest thing in this world is to be misunderstood.—J. J. O'Connell, in Town Topics.

A Christmas Nuisance.

Felice and I, we never meet. From one year's end unto another; I seldom think of her, and she has precious little use for me. Yet every Christmas we repeat that awful gift-exchanging bother: "We're fettered to it, wrist and wrist. Each has the other on her 'list.' And 'though we're both heart-sick of it, We neither one would dare to quit." —By Susie M. Best, in Town Topics.

Hard on Brown.

"Jones has it in for Brown and is planning an awful revenge upon him at Christmas."

"Going to send him an infernal machine?"

"No. He's going to give Brown's children a graphophone."—Denver Times.

Thoughtful.

"How kind of papa!"

"What's he sent?"

"A quantity of presents for baby, and on each are directions what to do if he makes himself sick with it! And here are the medicines, too!"—Brooklyn Life.

HIS CHRISTMAS "NIXIE."

The Experience of a Post Office Clerk at the Holiday Season.

The "Nixie" clerk—the one to whom goes all mail with insufficient or illegible addresses—took from his desk in a quiet corner of the post office a tiny, rumpled envelope.

"I never came across a Nixie that was addressed to anyone I knew except this one. Last Christmas the letters began to pile in as usual, addressed to Santa Claus. I reckon I get a hundred every year. On Christmas eve I was working late, and was very sad and lonely here in my corner. There was a great rush at the other windows of the office, and the mails were loaded with Christmas gifts and greetings. A merry crowd rushed through the corridors and laughter sounded all around, but a great shadow of sorrow rested over me, and my eyes burned as I bent over my work. Finally the messenger brought me the last few Nixies of the day, and laid them on my desk. I took up the first one mechanically. Attached to it was a note from Carrier No. 34:

"This was given me by a little girl at 302 Walnut street."

"My blood tingled when I read it, for that was my own home. The envelope was a small one, addressed to 'Santa Claus, North Pole.' I recognized my own little girl's cramped writing. I thought I had a right to open it, as I was her Santa Claus, although she did not know it. This is the letter."

He carefully spread it out, and read it up so it could be read.

"Dear Santa Claus: We are very sad at our home this year, and I don't want you to bring me anything. Little Charlie, my brother, went up to Heaven last week, and all I want you to do when you come to my house is to take his toys to him. I will leave them in the corner by the chimney, his hobby-horse, and train, and everything. He will be lost up in Heaven without them, specially his horse. He always enjoys riding it so much. So you just take them to him, and you needn't mind leaving anything to me. If you could give papa something that would make him stop crying all the time, it would be the best you could do for me. I hear him tell mamma that only eternity could cure him. Could you give him some of that? Be sure to take the things to Charlie, and I will be your good little girl. MARIAN."

In the silence that followed the reading of the letter the Nixie clerk put the tiny envelope back in his desk, says the Youth's Companion. When he did speak there was no sadness in his voice.

"Well, Santa Claus came and took the hobby-horse and the train and everything. If he did not take them to Charlie, he did the next best thing; he left them with a little fellow with a twisted leg at the Children's hospital. Whether old Santa Claus had any 'eternity' to give away or not, I do not know; but I do know that a little child gave me some faith that answered just as well."

USUAL MISFITS.



Fat Lady—Going to hang up your stockings, are you? What do you want in it?

Midget—I'm lookin' for an automobile. What are you?

Fat Lady—Oh, I'm hoping for a diamond ring.—Chicago Daily News.

FIXING CHRISTMAS DAY.

Why the Holiday Is Always Celebrated on the Twenty-Fifth of December.

There are no definite allusions in the writings of any of the disciples of Christ as to the date of His birth, nor has there ever been produced proof of any character as to the exact period in the year when Christ was born. There are, very true, occasional references to the event in the Scriptures, indicating that the nativity occurred in the winter season.

The institution of the anniversary dates back to the second century of Christendom, and it has been since uniformly celebrated by nearly all branches of the Christian church with appropriate rejoicings and ceremonies.

The frequent, and somewhat heated, controversies, however, relative to the date of Christ's birth, early in the fourth century led Pope Julius I. to order a thorough investigation of the subject by the learned theologians and historians of that period, which resulted in an agreement upon December 25, and that decision seemed to have settled all disputes that that date was universally accepted except by the Greek church, says the American Queen. While this date was never changed, the reckoning of it is made according to the Gregorian calendar, which was adopted in the latter part of the sixteenth century, and upon which computations of time in nearly all civilized nations have since rested.

Christmas Adam. Mamma—You have addressed your letter "Mr. Santa Claus Adam." Why did you put the Adam there, dear? That isn't Santa Claus' name.

Bobbie—Well, who is the Christmas Adam, then?

"What Christmas Adam? I never heard of one."

"There's a Christmas Eve, and there ought to be a Christmas Adam, I should think."—Kansas City Journal.

JAPS CAPTURE A FORT.

Undermine One of the Outer Defenses of Port Arthur and Drive Russians Out.

London, Dec. 20.—Confirmation has been received here of the report that the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur has stormed and captured North fort, on East Kekwan mountain, after exploding a mine under the fortifications. The fort is now occupied by a strong force of Japanese. The capture of the fort was a complete surprise to the Russian garrison, there having been no preparatory bombardment. Japanese sappers drove shafts 40 feet under the parapet of the fort from the escarpment and moat. In these two tons of dynamite were exploded simultaneously, completely wrecking the interior of the fort, whilst siege and shrapnel guns shelled Russian troops in the vicinity. A desperate hand-to-hand conflict followed, the struggle lasting from two p. m. until near midnight, when the few Russian survivors retreated to the city, and the fort was captured.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Telegraphing under date of December 18, Vice Admiral Togo says: "There is no room left to doubt that the enemy's ships in the harbor of Port Arthur are totally unfit for service. The battleships Peresviet, Poltava, Reizvan and Pobeda, and the cruisers Palaida and Bayan, have been abandoned and no boats are seen near them."

It is probable that Admiral Togo will soon return to Japan, leaving a junior admiral to conduct the final operations and to continue the blockade.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about 1,000 yards southeast of 203-Metre hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liaotai mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur. The fighting against Sungshu mountain continues.

DENIES HER GUILT.

Kan Patterson Testifies in Her Own Behalf—Declares She Did Not Kill Young.

New York, Dec. 20.—In a voice quivering with emotion, but filled with dramatic intensity, Nan Patterson, who is on trial charged with the murder of Caesar Young, the bookmaker, recited to the jury the scenes in her life which had to do with her dealings with Young. Not only did Miss Patterson swear that she did not kill Young, but she denied every circumstance in the case which the state has brought up against her. She testified that as a result of her conference with Young, it was agreed that she should join him in England. During the ride in the cab to the pier, from which Young was to take the steamer, she told him she had decided not to meet him in London. He grew vehement and declared he had lost all his money on the races, and now he was losing her. He grabbed her and hurt her so that she complained. Finally she broke loose from him and bent over. Then she heard a report, saw a flash and Young fell into her arms.

"Did you, or did you not, shoot 'Caesar' Young, Nan?" said Lawyer Levy.

"I did not," replied the witness, in a firm voice. "I would give my own life to bring him back if it were in my power. I never saw the revolver with which he was shot."

WALL FALLS.

Crashes Through Hotel in Minneapolis—Twelve Persons Reported Killed.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—By the falling of the east wall of the O. H. Peck building, destroyed by fire last Tuesday night, 12 people, occupants of the Crocker hotel, are thought to be dead, and the hotel is now burning, the fire having been started, it is thought, from gas in the building. The names of those in the hotel, thought to be dead, as they have not been seen since the wall fell at 1:30 a. m., are: Hans Anderson, William Bray, William Crocker, Mrs. Le Claire, Jennie Morris, William Morris, one woman and five men, names unknown. Mrs. William Morris was seriously injured and may die.

Robbers Get \$5,000.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—At Carbon, a mining town in Adams county, two men blew the safe in the store of R. S. Mariette and got away with \$5,000 which had been deposited there for safety by stock buyers. The robbers escaped. Bloodhounds have been put on their trail.

Fire in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—The large three-story building at Nos. 919 and 921 Walnut street, occupied by about half a dozen business concerns, was totally destroyed by fire Monday night, entailing a loss estimated at \$300,000.

Wood Alcohol Kills Ten.

Ashland, Ky., Dec. 20.—Four more have been added to the list of six dead and two are reported dying from the effects of wood alcohol poisoning at the mouth of Beaver, Big Sandy.

A Bad Fire.

St. Cloud, Minn., Dec. 20.—Fire which started from a hot stove in a meat market at Royalton Monday nearly destroyed the entire business portion of that village. The post office was badly damaged. The total loss is about \$30,000, with \$18,000 insurance.

Four Die in Burning Oil.

New York, Dec. 20.—By an explosion and the burning of 1,000,000 gallons of petroleum on a Standard Oil company's barge at sea off Long Branch, N. J., Sunday afternoon, four men were burned to death.

Assistance Needed.

The real-estate man was doing his best to sell an undesirable job. "I guess you're a good deal like the man who caught the bear," said his prospective victim, who was pretty foxy.

"What do you mean?"

"You want some one to help you let go."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Looks Like Malpractice.

Dr. Cuts—I made an awful mistake when I diagnosed that man's case as appendicitis.

Dr. Slash—What did the operation disclose?

"That he didn't have a cent."—Cleveland Leader.

An Atlantic Highlands man has been trying to save a bluff from the encroachment of the sea. He has found out what the wild waves are saying—they are calling his bluff.—Baltimore American.

Doing Great Work.

Florian, Mo., Dec. 19th.—(Special.)—That Dadd's Kidney Pills are doing a great work in curing the more terrible forms of Kidney Disease, such as Bright's Disease, Dropsy and Diabetes, everybody knows. But it must also be noted that they are doing a still greater work in wiping out thousands of cases of the earlier stages of Kidney Disease. Take for instance Mrs. Peter Barreau, of this place. She says:—

"I have been subject to pains in my back and knees for about three years, but since I have been taking Dadd's Kidney Pills I have been entirely cured."

Others here tell similar stories. In fact, in this part of Missouri there are scores of people who have cured the early symptoms of Kidney Disease with Dadd's Kidney Pills. The use of the great American Kidney Remedy thus saved not only the lives of Kidney Disease victims, but thousands of other Americans from years of sufferings.

About the most terrific combination that has developed up to date is an intoxicated chauffeur and an automobile.—Boston Transcript.

TWO YEARS OF AGONY.

One Cake of Cuticura Soap and One Box of Cuticura Cured Baby's Awful Humour.

"When my sister was eighteen months old a humor broke out on her shoulders, extending clear across the back. For two years it caused her intense suffering. It would scab over and then crack open and a watery matter ooze from it. Then the scabs would fall off and it would be raw for a time. We had several different doctors and tried everything we could think of, but without effecting a cure. Then we got one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, which cured her completely and without scar or blemish. (Signed) Lillie Chase Walker, 5 Tiemont St., Woodford, Me."

The widower whose children watch him closely is as free as a bird compared with the bachelor who lives with an old maid sister.—Atchison Globe.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 50c.

A small cottage here on earth is better than a castle in the air.—Chicago Daily News.

Pino's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Whether it is a misfortune to go to the grave unused depends somewhat on the qualifications of the sinner.—Smart Set.

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The cynic gets his opinions before the mirror.—Chicago Tribune.

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Will be paid to our customers the 28, 29 and 30th of December.

Do you save Your Sales Slips!

Bring them in on above date and get your dividend. If you can't come personally mail them to us, and get your check.

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SPECIAL SALE ON Johnston's High Grade Candies,

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Special sale on Prayer Books and Rosaries.

Special prices on religious Christmas Cards and Crib, cards.

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Give Furniture for Christmas Gifts

This week we offer absolutely unmatched values, in gifts that will live a long time. Furniture, Pictures and Wooden Toys in Endless Variety. From the simple little pieces to the most ornate, and no matter what price you pay, you'll get greatest value for your money HERE. Sewing Machines for Gifts, We have just added to our Furniture department a line of the famous high grade "New Royal" Sewing Machines: 5 drawers, drop head at \$25.00. 7 drawers, drop head, automatic lift \$35.00. Cabinet Machines \$37.50. 10 years Guarantee with every machine, latest improvement.

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Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS, Default has been made in payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 26th day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and three, executed by Otis E. Youngquist and S. Wilhelmina Youngquist, his wife, of the City of Escanaba, Michigan, to Ole Erickson of the same place, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Delta in Liber T of Mortgages on page 44 on the 27th, day of January, 1903. And whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred Eighty-six and 67/100 Dollars (\$4186 67/100), of principal and interest, together with the statutory costs of foreclosure, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage nor any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House in the City of Escanaba, Michigan, in said County on the 27th, day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in mortgage as follows, to wit: The South Ninety (90) feet of Lots No. Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of Block No. Fifty-Five (55) of the Village (now City) of Escanaba, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Dated this 26th, day of September, 1904.
F. D. WARD, Attorney.
OLE ERICKSON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a writ fieri facias, issued out of the Circuit Court for the County of Delta, in favor of Escanaba Hardware Company, a corporation under the laws of Michigan, against the goods and chattels and real estate of John Lehr, in said county, to me directed and delivered, I did on the 12th, day of November, last, levy upon and take all the right, title and interest of the said John Lehr, in and

to the following described real estate, that is to say, his undivided one-half interest in and to the S. W. 1-4 of the S. W. 1-4 of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Forty (40) North, of Range Twenty-three (23) West, all in Escanaba Township, in Delta County, Michigan. All of which I shall expose for sale at public auction or vendue to the highest bidder at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Escanaba, in said County, on the 28th day of January, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated this 24th day of December, A. D. 1904.
ALEX. ROBERTS, Sheriff in and for Delta County, Mich.
L. C. JENNINGS, Attorney for Escanaba Hardware Co.

Dissolution Notice

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Nels Nelson and John Logan under the firm name of Nelson & Logan was dissolved on Dec. 6, 1904. All bills due the firm will be collected by Mr. Nelson and all liabilities will be paid him.

NELS NELSON,
JOHN LOGAN.

Notice

To the taxpayers of Masonville Township: The tax roll for this township is now in my hands and taxes can be paid at my office in S. Buchman's store.

MOSE BUCHMAN
Township Treasurer.

Very Low Rates to Lansing, Mich.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold December 26, limited for return until December 31, 1904, inclusive, on account of State Teachers' meeting. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

Notice.

On and after January 1st, 1905, the banks named below will not open evenings.
Banking hours 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Saturdays, 9 a. m. to 12 m.
Bank of Escanaba,
State Savings Bank

Notice.

I herewith notify the public that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife, Mary Jolly.

J. H. JOLLY.

FOR SALE, at a low price, post-office

equipment, fixtures, call and lock boxes, etc., will be sold as a whole or in parts. Everything in first class condition. Inquire of JOHN SEMER, Escanaba, Mich.

Stockholders Meeting.

(First publication Dec. 2, 1904.)
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Escanaba, Michigan, for the election of directors will be held at the banking house in Escanaba on Tuesday, January 10, 1905, between the hours of nine a. m. and 4 p. m.

Farm For Sale.

For sale, at Rapid River, Mich., a farm of 115 acres, farm house, barns and other buildings, stock, and complete farming outfit. Fifty acres are improved. The soil is black bottom land and raises good crops. Farm buildings are in good condition. Machinery is almost new and is the latest improved kind. Stock comprises four horses, six cows, sheep and hogs. Farm is free from any mineral or oil reservation. Present owner desires change of climate on account of his health. For price and terms write or call upon

August SCHRAMM,
Rapid River, Mich.

Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo.

Via the Northwestern Line, will be in effect from all stations January 7, 8 and 9, 1905, with favorable return limits, on account of Annual Conventions, National Live Stock and Wool Growers Associations. Two fast trains through to Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

Who's Afraid?

This is the title of a beautiful steel engraving, issued by the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, that will please the little folks and be an adornment to the nursery. It is 6x9 inches in size, printed on heavy card with wide margins, suitable for framing. Sent to any address on receipt of four cents in postage by W. B. Kniskern, passenger traffic manager, Chicago.

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FOR SALE--Lots 11-12, block 3, Camp

cells 1st edition to city. Inquire of Jas. S. Doherty & Bro.

Annual Canadian Excursions Via Ann Arbor Railroad.

On December 15th, 16th and 17th, the Ann Arbor Railroad will sell excursions tickets at one fare for the round trip, good to return until January 7th, 1904, from all stations on its line to points in Canada on the Grand Trunk Ry., System, Michigan Central R. R., Intercolonial Ry., Canadian Pacific Ry., Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo and Wash-Ry. Inquire of agents as to time of trains, routes, etc., or address J. J. Kirby, G. P. A. Toledo, Ohio.

Tourist Tickets to Colorado

Round trip tourist tickets are on sale during the winter months to Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo at low reduced rates via the Chicago, Union Pacific & Northwestern Line, good on fast through trains, with high class equipment. The best of everything. For maps, booklets and list of Colorado hotels with rates apply to ticket agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

For Sale.

One 12 horse power Traction Engine; one good separator; one water tank and truck; one good sawing machine, capacity 40 cords per day; everything in good condition. For price and further particulars apply to S. BELANGER, Bark River, Mich.

Notice.

I herewith give notice that all goods which have been left with me as security for board bills will be sold after Jan. 1, 1905, if they are not reclaimed and the bills paid.

FRANK BORDEAU, Prop.
50-4t. New Fayette House.

FOR SALE CHEAP--A large automatic

Regina music box with nickel-in-the-slot attachment, in fine condition. Cost \$380.00, will sell for \$125.00. A money maker for a public place. Address P. O. Box 113, Escanaba, Mich.

Good Coal Stove for sale. Inquire at

this office.
FARM FOR SALE--80 acre farm in Danforth settlement, with or without inventory. Thirty acres clear and timber for a house. CHARLES SEALANDER.

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FRUIT TREES FROM EAST.

Lynn, Mass., Man Was the First to Introduce Industry Into California.

It was a Lynn (Mass.) man who carried to California her first fruit trees. E. A. Ingalls, a '49-er, took from Lynn to California 55 years ago the shipment of cultivated fruit trees that started the state's great fruit-growing industry. When the gold fever broke out Mr. Ingalls, a young man then, took passage round the Horn. The voyage required 133 days. All the pioneers carried such things as they thought would be useful and profitable to sell or trade, but Mr. Ingalls' luggage was the most cumbersome of any, for his fruit trees were numerous and of all sorts. He disposed of these trees at a good price, and then set out for the interior to find gold. He found none. His luck was miserable. So he returned to Lynn again and there his life was as successful as in California it had been unsuccessful. Mr. Ingalls was a lawyer, and a business man in Lynn and his is one of the most honored names in the town's history. It should be one of the most honored names in California's history, too. It was no small thing that great state on fruit-growing career.

SEA HAS GROWN DEEPER.

Level of the Mediterranean Nine Feet Above That During Old Roman Times.

The phenomenon of the changes in the level of the sea is one which is well shown in the case of the Mediterranean. M. Ph. Negrin, in a recent brochure presented to the Academy of Sciences, furnishes interesting information on this point, it being apparent that the sea has greatly increased in depth as compared to ancient times. Formerly a bridge 3,900 feet long united Leucade to the continent. To-day it is submerged, but the foundations of the work were discovered, 11 feet beneath the surface. It may therefore be concluded that since the construction of the bridge the sea has risen at this point over nine feet. At Itea, in the Bay of Amphissa, there has been observed a mole that is also over nine feet beneath the surface. At Rhenee there has been found a completely submerged dock, evidently of Roman construction, the depth of the sea above the dock at places being fully nine feet. From all of these facts one may conclude that there has taken place an important increase in the depth of the sea since the Roman period, the Mediterranean having risen at least nine feet in 2,000 years.

THE IRON PORT.

BY THE IRON PORT CO.

G. F. Mc Ewen, Mgr.

Entered at the postoffice at Escanaba, Mich., as second class matter. Subscription price, \$2.00 per year, in advance.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1904.

The Story of Santa Claus.

Just about this time each year some dodger whose liver is out of order or who has whiskers which pull comes out with a statement giving scientific, moral and healthful reasons why this mythical story of Santa Claus ought to be done away with. He tells us that to tell the children of good old Saint Nicholas is deception, a form of vice which will, in later life, work great injury to the youngsters. We have little patience with such cranks.

There is no time in the life of the average individual like that of childhood and there is no happiness like the happiness of childhood. And in all the days of childhood there are none so happy as the days of the Christmas. And what would Christmas be without the Santa Claus story? The story is a good story. It is the story of love and kindness and thoughtfulness of an old saint for all the children of the kindness and the love and the thoughtful consideration.

No better proof of the belief of the children could be asked than is contained in the article published in our local news columns yesterday when we gave a number of letters which children had written to the Santa Claus advertised at a department store. The letters showed evidence of the positive faith of the little ones, of the practical assurance they had that their wishes, however great, would be fulfilled. That alone amounts to a great deal. Don't try to do away with the story of Santa Claus. It would spoil half the fun of the holiday time. It would spoil the Christmas time for children and that spoils it for the older folks for the greatest joy of those of middle or mature age is the observation of the joy and happiness of the little folks of their kin.

If you think that the deception practiced in repeating the Santa Claus tale is going to hurt any young mind. Remember the joyful anticipation you yourself had for weeks preceding Christmas and remember the happiness which the day brought to you when you were a youngster. Then try to think if the awakening to the true realization of the Santa Claus myth ever made you a liar in later life. If you are practicing deception in your present life it is not because you were taught it by the Santa Claus story. Only cranks, crabbed cranks, tell us to do away with Santa Claus.—Houghton Gazette.

A large bounty for wolves is the remedy many hunters are urging as a cure for the slaughter of deer by these wild animals. The complaints come from many upper peninsula counties and it is also said that wolves are increasing each year. The present bounties, \$7.50 for the county and \$7.50 for the state, are insufficient. The combined bounty of \$15 looks to the uninitiated like a good sized sum for a wolf's head, but the fact that it is not a sufficient inducement to keep trappers and hunters steadily after the wolves seems to conclusively show that it is insufficient. The wolf deserves the reputation it so generally enjoys of being the most vile inhabitant of the northern forests. It is intelligent beyond most of the other animals, and is most difficult to trap. To take it by strategy demands a world of patience and much ingenuity. It is as hard to hunt down. In fact this feat is seldom attempted. Most of the wolves that are killed off are brought down by hunters who blunder onto the animals, or the wolves, in turn, blunder onto the

hunters, the result in either instance being equally disastrous, if the hunters are good shots.

The census shows that there are 1,638,321 more males than females in this country. With the passing of leap year the poor fellows will be thrown on their own resources again.

County Correspondence

BARK RIVER.

The indoor base ball team has no games in sight. Some of the members of the team are somewhat slow in getting around to practice and so the interest in the game is not as good as when the team was organized. The Rapid River team which has recently been organized, wants a game with the local boys.

Mrs. Daneau, of Schaffer, returned Wednesday from a visit at Escanaba.

Miss Lillian Frechette returned Thursday from St. Joseph's Academy in Green Bay to spend the holidays at her home.

The Douglas orchestra played at J. B. Frechette's store, Thursday, and Friday and will play this afternoon and evening.

Miss Julia Donovan, of Ishpeming, and Miss Ruth Wernberg, of Marquette left last week for their homes to spend the holidays.

The New Year's ball which will be given in Frechette's hall Jan. 2, promises to be a very successful event, and will undoubtedly be largely attended.

Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening; at the Mission church on Monday evening; and at the Swedish Lutheran church on Sunday evening. All three churches will have a Christmas tree and exercises consisting of recitations and songs.

Norman Bros. have purchased the hemlock timber from eighty acres of land owned by Matt Rolfsen, of Narenta. They will cut the timber this winter and Henry Norman will go to Narenta after Jan. 1, to take charge of the camp.

Taxes are not being paid very rapidly at the township treasurer's office. Already one per cent is added for collection and after Jan. 10 four per cent will be added.

John Allen, has moved on to the Henry Gasman farm.

Ole Anderson, made a trip to Escanaba Wednesday.

Henry Gasman, transacted business in Escanaba Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Gasman on Tuesday of last week a baby boy.

Christmas mass will be celebrated at midnight tonight at the Catholic church. For some time past the church choir has been practicing and has prepared for the occasion a fine musical program: following is the program:

PROGRAM	
Choir	
Miss Lyda Frechette, directress and organist, Miss Annie Loeffler and Miss Annie Bond sopranos, Joe Filion, Louis Douglas, tenors, George Labre, Louis Belanger bases, Emma Doono, Mary Loeffler altos.	
O Babe Devine..... Dressler	Edward Douglas, violin
Kyrie..... Millords	Choir
Gloria..... Choir	
Credo..... Choir	
Evening Song..... H. Berger	Edward Douglas Violin Solo.
Sanctus..... Millord	Choir
Lena March..... Spousier	

ROCK.

Our town board is considering the advisability of passing an ordinance providing for a heavy fine for those young ladies of marriageable age who fail to propose this year, and a still heavier fine with imprisonment for those bachelors who refuse to accept when the question is popped to them. A wise measure.

It is not so much the man behind the team now-a-days as it is the man behind the man behind the team.

Our young people most certainly are taking advantage of the nice sleigh riding weather.

Miss Mary Lusardi, of Trombly was a caller here Sunday.

There has been several men around this vicinity the past week looking for work.

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AFTER DECEMBER 28th.

Miss Della Frost, is reported quite sick the past week.

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Trombly's popular correspondent has been off duty for some time. Has he gone to join the Russian army?

Ered Frost, transacted business in Escanaba Saturday.

Albert Larson, went to Escanaba Monday.

A farewell party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sayen in honor of Miss Thiebert who for the past two months has been visiting here. A very large crowd attended. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and etc., until a late hour when all retired to their homes. Miss Thiebert leaves tomorrow for her home at Florence, Wis.

Mr. J. Frost, was a caller at Trombly Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bridges, drove to Trombly Saturday.

RAPID RIVER

Miss Bell Ambrust, arrived yesterday from Escanaba to spend a few days here.

Miss Nina Carmody is expected home to-day from Stephenson, where she has been teaching.

Emma Sebram won the medal contest held at Gladstone on Friday night of last week under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

A New Year's ball will be given by the Knights of the Maccabees.

Charles Belstrom returned from Escanaba Thursday.

Mrs. Rogers, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sol Jerome.

Miss Eleanor Hibbard drove to Gladstone Thursday, to meet her sister, Mrs. Wm. Johnson, who returned Thursday.

The Misses Harkins and Flynn, returned to Escanaba after the schools were closed this week. Miss O'Brien went to Ashland, Wis.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rieble has recovered from an attack of diphtheria.

The schools were closed last week on account of diphtheria. Miss Vicary, one of the teachers, was taken sick with the disease, and as the pupils in her room had been exposed, the authorities thought it best to close the schools. Every precaution has been taken to prevent any spread of the disease.

Louis Buchman, is home from the Houghton Mining school to spend the holidays.

Taxes are coming in rather slow this year. After Jan. 10, 4 per cent will be added for collection.

P. L. Bart, of Gladstone, visited here Thursday.

Mrs. J. C. Valind, of Escanaba, visited here this week.

The young ladies are organizing basket ball teams. Two teams will be organized.

The several months old child of Mrs. Nettie Prior died Wednesday morning of bronchitis. The funeral was held Thursday.

A case of small pox has appeared in Rapid River. Geo. Magher is quite sick with the disease and a strict quarantine is enforced at his home. The contracting of the disease can be traced to Esau where there are cases of the same kind.

Christmas exercises were held last night in the Congregational church.

Christmas mass will be held at the Catholic church at midnight tonight and ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

Mose Buchman, the genial proprietor of the Globe, says he is feeling blue because leap year will soon be over.

J. R. Anguillm Jr. and wife drove to Escanaba Thursday. They returned from Escanaba over the new bay shore road. They report that the road is in fairly good shape.

Many sporting men from Escanaba and Gladstone attended the boxing match held last night in the opera house between Pat Ryan of Escanaba and Jack McKay of the Soo.

Fred C. Adams and wife are visiting in Rapid River. Mr. Adams travels in the south for the Clyde Iron Works of Duluth.

PERKINS.

Mr. R. S. Morse, and son Willie, went to Escanaba Wednesday.

Misses Rose Doran, Ella Norden and Mildred Whitney, went to Escanaba Friday returning Saturday.

Art. Stiles went to Escanaba Thursday returning home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zornow, and daughter Lula, drove to Gladstone Tuesday.

Little Eva Beauchamp, who has been suffering with typhoid fever, is out of danger but still very low.

The one-year-old daughter of John B. Geroux, died Tuesday of consumption. The little one had been suffering for a long time. The funeral was held Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeifer, of Rapid River, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Winde, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Young, of Brampton, spent Sunday in Perkins.

Mr. Perry, the operator at Winde, is off for a ten days vacation and expects to spend the holidays in Gladstone and Escanaba.

All the schools are preparing elaborate Christmas entertainments. The pupils of the Beaver school will render their entertainment on Thursday afternoon. The pupils of both schools at Perkins have gone in together and all are anxiously waiting for Friday night to see Santa Claus. Under the supervision of Miss Doran and Miss Norden, the entertainment tends to be grand one.

BRAMPTON.

Miss Ethel Wellstead, and Mrs. Joseph Richards visited Gladstone Monday.

Mr. W. M. Conger, transacted business in Gladstone this week.

Mrs. John Dwyer and Mr. A. J. Vouker visited Miss Marie and Mr. John McGraw Sunday.

Miss Marie McGraw, left for Gladstone Monday to assist in her brother's store for the holidays.

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LIVE CITY NEWS ITEMS.

Many Minor Municipal Matters Gathered From Various Sources.

ESCANABA AND VICINITY

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

The High School base ball schedule for next spring will be arranged as far as possible this winter and the management will endeavor to secure games early and present them to the board of control of the local athletic association for approval.

At St. Stephen's Episcopal church services will be held on Christmas day and will be accompanied by special music. The church will be decorated for the occasion. Services will be as follows: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Morning service, Holy Communion and sermon, 10:30 a. m.; Evening prayer, 7:30 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend these services. The children of the Sunday school will have their Christmas exercises on Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Q. R. Hessel will return from Iowa to-day with a car load of horses.

Miss Maud Wixson returned Thursday from the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, to spend the holidays at her home.

Irving McEwen, traveling representative for Nelson Baker & Co. of Detroit, manufacturing chemists, is home from his territory in North and South Dakota, to spend the holidays.

At the Peterson opera house. Wednesday Dec. 23, the domestic melodrama "Human Hearts" will be presented by a good company and with elaborate scenic environment. Its pathos is said to be effective; its mirth irresistible; and its dramatic situations strong and stirring. It will be presented faithfully, both in its setting and in the action which will reveal with marked clearness and force, its very remarkable plot.

Six inches of snow fell in Escanaba between 10 o'clock Monday night and Tuesday night, according to measurements taken by Observer W. P. Stewart. It was thought that the snow would improve the sleighing, but it is so dry that the roads are but little better than before.

The beautiful play "Human Hearts" is said to leave a favorable impression wherever it is presented. Its naturalness disarms criticism; the spectator yielding himself to its power to make laugh or cry, as the case may be. The elements of comedy and pathos are artistically employed, and the lights and shades of the story are finely proportioned with a view to unity.

Miss Tessie Greenhoot, who is attending the Milwaukee Downer college, is home to spend the holidays.

The members of the city fire department No. 2, will celebrate Christmas this year with an elaborately decorated tree.

The Christmas exercises of the Baptist church will be held this evening.

The Christmas exercises of the Methodist church will be held on Thursday evening of next week.

W. A. Cox, who recently conducted a meat market at 507 Ludington street, and whose mind became somewhat unbalanced, is now in a sanatorium at Marshall, Mich.

Hugo Olson and George Hamilton, two boys arrested for truancy, by Truant Officer George McCarthy, were arraigned before Justice Glaser last Friday, and were sentenced to the Industrial School at Lansing. Sentence was suspended though, during their good behavior and upon their promise to attend school regularly in future.

Damage to the extent of \$500 was caused by fire last Saturday in the home of Mrs. B. Schram 311 Harrison ave. The fire caught in a couch in a room on the second floor and was caused by a spark from a defective stove pipe.

Will, Marble of Gladstone was in the city yesterday.

Mrs G. C. Empson and Miss Ailwyn Empson of Gladstone visited in the city yesterday.

The Sunday school exercises of St. Stephen's Episcopal church will be held on Tuesday night of next week and the students of St. Joseph's school will give an entertainment in the Opera house on the same evening.

J. W. Woodlams, was unable to meet his classes at the high school yesterday on account of sickness.

The machinists union gave a dancing party at Clark's hall Thursday night.

The barber shops in the city will be open on Monday until 10 a. m.

Supervisor E. E. Besson, of Baldwin township, was in the city Thursday.

Miss Vera Morrell has returned from Kalamazoo, where she is attending the Presbyterian seminary. She will visit at her home here until after the holidays.

WHAT THIS MAN SAYS

Only Re-echoes the Sentiments of Thousands in our Republic.

The Escanaba reader is asked to thoroughly investigate the following.

This can be readily done for the gentleman whose statement is published below will only be too pleased to answer any communication mailed to him if the writer really suffers from the annoying consequences which always attend inactive or weakened kidneys.

Albert Mohr, of 210 Jackson street dealer in horses whose stable is at Wausau says: "I had more or less backache for about a year. At times I was quite free from it, then again if I caught cold it went to the kidneys and my work causing a strain on the back was sure to make me worse than usual. I do not know whether I had kidney complaint or not but I had an aching back, one of the symptoms when these organs are not right. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills curing such ailments and got a box at a drug store. They are a pleasant remedy to use and they did the work. There has been no return of the trouble and there is no indication of it at the present time, so I consider myself cured. In my mind Doan's Kidney Pills do just what is claimed for them and in this respect I am glad to endorse them."

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VISITS A THIBETAN TEMPLE

English Officer Describes Diabolical Rites of Monks in Buddhist Cathedral.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, gives a striking description of a visit to the Buddhist cathedral there during the service. The correspondent says: "The monks have extraordinary deep, devotional voices, reaching deeper tones than any western bass. The voice of a thousand monks resembles the drone of a subterranean monster, musically plaintive—the voice of the earth-god praying for release to the god of the skies."

"In the inner temple are three enormous images of the Buddhist trinity, set with jewels from foot to crown. In the upper story, in a place called 'hall,' some lamas were worshipping the demon protectress of the grand lama. The music here was harsh and barbaric. On pillars and on the walls were displayed every freak of diabolical invention in the shape of scrolls and devil masks."

"The obscene object of this worship was huddled in a corner, a dwarfish abortion hideous and malignant enough for such rites. All about the lamas' feet ran little white mice, searching for grain, with which they are fed daily. They are scrupulously revered, as in their frail bodies the soul of previous guardians of the shrine are believed to be reincarnated."

"Some of the rites were conducted in absolute silence. As we watched from a latticed window some acolytes looked up, but the monks sat like stone figures, apparently oblivious of our presence. The reek of candles was almost suffocating. "Thank God I'm not a lama," said a subaltern at my side, as we clattered out of this unholy atmosphere of dreams."

SEA MONSTERS IN BATTLE

Swordfish Succeeds in Vanquishing Two Whales, One 70 and the Other 55 Feet in Length.

Capt. Swenson, of the launch Leona, which arrived at San Pedro, Cal., recently from San Nicholas Island, reports a desperate battle between a swordfish and two whales which occurred off that island and resulted in the death of both whales, the bodies being washed ashore by the tides and secured by Swenson.

When first seen by Swenson the battle was at its height and the monsters of the deep were lashing the waves into fury in their desperate conflict, the huge bodies of the whales rising many feet out of the water in their attempt to inflict damage to their enemy. The swordfish, which was an exceptionally large specimen, had the fight all his own way and succeeded in killing both its adversaries.

The larger of the whales is about 70 feet in length and 20 feet in diameter, while the smaller is 55 feet in length and 19 feet in diameter. The sword of the swordfish had entirely penetrated the body of the larger whale and there were numerous jabs in the bodies of both. The bodies were washed upon the beach, and Capt. Swenson made an ineffectual attempt to pull the small specimen off the beach and tow it to San Pedro, but the weight was too much for his engines. He thereupon covered the bodies with sand and will make an attempt to bring them over, using a larger boat.

YALE ALUMNI STATISTICS.

Official Catalogue Puts the Number of Living Graduates of University at 12,741.

According to the Yale triennial catalogue, which has been issued under the direction of Secretary Anson Phelps Stokes, of the Yale corporation, the number of Yale graduates since the founding of the institution is 22,035. This covers the period from 1701 up to date. It is also estimated that during that period there have been about 27,000 students at the university.

The bachelors of art number 14,202, bachelors of philosophy 3,106, masters of art, on examination, 288; doctors of medicine 309, bachelors of law 1,601, doctors of civil law 125, masters of law 146, doctors of philosophy 484, bachelors of divinity 338, honorary degrees 1,182.

The dead graduates number 9,291. There are 12,741 graduates living. Since the last catalogue was issued the gain in living graduates has been 1,308 and 449 have died. The next catalogue will not be issued until 1910, and then every five years after.

Wedded Ninety-Two Years.

The oldest married couple in the United States are believed to be James Davis and wife, negroes, who live at Wselder, Tex. They celebrated the ninety-second anniversary of their marriage a few days ago. Davis is 116 years old and his wife is 110 years old. He was born in Jones county, Georgia, and his wife was born at Mount Sellers, Ga. They spent 70 years in slavery. Their owner, Mrs. Sarah Davis, brought them to this region in 1840. A son of Mrs. Davis lives near here and he has a record of the birth and marriage of this couple handed down from his great-grandfather.

New Discovery in Bee.

At the recent meeting of the Academy of Science, Paris, M. Phisalix described certain researches upon bees stings, from which he concludes that the poison of the bee contains three principles—one convulsive, one stupefying and one which gives rise to acute inflammation. The existence in the poison of an insect of two poisons directly opposed to one another is, it is stated, a new discovery.

the police station in the Black Maria it exposes its real ethical standard and gives countenance and support to exactly such actions as Watterson and other critics condemn in the smart set of Newport. The real ethical principle which governs society is "all you need is the price." The smart set is but the reflex of an almost universal social condition. The Wattersons make rather cheap notoriety for themselves by periodically pouring forth the vials of their wrath on the actions of the Four Hundred, but when it comes to condemning the economic conditions which make the Four Hundred possible they are most industriously silent.

Short of progressively raising the standard of life and maintaining its economic position by raising the wage rate of the working class, I can conceive of no more important duty for the trade union than to inculcate proper ethical standards in the minds of its members, for it is by means of an entire change in the ethical point of view that the emancipation of labor will finally be accomplished. Most workmen are embryo capitalists, embryo members of the smart set. All they lack is the opportunity. Whenever they are ready to repudiate the economic and so the moral principles which animate present day society their emancipation is assured, for they are in the majority and can have any system they really want. Capitalism flourishes because the workers would be capitalists if they could and are filled with the morality of capitalism.

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Vallejo, Cal.

THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST.

How It May Be Protected From Greedy and Stubborn Employers.

Senator Mason of Illinois has announced his intention of introducing a bill into congress to protect the interests of the public in labor conflicts like the coal strike. The bill is to empower the government in such cases to authorize the attorney general to appoint a receiver for the property and continue the business until laborers and owners can come to terms by arbitration or otherwise.

Simultaneously with this comes a pamphlet from a prominent member of the Suffolk (Mass.) bar arguing from a common law basis that when property owners so use their property as to create a public interest in its administration the public has a constitutional right to participate in the management under certain conditions. In support of this he cites the opinion of Chief Justice Waite:

"Property becomes clothed with a public interest when used in a manner to make it of public consequence and affect the community at large. When therefore one devotes his property to a use in which the public has an interest, he in effect grants to the public an interest in that use and must submit to be controlled by the public for the common good to the extent of the interest he has thus created."

All this shows the tendency public opinion is taking and is sure to take if expropriations insist upon acting in defiance of the public interest upon the theory that "God in his infinite wisdom" has put the whole matter into their hands. The altogether more prevalent notion and the one that is sure to assert itself with increasing effectiveness is that "God in his infinite wisdom" has given control of this matter to the people, and they will proceed to exercise it through various forms of caustic legislation.—Guntow's Magazine.

Do You Hear the Colonel?

In his report to the president on the subject of a distinct anthracite labor union Carroll D. Wright said:

"Some of the operators do not hesitate to say—and it is believed that this statement is favorably regarded by some of the union officers—that no great progress will be made toward a more peaceful condition in the mining regions until the anthracite miners have a union of their own, its autonomy individualized and not complicated with that of the bituminous coal miners. This suggestion is made when discussing the question of discipline, the operators claiming that they had no trouble in the anthracite regions until the union of the bituminous coal miners undertook to organize the anthracite coal miners and that if the anthracite coal miners had a union of their own, which might possibly be affiliated with the bituminous coal miners, they (the operators) would be in a better position and in better temper to meet their employees through the organization than now, when they are obliged to deal with what they term strangers and outsiders."

Card Asks For Cards.

Matrimony among the lady clerks of St. Paul is hereafter to be conducted on union lines. The young women of the clerks' union, according to the dispatches, have organized a league which has as its purpose the rejection of the attentions of men who are not members of their respective trades-unions. The platform of the league states that "a union built for two should be loyally affiliated with a union standing for decent hours and proper compensation." Suitors for the hands of the lady clerks will be compelled to show their cards when they put in an appearance, and when a man's card is recognized at one house it will not be good anywhere else.

Spoon or Chopstick.

Without capital labor is unemployed. Without labor capital is unproductive. By the union of capital and labor wealth is produced. Capital accumulates wealth rapidly. Labor can keep the wolf from the door, but nothing more. Capital was born with a golden spoon in its mouth, labor with a chopstick.—Dallas Farm and Ranch.

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GIRL "WORKS" FARM.

CHICAGO MATHEWS HAS SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Miss Lillian Mathews Comes to City for Winter, But Will Return in Spring — Tries Outdoor Life for Her Health.

Chicago.—Chicago's only "girl farmer," Miss Lillian Mathews, has just returned for the winter to her Austin home after a most successful and remarkable season of strenuous agricultural endeavor in Michigan.

Single-handed and in loneliness, Miss Mathews, who is a pretty slip of a girl, has farmed 30 acres of land near Bradley, Mich.

This remarkable performance of Miss Mathews was no fad, and it is not likely to become one among women.

The young woman, who is the daughter of John A. Mathews, of Austin and a grand daughter of Charles H. Chadwick, original owner of the old Dearborn theater, took to farming to save her health and make possible her ambition to go on the stage.

During the winter she will study up on agricultural topics that apply directly to her 30-acre farm, and in the spring she will return to the work.

The strange caper of Miss Mathews has been a most strenuous and interesting one. She has lived absolutely alone in the small house on her remote farm. Her sole house companions have been six big cats, though she has other farm animals. Still she has laughed at fear.

Every bit of work done in making the land pay, as it has during the summer, has been done by her except the plowing.

A season ago Miss Mathews, with her beauty and her charm, was a popular member of young social and musical sets in Chicago.

She had a rare soprano voice, a slight figure and a very large ambition, cherished from childhood, to go on the stage. She was just about to embrace professional stage work when her health waned and the physician ordered the outdoor life.

The outdoor work meant golf, walking and the gymnasium to Miss Mathews' friends, but she immediately proposed to her father that she try the farm. He was startled when she broached a farm of her own, but finally bought her 30 acres.

The past season she has cultivated this alone with absolute success. She has done all the work but plowing, has marketed her products and made a handsome profit. Her solitude is absolute on the farm, except for the occasional call of neighboring farmers. She rises and retires with the birds. Still she is impatient to go back.

TEA DRINKING LATEST FAD

Non-Intoxicating Cup That Cheers to Be Substituted for Cocktails in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia.—Tea drinking bids fair to become the latest popular afternoon fad in this city. The Hotel Flanders has opened a tea room and the Bellevue-Stratford management has decided to convert the Venetian room into a tea room as soon as the decorations are completed.

But the tea drinking craze is not being confined to the feminine portion of the population. A tea perambulator has been joined to the cocktail perambulator at the Bellevue-Stratford and active missionary work is being done in the men's cafe to make tea drinking popular during the afternoon among the men.

Friends of the tea crusade declare that tea drinking possesses ten points of popularity to one that can be shown by the seductive cocktail. "The making of the tea alone is shown to be a fine art and patrons are urged to try whatever plan suits their fancy.

The perambulator is equipped for every method. The most popular one at present seems to consist of dropping a half-teaspoonful of dried leaves in a cup and filling the cup with boiling water. Lemons are provided for those who favor the Russian method, and there are cunning little silver perforated balls filled with tea leaves for those who like something out of the ordinary.

BUILDS NOVEL MAIL WAGON

Wilkesbarre Letter Carrier Will Make His Rounds Comfortably Seated by a Stove.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Ormond S. White, a veteran mail carrier of this city, has just invented and completed for his own use a mail wagon with which he hopes to make his rounds during the winter as comfortably as if he was seated in an office.

The vehicle is built like a milk wagon. The only opening is the door at the back. In front is a little stove. Next is a big table, with a revolving seat, where Mr. White can sit and sort his mail. The reins pass through a small slit in front, closed with weather strips, and the whip projects above the horse. By touching a spring the driver can bring the whip down upon the horse's back.

There are appliances in the wagon to aid in arranging mail, and the wagon itself is painted red, white, and blue and ornamented with a large eagle and shield.

Nothing in a Name.

A New York girl has been married to Count de Temple de Rougemont. Few girls will be likely to admit that it is not worth a good big pile to be changed from Mary Jones to Countess de Temple de Rougemont. It sounds almost ludicrous—but the lady will probably know later that she made a goodly pile upon the just and unjust.

THE ORIGINAL "UNCLE SAM"

Frank S. Colburn, of New York, Who Claims That Distinction, Walks from Gotham to St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo.—Frank S. Colburn, who claims that he is the original living "Uncle Sam," is at the present time in St. Louis, having arrived here a few days ago from New York city, walking the entire distance.

Colburn states that his resemblance to the original, as handed down to modern days by caricaturists, was derived by eight years of study of the character and all of the ideals that it is supposed to embody.

He walked across the continent in 1857, expounding the constitution and declaration of independence, which he claims he knows from beginning to end, and started on his present journey on June 20 of this year from New York city.

Colburn is 44 years old, the same age as President Roosevelt, and his birthday comes within 13 days of that of the president.

He claims that his sole idea in assuming this role is to enlighten the American people on the constitution and declaration of independence, two documents which he thinks are held in ignorance by the majority of the American people.

Colburn never makes his journeys except by walking, and it is his intention to go from here to the Pacific coast, after he has spent about a week in this city.

PANAMA REPUBLIC IS RICH.

Much of the Money Received from United States for Canal Rights Profitably Invested.

San Francisco.—"The little republic of Panama got \$10,000,000 as its share of the Panama canal deal by the United States with the French holders of the old canal property and rights, and it is wisely investing much of that money in good New York real estate," said M. L. Grimwood, of New York, while on a visit here the other day. "From what I was told a few days ago, more than half of the \$10,000,000 has been loaned out in mortgages at four and one-half per cent. on Manhattan choice realty and improvements. About \$1,000,000 is being used by the officials of the little republic for needed improvements on the isthmus.

"Another \$2,500,000 is on deposit with several New York trust companies, and three per cent. is being paid by them for the money.

"The republic has no need for about \$3,000,000 of the total sum, and it is good management to put the money as mentioned. Two commissioners were sent from Panama to invest the money, and they had good advice in placing it safely and at fair interest. One of the commissioners, Manuel Ariat, thinks with the interest on the \$9,000,000, together with customs receipts and internal taxes of several kinds, that the government will keep its head well above the water."

ARE CHAMPION LAYERS.

Product of American Hens Is Officially Estimated at Twenty Billion Eggs a Year.

Washington, D. C.—Figures bigger than those handled in a treasury report for the prospectus of a "get-rich-quick" scheme are those in the annual report of James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

After showing that the products of the United States farms in one year are worth \$4,000,000,000, Secretary Wilson states that the hens of the United States lay 1,666,000,000 dozens of eggs a year, a total of about 20,000,000,000 eggs, or enough in one month to pay the interest of the entire national debt of the United States for one year.

Although the egg crop has been valuable, it does not compare with the corn crop, which ranks first, and would pay off the national debt and the interest thereon for a year.

Secretary Wilson makes a few comparisons. He says that all the gold mines of the entire world have not produced since Columbus discovered America greater value of gold than have the farmers of this country in two years.

Odd Sources of Asthma.

London.—Some astonishing details as to the cause of asthma are given by British medical men. In one case asthma was brought on by contiguity to cut flowers; in another by the smell of cheap soaps, and in a third by that of sulphur matches. In another case a medical man always found himself attacked by asthma when he visited a house where there was a cat, and did not finally recover until the cat died. Other instances are given in which pigeons, canaries and thrushes caused asthma to their owners, and one in which the malady always was brought on by the smell of horses.

Gift of Rare Orchids.

St. Louis.—Albina R. Nuncio, commissioner general from Mexico to the Louisiana purchase exposition, at the close of the fair presented to Shaw's garden the large and rare collection of orchids which filled the conservatory of the Mexican national pavilion during the world's fair period. The orchid collection at Shaw's garden has been pronounced the most complete and the largest of air-freighted plants in the United States. With the superb gift from Mexico, it is now one of the finest in the world.

Old Saying Revised.

A Chicago man has filed an umbrella borrower \$75. Now that the unjust man has been deprived of the just man's protector, we shall have to revise the old saying that the rain falls alike upon the just and the unjust.

TO WED FIRST LOVE.

ROMANCE IN ENGAGEMENT OF ROYAL GERMAN COUPLE.

Grand Duke of Hesse Darmstadt to Marry Princess Eleonore of Solms — Picked Flowers Together as Children.

Berlin.—The engagement of the grand duke of Hesse-Darmstadt and Princess Eleonore of Solms-Hohensolms, which was announced recently, is the talk of all court society, for it reveals a romance that dates back to the young pair's childhood.

The grand duke is 36; Princess Eleonore is three years his junior. She is not handsome, but those who know her say she is a woman of fine presence and a most sympathetic manner. Her eyes are blue, and her hair fair, a true daughter of Germany. She lives with her brothers and sisters in the fine old family castle of Lich. Lich is a wonderful place, steeped in history and romance. Princes of Solms have owned it for 1,000 years, and their old mailed armor hangs in the halls of the castle.

Graciousness is spread out in all directions over the pleasant undulating Hessian land, and the vines and wheat fields of the good townsmen of Lich are opulent evidence that the prince, their lord, is a good man and liberal seigneur.

Everyone in the whole countryside knows Princess Eleonore. To many of them she has been a ministering angel, and her works of love and charity have endeared her to them all. When she was a girl of 11, she first met the grand duke, a striking lad of 14.

In boyish fashion he fell in love with her, and they used to ramble together through the forest, the little princess plucking flowers, the young German duke on the lookout for something to shoot. When he went as a student to the Hessian university of Giessen he did not forget his boyhood's sweetheart. They corresponded, and whenever he had an opportunity he ran over to Lich and danced with her.

The true story of his engagement and marriage to his young and charming cousin, of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, will probably never be known. But it was an ill-assorted match, and neither was happy. The young English girl was flighty, restless and vain, and it is also likely that Ernst Ludwig never forgot that gentle princess living up there in her great castle of Lich.

The catastrophe came and the grand duke and duchess were divorced. The divorce was followed in two years by the sudden death of the beautiful little princess, his only child, at the czar's hunting lodge. This happened a year ago, and now the amiable and much tried man returned to the old love, the fair-haired, blue-eyed princess in her castle at Lich, and he asks her to join hands with him.

REMEDY FOR DIVORCE EVIL.

A Philadelphia Lawyer Suggests Lapse of a Year Between Hearing and Decree.

Philadelphia.—As a remedy for the divorce evil, an amendment to the law that would require the lapse of a year between the hearing of a case and the granting of a decree has been suggested by Francis A. Lewis, in commenting on the remarkable increase of divorce suits in the Philadelphia courts.

Mr. Lewis was a delegate from the Pennsylvania diocesan convention to the general convention of the Episcopal church in last October, and as a member of the committee on divorce causes drafted its report to the convention. He said:

"The Pennsylvania divorce laws are vastly better than those in a majority of the states. I suppose it is true that divorces are increasing here; they certainly are everywhere else in this country. If a law could be passed in Pennsylvania providing that no decree of divorce should be entered until one year after the case has been heard, I think it would do more than anything else to diminish the number of suits of this kind in the state. So many persons who seek divorce want to rush it through so as to lose no time in marrying somebody else, and if they knew they could not possibly do this for a year they would not be so anxious to get divorced."

WOMEN KILL FOX WITH AX.

Mother and Daughter Dash Into the Woods at Night and Drag the Animal from Dogs.

Clearfield, Pa.—Miss Emma Condon, a young woman of near Shawville, Clearfield county, is a girl of grit. At night for several weeks her father, William Condon, had heard his dogs barking at some wild animal snarling in his yard. He attempted to shoot the beast, which he supposed was a bear, but it eluded him on each occasion and took to the woods.

One night Mr. Condon was away from home and the dogs again made a great noise, arousing Mrs. Condon and her daughter, Emma, who went out to see what was the matter.

The animal made for the woods on the approach of the women, and the dogs, being freed, pursued it. At the edge of the woods the animal was overtaken and a fierce fight followed with the dogs. Miss Condon rushed in, grabbed the animal, which proved to be a silver gray fox, and dragged it to the wood pile, where her mother, with an ax, dispatched it. The fox was a fine specimen.

Probably the Case.

A California physician has proved that the process of digestion is electrical. But perhaps the man experimented on was full of currents.

BOY HAS STRANGE MANIA.

Brooklyn Lad Can't Resist Passion for Entering Other People's Houses and Abstracting Property.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Louis Thonet, the 15-year-old son of Frederick Thonet, who, it is said, has an uncontrollable passion for getting into persons' homes on any sort of pretext and then wandering around, often carrying away small things, has been held on a technical charge of vagrancy. He has been the source of much worry to the members of his family.

The boy, who has light hair and blue eyes, which answers the description of a boy who has got into many houses in Brooklyn under false pretenses in the last year or so, was arrested at the home of Dr. William H. Seymour, the other night. The boy got into the office, saying that he wanted to wait for his father, who was coming to have an injured knee examined by the doctor. The latter went to dinner, leaving the young man in the office. Returning suddenly he caught the boy jumping back into the office. Growing suspicious, the doctor questioned him closely and tangled him up. The boy had first given the name of Samuel Pickles, then said he was George Wals. In the station he gave his right name.

Several doctors were in court to have a look at the boy. Dr. William Madren identified him as the boy who had hung around his office for two hours on the pretext that his father was coming to be treated for some complaint. He was found wandering around the house, even in the kitchen. The cook's wages disappeared the same day. It is stated that young Thonet went to Washington some time ago and was caught playing his strange game there.

FLOOD OF INDIAN RELICS.

Georgia Convicts Find Numerous Interesting Articles While Digging in Mounds.

Savannah, Ga.—Indian skulls, arrow heads, and similar relics of the days of old Tomochichi are a drug on the market in the vicinity of the convict camp at Pipemaker's creek.

In exchange for tobacco and other articles that are regarded as delicacies in a convict camp, the men in stripes are digging out sections of Indian graves, or parts of their instruments of war.

While engaged near the river bank, at Pipemaker, the convicts encountered an Indian mound about 18 feet high and 300 feet long. From this mound the relics that are being exchanged for chewing and smoking material were taken.

Among the articles unearthed was an Indian grindstone. Although it had probably been under the sod for hundreds of years, the grooves made by the knives and arrow points that were sharpened are plainly visible. The convicts were not permitted to keep this for their own use.

It was sent to the office of the county commissioners for Superintendent W. F. Chaplin, who is in charge of the county work. Mr. Chaplin showed it to a number of his friends, and the stone attracted considerable attention. It is the intention of Superintendent Chaplin to present the grindstone to the Georgian Historical society.

FOUND A NEW RELIGION.

Started by Prominent Austrian Anti-Semite and Nationalist—Will Be Exclusively for Germans.

Vienna.—Austria is to have a new religion, and its founder is the well-known anti-Semite and nationalist, Herr von Schonerer, chief of the reactionary party.

Von Schonerer is an unbeliever of a pronounced type, and he and his friends, among whom are many prominent members of his party, replace the Christian deity by Wotan, the Nibelungen divinity, who, they say, is a stronger and more vigorous personality than that pictured by the Christian church.

But the peculiar part of the new religion is that it is exclusively German. Its temples are to be divided into three parts—the first filled with the portraits and busts of dead German heroes, the second to be used as a sanctuary in which there will be a throne for Wotan, surrounded by the effigies of German divinities, and the third will be a music room, in which the works of German composers, particularly Wagner, will be played by an orchestra during the rites in the throne-room.

Von Schonerer says that he is sorry to have to deal so severe a blow to the Christian belief of his fathers, in which he was brought up, but that the fault is due to modern exponents of Christianity, who will not break with the Jews and hurl them out of Europe.

Made It Strong.

An Arab witness took the Mohammedan oath in a New York court before he testified. Here it is: "I swear by the beard of the prophet, by the Kaaba, by the black stone and the virtue of my harem, to tell the truth, all the truth and only the truth." It certainly sounds binding.

Illinois' Young Congressman.

Five of the recently elected congressmen from Illinois are 30 years and younger. Their ages are as follows: Anthony Michalek, 26 years old; Frank L. Dickson, 26 years old; Charles S. Wharton, 29 years old; Zeno J. Rives, 30 years old, and Charles McGavin, the same age.

The Dangerous Switch.

The first subway collision in New York was due to a misplaced switch. A woman's crowning glory is her hair, but it is a good thing to keep it off the tracks and out of the butler's.

URGES DEFENSE OF PORTS

General Story, Chief of Artillery, Recommends Effective Torpedo Protection.

Washington.—Brig. Gen. Story, chief of artillery U. S. A., in his annual report says the best and most economical use of the entire armament for the coast requires one complete relief to man each and every element of defense, and adds:

"It is inconceivable that congress, after appropriating millions for national defense, would be willing to leave this defense ineffective for want of a proper organization to man and conduct it. To secure at the present time the greatest measure of national safety at the least cost the entire torpedo defense of our harbors should at once be made complete," and he adds: "It would be criminal neglect if I did not urge, as earnestly as I can, the immediate completion of the torpedo defense of all our fortified ports. To-day this defense is lamentably deficient both in material and personnel."

Continuing, Gen. Story says: "If we were suddenly confronted by war no amount of money could procure submarine mines in time to be of service for our harbor defense."

The report further says that even with complete material for torpedo defense it is practically valueless without a trained personnel, and that to-day we are substantially without such a force. Only 400 men can be assigned for a service requiring about 5,000. It would be unwise to attempt to provide a personnel for the submarine defense from the present force of coast artillery, since there are to-day only one-half the number of officers and men required to man and serve the armament already provided.

INVEST WEALTH IN GEMS.

Great Demand for Precious Stones Among Native Princes of the Orient.

New York.—It is said that the highest-caste natives of Siam, Burmah and India are great buyers of all kinds of precious stones and ornaments. This tendency has ever increased during the last few years, on account of the prevailing belief among natives that the only safe way to invest money is to purchase jewelry and similar articles of intrinsic or sterling value. This is very much in evidence in Siam, and not much less in Burmah and India.

The agent of a leading European firm states that it is astonishing what vast sums of money have been and are being invested by Asiatic princes in diamonds, rubies, sapphires, emeralds and pearls, and that some day, undoubtedly, the markets of the world would be flooded with these hoarded supplies. He also said that he knew of one Indian rajah who purchased all the pearls that were brought to him, and that the native fishermen would deliver to him, rather than to any foreigner. The majority of these pearls were either hoarded, or distributed among the women of his court, whose desire for jewelry is never satisfied, while a fair portion was used as presents to his fellow princes in India and other countries.

An American cannot fully appreciate the vast amount of valuable stones and like ornaments used by the royal and princely families of these oriental nations, unless he beholds them arrayed in all their glory on state occasions. Then it seems almost a wonder that any are left for the Americans.

LATEST SWINDLING GAME.

Fake Lecturer Tells Tale of Sorrow and Victimizes Audiences in Many Places.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Twelve deaths in his family in two weeks is the record held by a certain lecturer on the Japanese-Russian war, who has been doing stunts in the towns in the Monongahela and Turtle Creek valleys during the past month. At least this is the record claimed by the lecturer, who has had a relative die each day for 12 consecutive days.

The fellow was billed to lecture on the conflict now being waged in the far east in a number of towns in the Monongahela and Turtle Creek valleys. Tickets were distributed to the school children, which entitled them to attend the lecture and see the moving pictures, provided they presented a dime with each ticket. Large crowds were secured in each town, and at the time advertised for the moving pictures to start the lecturer would appear and announce that one of his relatives had died a few minutes before in Pittsburg, and he was obliged to leave, but his assistant would give a Punch and Judy show.

The number of supposed deaths in the fellow's family was not discovered until several days after he had departed, when an investigation was started and it was found that 12 relatives of the lecturer had died in as many days. From the last accounts of the lecturer his stock of relatives had not yet run out.

Thieves Like This Place.

Stamford, Conn.—A safe was blown open in Jero Miller's grocery and general store in Springdale the other night and \$60 in cash was taken. This makes the twelfth time in the past two years that this store has been entered by burglars. Miller recently installed a burglar alarm to be sounded in his house, a short distance away. The last time the burglars cut the wires of the alarm before operating.

Does Not Conflict.

A Pennsylvania judge has decided that a chicken is not an animal. This, however, does not interfere with the decision promulgated by the treasury department to the effect that a frog is a bird.

THE STRONGEST BOY.

WYOMING LAD PRONOUNCED A MARVEL BY EXPERTS.

Only Seventeen Years of Age But Performs Wonderful Feats of Strength — Biceps But Slightly Smaller Than Those of Jeffries.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Cheyenne has the strongest boy in the world. That is the statement of Bernard Macfadden, who is considered the best known authority upon the subject.

This physical prodigy is Noah Young, Jr., the son of Noah Young, state coal inspector of Wyoming, and all who have seen his marvelous physical development and witnessed his feats of strength are astounded.

Noah Young, Jr., can raise a 75-pound dumbbell 13 times in one minute, and a 100-pound bell four times in a minute, feats which cannot be duplicated by any man in the state.

And Noah Young, Jr., is but 17 years of age.

He is a modest, unassuming young man, which accounts for the fact that his extraordinary ability is not more widely known. But his light will no longer remain under a bushel, as Bernard Macfadden has discovered the youthful marvel, and intends to bring him before the public.

Macfadden is considered to be the strongest man in the world. He is the publisher of the magazine Physical Culture, and gave the great contest in Madison Square garden, in New York, when \$1,000 was awarded to the most perfect woman in the world and a similar amount to the most perfectly formed man. The latter was won by a Denverite.

Macfadden, who has been informed of the lad's wonderful strength, stated there is no question but that he is the strongest boy in the world to-day, and with the development incident to maturity, will become the strongest man in the world within a few years, and eclipse even Macfadden.

The boy was born in Glenrock, Wyo., and is the son of Noah Young, at that time foreman of the Glenrock coal mines. The father is considered the strongest man in Wyoming, and several years ago appeared on the stage with Charles Mitchell, of England. The boy, considered by his father at the time as the weakling of the family, began training six years ago and since then has taken three complete courses in physical culture. He is regular in his hours of sleep, never drinks or uses tobacco, chews coffee and tea, and has spent six hours a day for a period of six years in perfecting his muscular development.

To-day the muscles of his arm measure just one-quarter of an inch less than those of James J. Jeffries, the champion heavyweight pugilist of the world. The boy is also an expert boxer and peerless bag puncher. He frankly admits it is his ambition to become the strongest man in the world, and to-day performs feats which can be duplicated by few athletes of the world.

FAULTS IN OUR ROADS.

The German Transportation Bureau Shows Flaws in the American System.

Berlin.—An official memorandum of the Prussian ministry of railroads showing the growth of the state-owned system since 1879 compares the rates and the management with those of private-owned lines in foreign countries.

Concerning the United States lines the following generalization is made:

"In the United States rates are generally lower on through freight and bulk goods than with us. Local charges are high, unequal and fluctuating, and are so classified that shippers often are unable to determine in advance what the rate will be. Reductions and increases often follow each other in rapid succession. This is a condition which is justly condemned by industrial and shipping people. The great number of insolencies and foreclosure sales of American railroads which recur yearly down to the latest date must not be forgotten in comparing the German with American railroads."

The existing rates on German lines are about two-thirds those in Great Britain.

YOUNG MUSICAL PRODIGY.

Seven-Year-Old Eastern Lad Who Is a Piano Player of Remarkable Skill.

Elizabeth, N. J.—A series of really remarkable piano performances have been given recently at the warehouses of a music house here by David Earl Moyer, a seven-year-old youngster, who stands up at the piano and dashes off Bach "inventions" with the utmost unconcern. He has played here an extensive programme of more or less difficult piano music from a repertoire said to consist of 42 pieces. His technical work is astonishing, critics say, and his touch good, lacking but slightly in tone color.

Those who have watched and are competent to judge say that he may become a wonder, while it is just possible that he will remain in the glorious company of "musical prodigies." The young fellow's work is being much talked about, and has attracted the attention of music teachers. Among them is Mrs. Berlino, of Brooklyn, who has undertaken to give the lad an education, musical and otherwise.

Fell Among Thieves.

A very unusual thing happened in police headquarters in Brooklyn the other day. A detective there was overpowered and knocked down by over 40 thieves in full view of the force present—the rogues' gallery fell down on him.

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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK IN BRIEF

SUMMARY OF MOST INTERESTING EVENTS OF PAST SEVEN DAYS.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

Progress of the Russo-Japanese War in the Far East—News from All Parts of the Union and the Latest Foreign Intelligence.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The senate, by a vote of 44 to 23, passed the Philippine civil government bill. In the house the senate amendments to the urgent deficiency bill were agreed to.

In the senate a number of private bills and a few bills of a semi-public character were passed, and there was some discussion of the pure food bill. The house adopted a resolution providing for the impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne, of the Northern district of Florida, for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

The senate committee on territories has authorized a favorable report on the statehood bill providing for the admission into the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to become the state of Oklahoma, and of Arizona and New Mexico, to become the state of Arizona.

Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, has abandoned his fight to reduce the representation of southern states in congress.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Capt. P. C. March, of the United States army, who has returned from the Japanese-Russian war, declares Gen. Kuroki is not dead.

Seven Russians arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur with dispatches for the czar. They escaped from the fortress in an open boat.

That the Japanese may abandon the active siege of Port Arthur, having secured the destruction of the Russian fleet, is the opinion of people from the Kwantung peninsula reaching Chefoo.

Gen. Stocssel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch from Chefoo, has again been wounded, this time by a rifle bullet. The wound is not serious.

Japanese are actively engaged in preparations to assault the main forts defending Port Arthur on the west. The city, as seen from 203-Metre hill, is almost deserted and presents a wide expanse of shattered buildings, and sunken warships dot the harbor.

A refugee from Port Arthur describes the city as all desolation and likens it to a sepulcher. He says the defenders still hope to hold out.

The battleship Sevastopol was torpedoed by Japanese ten times and disabled. The Japs lost two torpedo boats during the operation. Bombardment of Port Arthur has been renewed and a Russian torpedo boat sunk in the harbor.

Part of Togo's Japanese squadron has sailed to meet Russia's Baltic fleet.

A Russian naval commander describes the slaughter in the battle of 203-Metre hill, saying the Japanese seized the fort after losing 22,000 men and after a Russian loss of 2,000.

THE CHADWICK AFFAIR.

Under an order of court, Mrs. Chadwick will, from now until the time of her trial or arraignment, be rigidly excluded from all visitors, and even her son and nurse will be denied permission to see her.

Mrs. Chadwick was greeted by a hooting mob on her arrival in Cleveland and collapsed in her cell in jail after running a gauntlet of insults on the streets. Five more indictments were found against her and she says she will not accept bail.

Mrs. Chadwick and banker Beckwith met in the Cleveland jail. She ignored his plea to tell the whole truth about her financial deals.

Mrs. Chadwick was arraigned in the federal court at Cleveland, pleaded not guilty and returned to jail. Beckwith and Spear entered the same plea, and were released.

MISCELLANEOUS.

President Roosevelt will keep Secretaries Shaw, Hitchcock and Wilson in the cabinet with others. Cortelyou's displacement of Wynne is the only change to be made after March 4.

Mormon witnesses in the Smoot inquiry admitted they would obey the president of the church before they would the law.

Judge E. H. Hammond, of the federal district court, Memphis, Tenn., died in New York after an illness of four days.

The main hotel was burned at South McAlester, I. T., and Sam McCoy, a Choctaw Indian, a guest, perished. Loss, \$50,000.

The Russian battleship Sevastopol, the last of the Port Arthur fleet, has been successfully torpedoed, according to a report received in Tokio.

Three persons are known to have been killed and four others seriously injured by the collapse of the suspension bridge across the Elk river, which connects East and West Charleston, W. Va.

Berlin has passed the 2,000,000 mark in the population of the city proper.

Rev. Luther H. Trowbridge, of Detroit, for 32 years editor and proprietor of the Christian Herald of that city, is dead in Los Angeles, Cal.

Ernest Terah Hooley, leader of English high finance, who amassed \$50,000,000 in stock deals and lost it, was acquitted of fraud in a London court. An accomplice was given one year.

The steamer Glen Island was destroyed by fire in Long Island sound and nine persons perished, two being passengers. Twenty-two were rescued by courageous work on the part of the crew.

The Colorado supreme court threw out the entire vote of three more precincts in which the republicans charge fraud, giving that party control of the legislature and probably the governorship.

Bernard B. McGreevy, of O'Neil, Neb., former president of the Elkhorn Valley bank, which closed its doors on Thanksgiving eve, was arrested at Phoenix, Ariz.

Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Leo XIII., died in Rome of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master.

The police and cossacks in Moscow dispersed a demonstration of 3,000 students who had assembled in the principal streets and in front of the governor's palace. Three hundred of the students were arrested and 60 were injured.

M. S. McCartney, a patient at the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln, Neb., was strangled to death by a fellow patient.

Six river laborers were killed near Ashland, Ky., by drinking wood alcohol.

John Alexander Dowle asserts he has \$21,000,000 in property at Zion City and denies that he is in financial straits.

Subscriptions are being taken up throughout England to care for the unemployed. The London fund, started by royalty, has reached \$130,000.

Lumbermen of British Columbia will make a strong demand on the Canadian parliament for a duty on lumber imports from the United States.

J. J. Warren and his son, H. H. Warren, and Edward Bickerson, a merchant, were killed in a street fight at Rosa, Ark., growing out of a dispute over an account of 25 cents claimed by Bickerson.

John Clapp, formerly a National league baseball player, dropped dead at Ithaca, N. Y.

Because he kissed a fair customer, Hammond, Ind., women boycotted Louis Breskin, resulting in his bankruptcy.

Nearly all religious sects report larger percentage of increase in membership than in previous years, and in several of them the ratio of growth exceeds the ratio of increase in population.

Officers of the National Association of Retail Druggists issued a statement admitting that the evidence in the hands of the federal authorities of widespread sale of counterfeit drugs is absolutely convincing.

A blizzard along the Atlantic coast drove many ships ashore.

The body of a murdered girl, her features disfigured to prevent identification, was discovered on a Colorado mountain.

Three men were arrested at St. Cloud, Minn., on a charge of having robbed the bank of Rice, at Rice, Minn., of \$2,000 in currency and several thousand dollars in negotiable securities.

Joseph Ryant and Paul Wienewsky, fishermen, were drowned in the Grand Traverser, Bay.

With the completion of the agricultural palace, which is now ready for occupancy, the Lewis and Clark exposition at Portland, Ore., stands practically finished, so far as exhibit palaces are concerned.

The big ice gorge above Cincinnati broke and a great mass of ice moved down the river for several hours, threatening damage to property, but finally gorged again without having caused much loss.

The engine of a Wisconsin Central train became unmanageable at Chipewa Falls, Wis., and George Rosine, the fireman, and Walter Mohr, the brakeman, jumped from the cab. Rosine was instantly killed and Mohr was fatally injured.

James Connors, the murderer of Deputy Sheriff Sweet, of Blackfoot, was executed at Boise, Idaho.

The body of former President Paul Kruger was interred with impressive ceremonies at Pretoria.

Will Jones, colored, was hanged at Helena, Ark., for the murder of A. W. Robertson.

Mr. Davis, the American consul at Alexandretta, who recently got into trouble with the Turkish authorities because he lowered the flag from the consulate during a celebration in honor of the sultan's birthday, will resign.

Augustus Macon, an attorney, died at Denver, Col., of acute stomach trouble, aged 73 years. He was a native of Kentucky and studied law in Abraham Lincoln's office.

One girl was killed, two fatally injured, and score of others hurt by jumping from windows during an explosion which wrecked Lloyd Adams & Simpson's toy pistol factory at Portsmouth, O.

Plans are forming for the establishment of an exhibition of American manufactures in Paris, France.

W. W. Kimball, pioneer of the piano and organ-making business, died at his Chicago residence at the age of 76 years.

Newspapers of Sweden discuss the possibility of Prince Gustaf Adolph, heir apparent to the throne, marrying Miss Albe, daughter of President Roosevelt.

The Missouri supreme court affirmed the conviction of Harry A. Faulkner, former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, on a charge of perjury. As a result he must serve five years in the penitentiary.

In a head-end collision between two switch engines in the C. M. & St. P. yards at La Crosse, Wis., Henry Piddis, an engineer, was killed. Two others were seriously injured.

Mail Clerk George Burr, of New Albany, and Fireman Harry Hardin, of Jeffersonville, were fatally injured in a collision between a passenger train and a switch engine at Jeffersonville, Ind.

A great meeting was held at Carnegie hall, New York, in the interests of international arbitration. Archbishop Ireland and Oscar S. Straus were the principal speakers.

A Minneapolis man shot his fiancée dead and killed himself. Illness is supposed to have unbalanced his mind.

Weekly trade reviews show that holiday sales have reached an unusually large volume. Railroad traffic increases and collections are good. The number of unemployed men is growing less and fewer labor disputes exist.

Robert H. Patton, newly elected national chairman of the prohibition party, refuses the place. O. W. Stewart, the deposed leader, declines to call another meeting.

Owen Kelly, a wealthy Philadelphian, prominent in Irish societies and once a Clan-na-Gael leader, has been missing since October 25. Violence is suggested as a clue to the mystery.

Henry Wellington Wack, who says he suffered in the recent slump of Amalgamated copper, asks the district attorney of New York to indict Thomas W. Lawson.

A fast mail train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway was wrecked near Bristol, Ill. One person was killed outright, two fatally injured and a number of mail clerks bruised. The wreck was caused by a spreading of the rails.

The contract for the sale of the property offered by the world's fair company to a Chicago wrecking company for \$450,000, has been signed in St. Louis and the first payment of \$100,000 made.

August Belmont has been elected president of the National Civic Federation to succeed the late Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

Fire in Goshen, Ind., destroyed Hawk's hardware store, Hayk's Electric company, Collin's saloon and the Globe Milling company. The loss is about \$100,000.

Wireless telegraph messages were sent from Kansas city to Cleveland, 725 miles, without relaying. This is said to be the longest distance overland ever covered.

Three men lost their lives and four others were terribly scalded by a rush of steam and boiling water in the fire room of the battleship Massachusetts, lying at the League island navy yard, Philadelphia.

Philip Weinselmer, former president of the New York Building Trades alliance, who has been in the Tombs since October 15 last under sentence to Sing Sing for extortion, was released in \$10,000 cash bail.

Horace Wolcott Robbins, lawyer and well-known landscape artist, is dead at his home in New York. He was a native of Mobile, Ala., where he was born in 1842.

A loss of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 was caused in Cincinnati by a fire which destroyed the Ohio Seat company's plant and the Rudolph Surro Anchor lanery.

Disease of the spine, attributed to an injury received in a football game, has caused the death at Lakewood, N. J., of Augustus F. Holly, Jr., a former member of the Princeton team.

Acting presumably for the bondholders, Henry Jayne purchased the Muscatine North & South railroad at receiver's sale in Muscatine, Ia. The price paid was \$104,000.

Roosevelt's plurality in the state of New York was 175,552, as shown by the official returns. That of Higgins for governor was 80,580. Parker is shown to have run nearly 49,000 behind Herrick.

The prohibitionist national executive committee practically asked for the resignation of Oliver W. Stewart, national chairman, though urging him from all charge of misappropriation of funds.

A postal clerk in New York found papers worth \$30,000 in a trunk he bought for four dollars at auction.

In a conference of New York republican leaders to discuss the United States senatorship 17 voted in favor of former Gov. Black for the toga, only seven favoring Senator Depew.

A treaty of arbitration between Italy and the United States has been signed.

A lone highwayman held up the bank of Chisholm, Minn., during business hours and secured \$2,200. He forced Cashier Greiser into the vault at the muzzle of a revolver.

In an article on "Violence in Labor Conflicts," Sisson Thompson says that during the 21 months from January 1, 1902, to October 1, 1904, 198 persons have been killed, 1,966 injured, and 6,114 arrested.

Led by a girl, 18 revolutionary conspirators resisted an attack by the police in Odessa, with the result that seven of the revolutionists and three policemen were killed.

First reports of the loss by a big fire in Minneapolis, Minn., were exaggerated. The amount is placed at \$330,000. Two men were killed and three injured.

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Joseph Willoughby, who killed a negro named Shaw at Oklahoma City, because Shaw refused to take off his hat in Willoughby's presence, was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Mississippi river has frozen over and navigation is closed at La Crosse, Wis.

John H. Wood, president and cashier of the First national bank, at Matthews, Ind., was found guilty in the United States district court, at Indianapolis, on 19 counts charging him with misapplication of funds and false entries.

FROM SCIENTIFIC SOURCES.

The reason of the sun assuming such a deep red color on a misty day is owing to the fact that fog permits the passage of red rays more easily than those of any other color.

Miss Mary A. Booth, of Springfield, Mass., is well known in the scientific world. She inherited her love for science from her father, and is one of the few women admitted to the Royal Microscopical Society of London.

Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker, the greatest living botanist, has just passed his eighty-seventh birthday. He was the lifelong friend of Huxley. Some of his most interesting work has been the result of his studies in Utah, Colorado, California and the Rockies.

Remarkable fireproofing properties are credited oxide of titanium by an English dyer. Flannelette treated with it could not be made to burst into flame, and other textiles are claimed to be made equally resistant, while it cannot be removed by dyeing, boiling or washing.

In 1878 something happened on Jupiter which caused a red blotch to appear in his southern hemisphere, near one of the great belts that cross his disk like huge bands of colored clouds. It was 30,000 miles long and 8,000 miles broad, yet, after all, only a little patch on the mighty disk! It has remained ever since, sometimes brightening to almost the crimson hue of fire, and sometimes fading nearly to invisibility, yet always, even when faintest, certifying its presence and its power by keeping the area originally covered by it clear of all other objects.

No person under 16 years of age is permitted to enter a theater or tavern in Heligoland.

In Japan no woman is ashamed of her age, but she tells it out in the arrangement of her hair, so that all the world may know it.

A traveler in the African wastes says that nearly all the natives show a great aversion to solitude, even in broad daylight. This aversion is due to their superstitious terrors.

All well-educated Spanish women are taught from their earliest years to handle the sword, and as a result they are noted for their admirable figures and easy walk.

Lancashire agricultural laborers credit certain of their fellows with power to cast good and evil spells. At Dunstable men carry a live snail in a pill box to ward off toothache, eat stewed earthworms as a cure for jaundice and fried mouse for whooping-cough and cherish all the old superstitions as to the dead which made Merrie England sad.

A green grocer is one who trusts defeat customers.

Silk-lined gowns interest a woman more than silver-lined clouds.

The man who goes to law may be sure that his lawyer will get justice.

Japan has got five new submarine boats; but the Russian score beats this.

Marriage, which should make one out of two, often results in sixes and sevens.

Did it ever occur to you that summer girls and peaches disappear simultaneously?

You never know what you can't do until you try to undo something that you have done.

When a woman has to economize, she always wants to do it on the necessities of life, not the luxuries.

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Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

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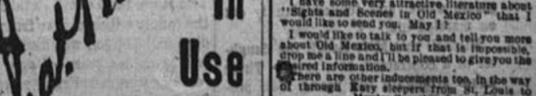
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GAIN IN EAST TRADE

BIG GROWTH OF EXPORTS TO THE ORIENT

Trade from the United States to Russia, Japan, China and Korea Shows a Marked Increase During 1904.

Exports from the United States to Russia, Japan, China, Hongkong and Korea show a marked increase in 1904 as compared with earlier years. To each of the countries named the exports for the nine months ending with September are larger than those of the corresponding months of 1903, while in the case of China the figures, although showing a marked increase over 1903, still fall slightly below those of 1902, but when combined with the figures of exports to Hongkong give a total greater than that for the corresponding months of 1902 or 1903.

The total exports from the United States to Russia, Japan, China and Korea are shown by the department of commerce and labor through its bureau of statistics as \$56,448,225 in the nine months ending with September, 1904, against \$44,807,366 in the corresponding months of 1903, and \$47,663,631 in the corresponding months of 1902.

Similar conditions prevail with reference to imports into the United States from the countries in question. From Russia, Japan, China and Korea the imports for the nine months ending with September, 1904, are in each case larger than in the corresponding months of the preceding year. The total imports into the United States from the countries named amounted to \$65,389,022 in the nine months ending with September, 1904, against \$60,375,925 in the corresponding months of 1903 and \$49,540,259 in the corresponding months of 1902.

In most of the principal articles composing the commerce between the United States and these countries there appears a material increase in the figures of 1904 as compared with earlier years. To Russia the principal articles of our export trade are agricultural implements, manufactures of iron and steel, copper, naval stores, and raw cotton, and in most of these the figures of 1904 compare favorably with those of earlier years.

To Japan the principal exports are manufactures of iron and steel, mineral oils, flour, provisions, tobacco and raw cotton. In nearly all of these articles, or classes of articles, except cotton, the figures for 1904 show an increase over 1903. In cotton the figures show a marked decline in exports to Japan, the total value of cotton exported to that country in the nine months ending with September, 1904, being less than \$2,000,000, against over \$3,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1903, and nearly \$6,000,000 in the corresponding months of 1902. This falling off in the exports of cotton to Japan is chiefly due to the extremely high price of American cotton during the past two years and to the fact that Japanese manufacturers of cotton goods have substituted in part the shorter stapled and consequently lower-priced cotton of India in their manufacturing. In other articles the figures of 1904 show a gain over earlier years.

DIDN'T KNOW WIFE'S NAME

Youth Marries Girl Thirteen Hours After Meeting - Looks Blank When Asked Appellation.

William Mitchell, who married a Chicago girl 13 hours after meeting her, was unable after 30 hours of married life to tell the maiden name of his wife.

In the same Madison street cafe where he ate his wedding dinner Mitchell was seen recently, ready to start on his wedding trip. With him were his wife and several friends.

"Mr. Mitchell, will you accept the congratulations of a reporter?" the young man was asked.

With a beaming face he rose from the table and grasped the outstretched hand.

"You say you want a photograph of her?" continued Mitchell. "Well, go and ask for her mother. You will find no difficulty in getting it."

"What is her name?" he was asked. Mitchell hesitated for a moment, blushed fiery red, and then finally stammered:

"Darned if I know! What is it, La!" turning abruptly to his wife.

"B-e-e-h-t!" snapped the surprised girl, and the new Mrs. Mitchell shifted her blushing face in another direction. She hid her disgusted features from the rude gaze of the fat man at the next table who had the audacity to giggle aloud, and looked blankly out on married life.

Mitchell met Miss Becht, the daughter of a contractor, at a party. Three hours afterward the young man proposed. The next day, 12 hours after the engagement, they met at the office of a downtown justice and were married. That night they had their wedding dinner at a Madison street cafe, where friends of Mitchell showered the two with rice and congratulations.

Might Learn Something.
A health writer says women do not have so many colds as men because they are not addicted to heavy covering for the head. The gentlemen should get married and watch wife take the rat out of her hair.

Latest Fashionable Disease.
There will now be an epidemic of cancer of the larynx. A famous doctor has called attention to the fact that there is such a disease.

The January Smart Set. The contents page of the January Smart Set is the first indication of the excellence which is to mark the magazine for 1905. The Smart Set was long since conceded the title of "the magazine of cleverness," and its plans for the coming year already embrace a list of new contributors whose names stand for the very best in the fiction and verse of the day. With George Barr McCutcheon, Frances Aymar Mathews, William R. Lighton, Emery Pottle, Rupert Hughes, Edward Boltwood and Herbert D. Ward standing out first among twenty seven other names, most of which are widely known, and especially familiar to Smart Set readers, the January number promises well for the coming year.

Mr. Smoot Must Go.

Senator Reed Smoot, of Utah, has got to go, unless the senate takes the unusual course of disregarding the report of the committee on privileges and elections. Those who are watching the progress of the Smoot case before the committee have made up their minds that the members, almost to a man, will vote to make a report in favor of unseating the Mormon senator on the broad ground that his identification with an organization such as the Mormon hierarchy has been shown to be, would render him ineligible to hold office under the government of the United States.

Farm For Sale.

For sale, at Rapid River, Mich., a farm of 115 acres, farm house, barns and other buildings, stock, and complete farming outfit. Fifty acres are improved. The soil is black bottom land and raises good crops. Farm buildings are in good condition. Machinery is almost new and is the latest improved kind. Stock comprises four horses, six cows, sheep and hogs. Farm is free from any mineral or oil reservation. Present owner desires change of climate on account of his health. For price and terms write to or call upon

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Excursion Rates for the Holidays.

Via the Northwestern Line. Excursion tickets will be sold at reduced rates to points on the Northwestern Line and Union Pacific, Colorado & Rio Grande, east of and including Cheyenne Wyo., Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colo., December 24, 25, 26, 30, and January 1 and 2, good returning until and including January 4, 1905. Apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

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Very Low Excursion Rates to Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo.

Via the Northwestern Line, will be in effect from all stations January 7, 8 and 9, 1905, with favorable return limits, on account of Annual Conventions, National Live Stock and Wool Growers Associations. Two fast trains through to Colorado daily, only one night. For full information apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

Many Licenses Issued.

The records in the office of County Clerk A. P. Smith show that there were 849 deer hunters' licenses issued during the open season of 1904 in Delta county. During the season of 1903 the total number of licenses issued was 734, therefore making the increase for this year 115. All of the licenses issued this year were to residents of Delta county, not a single application being received here for a non-resident license.

Third Death in One Year.

The death of Joseph C. McCauley took place Wednesday morning at the family home at 322 South Oak street, after a long illness from tuberculosis. This is the third death to take place in the family within a year from the same disease. The son who died Wednesday was seventeen years of age. Funeral services were held Friday morning from St. Patrick's church.

Do Your Trading in the Morning.

The Fair Savings Bank will give 5 per cent discount to all customers who do their buying in the morning in all departments but the grocery, from Monday on.

The continuation of the diary of the Happy Hooligan hunting club of Rapid River, which was started last week, could not be inserted this week because of the press of other work, but will be taken up again next week.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

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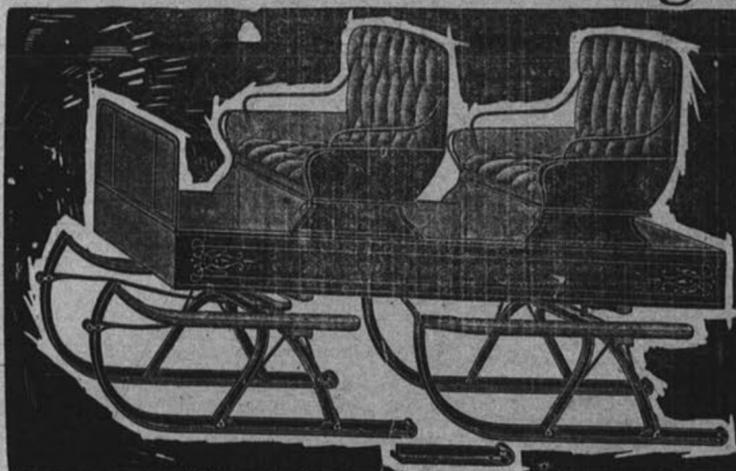
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