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THE IRON ORE STARTS

CONTRACTS MADE WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

A Round Lot of Non-Bessemer Ore Finds a Market—Something Concerning the Rates From This And Other Ports.

The Milwaukee Tug Boat Co. has contracted to carry the output of the Pewabic mine, estimated at 75,000 to 125,000 tons, from here to Lake Erie ports at 95 cents. The Grand Haven fleet has contracted to deliver 100,000 tons (ore not specified) at South Chicago to the Iroquois Steel Co.; the rate is not given but is not less than 55 and may be 60 cents. These contracts are for Bessemer ores, the non-Bessemer do not sell yet and tonnage is not inquired for.

The Iron Trade Review of the 18th said: "That a round lot of non-Bessemer ore has found a market, is learned without trouble from the furnace interests, who have no reason to conceal the fact; and the explanation can only be found in the lowering of the anticipated advance in the price of some ores which, a month ago, were announced at seventy-fives above the '91 price, then came down to thirty-five cents, and now according to all accounts, have found a market at from twenty to twenty-five cents above last season's prices."

That "Crazy Lot." Manager Royce has booked "A Crazy Lot" for Tuesday March 1—a week from today. It was here last year but since that time the company has added to its strength the Lenton Brothers, acrobats, and has lost nothing. The Globe Republican, of St. Louis says:

"Adams & Lenton's pantomimical comedy was produced at the Academy Saturday evening to a large business. The company is a good one and the play consists of a heterogeneous mass of nonsense, which to say the least is laughable and entertaining. The stilt performance of James R. Adams and the Chinese acrobatic feats of the Lenton Brothers, the specially noticeable features of the evening, elicited much applause. The character songs of William Milligan were well rendered and received a general applause. The title of a "Crazy Lot" was evidently not chosen without due deliberation."

A Good Job. The rebuilding of the coal dock progresses favorably and is a good job. Four feet outside the old line of the dock is driven a line of piles, properly capped, and inside them a triple thickness (7 inches in all) of sheet-piling to hold the sand. This done the berths outside can be dredged to a depth of twenty feet, if need be, without endangering the structure. The backing in place the deck will go on, the tracks be relaid, and by the time the coal begins to come everything will be ready to handle it, promptly and with a minimum of waste. Other repairs are going on and still others are to follow the completion of those in progress.

The "New England Supper." This evening, remember, the ladies of the Presbyterian church society will serve a "New England supper" at the room just vacated by Erickson & Bissell, the old Semer corner. Whether it is to be New England of these coast—quahaugs and sippaw—or of the forest—venison and fry-and-injun—or of "the Hub"—Boston brown bread and baked beans, we can not undertake to say. What we dare say is that it is certain to be the best of the sort determined upon, and that the ladies (in costume) will so serve it as to make of the viands, be they ever so simple and homely, a feast.

Beautiful Decorations. Nothing contributes more to the beauty of the home than tasteful and appropriate wall covering. People who delight in viewing the latest designs and effects produced by the wall paper maker's art, in which remarkable strides have been made within the last year or two, whether intended purchasers or not, can profitably spend a half hour in looking at the display at J. N. Mead's. He has some beautiful patterns, and his efforts to please are being responded to by a liberal patronage from the public.

Beach & Bowers. It is not necessary to introduce the above named minstrel company to our people. Season after season they have visited our city and have not "worn out their welcome" but hold all their old friends and make some new ones at every visit. This time they come stronger in numbers and stronger in talent than ever before, and lay claim to the title "Monarchs of the Minstrel World." Wednesday is the date and the People's place—put away the price of a ticket but don't forget where it is hid.

Gladstonians Liked Nye. The Delta says: "Those of the Gladstonians whom the Delta has seen speak well of Mr. Nye." Matter of taste entirely, and our Gladstone friends seem to be easily pleased. "De gustibus non sunt appes." The Express does not take the same tone, though, but owns up to the disappointment and says of Bill, "If he ever comes this way again we'll stone him out."

The Episcopal Supper. Following the "New England," at a sufficient interval for digestion and assimilation;

namely, on the the evening of Thursday, 25th instant, the ladies of St. Stephen's will entertain such of their friends as present themselves at the residence on Campbell street, of Mrs. Will McNaughtan (we might mention that Will lives their too) with something for the body—a supper—and something for the mind—we don't know what, all—conversation, certainly, music, no doubt—and a hearty welcome with all; the latter a matter of course but not the less effective towards making the occasion enjoyable.

Mining Miscellany. There is no new phase in the condition of the flooded mines. The water, Wednesday, was considerably above the back of the 6th level in the Ludington and had been rising somewhat more slowly than at first. The rise was figured to be about 5 inches per hour. To what height it will eventually reach can not be figured with any degree of certainty. The Hamilton company will require some time yet, perhaps weeks, before the machinery at No 2 is ready for trial, and any attempt is made to bail out No. 2 shaft. When this is done, whatever may be the result, it is hard to see what the Hamilton people can do more, without the cooperation of the Ludington, and the tone of the management is to the effect that they will close up the buildings and sit down and wait—Current.

The Calumet & Hecla Mining Company in the interest of their employes, will in the near future convert the old Hecla rock house into a club-house and reading room, with large gymnasium attached, all of which gives the News another chance of saying nice things of the company. If Warner Norton will make known his whereabouts to Postmaster Sakris Silvola, Red Jacket, Michigan, he will learn of something to his advantage and receive legal papers that he is interested in. Upper Peninsula exchanges please copy the above.—News, Calumet.

The water in the Ludington mine has reached the fifth level, and is now rising very slowly, indicating that it has nearly reached the head of the source of supply. Nothing definite has yet been decided upon in regard to what is to be done, that we can learn, but it is reported that the question of the Hamilton and Ludington mines uniting in putting in a joint pumping plant is being considered. A consolidation of the two mines is a possible outcome that naturally presents itself to an observer, but we are not aware that there is any prospect of such an event.—Range.

The Detroit News having said that the furnace at Newberry was the "best paying" one in the state, Mr. Case, its superintendent, declares that it is making nothing and that the furnaces which are losing least are those which are out of blast. Cheap iron, made with coke or anthracite is the thing; the market for high cost charcoal iron is over stocked.

No Money in Iron, This Year. Fred Branstad, besides being state treasurer, is heavily interested in iron mining and has lately visited Cleveland to feel the market. On his return he tells Iron Ore that "there is not a cent in the operation of many of the mines of this region. Some of them with no royalties to pay, that have large deposits of ore can make money, but these are generally the exceptions. The present outlook is far from being an encouraging one." Prospects may brighten before the season opens—we hope so—and Mr. B. may be in error, but his opinion is probably worth as much as that of our young friends on Wells avenue.

Opening of Cook's Hotel. The editor of the Iron Port was compelled, very reluctantly, to forego the pleasure of using a "complimentary ticket" to the banquet at the opening of Cook's Hotel, at Green Bay, yesterday. His thanks for the courtesy are due and are hereby tendered to Mr. Northam, and he takes this occasion to say to the readers of the Iron Port that when at Green Bay they will do well to make their temporary home with "Wilt." If he does not make their stay pleasant he must have changed greatly since last the writer was his guest, and we do not believe he has.

Vote "Yes," Everybody. The county board was too penurious to be economical when the jail was built, and now we, the people, are called on to remedy the error into which it fell. Everybody knows that the jail is of insufficient size and so unsafe, and it is imperative that the fault be remedied. The county board, at its last session, provided for a vote of the people upon the question of borrowing money enough to pay for such a jail as the county needs, and the vote will be taken at the spring election. Let every one vote "yes." It is good economy to do so.

The Escanaba Journal. The initial number of the paper bearing the above title made its appearance last Friday morning. It is a five-column quarto, four pages home print, and is creditable to the young men both in manner and matter. It declares itself "a republican newspaper," uncontrolled by or devoted to "any organization, clique, creed or clan," which is a good lay out as far as politics is concerned.

Turner's Masquerade. The last party before the opening of the penitential season is the masquerade to be given by the Turn Verein on Monday evening next, the 29th instant. It is its "first annual" and pains have been and will be taken to make it so pleasant that succeeding ones will be looked for as the event of the season in which such will occur.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

BANKS, BUSINESS HOUSES AND SHOPS CLOSED.

Veterans, Citizens not Veterans, and School Children Celebrating—The Day Well Observed—Under Direction of Mr. Hardy.

The birthday of the boy who "could not tell a lie," and who grew into the man who could neither be beaten in war nor bribed with a vice-regal diadem; of him whose name stands first on the roll of great names of our country, was more generally observed in our city, yesterday, than ever before. Work was suspended in the shops and wherever else upon the property it was practicable to suspend it; the banks were closed, of course, and many business houses followed the example of the banks. The matter of celebration was, however, left to the public schools. As we go to press the program which we published Friday is being carried out; the pupils have marched in from the ward schools to the high school building, decked with tri-colored badges, and the whole from there to the People's Opera house, and are now giving this program:

Chorus—Red, White and Blue.....Boys and Girls
Recitation—Welcome.....Lulu Haring
Recitation—Washington's Birthday.....Mattie McJannet
Recitation—Red, White and Blue.....Three Girls
Song—Vive l'America.....Mabel and Edith Harris
Recitation—Washington.....Flossie Goodwin
Drill—Stars and Stripes.....Boys and Girls
Recitation—Washington's Tomb.....Jennie Robinson
Recitation—American Flag.....Louis Kratze
Chorus—Marching Thro' Georgia.....Fifty Boys
Recitation—Be Never told a Lie.....Kittie Morris
Recitation—The 22d of February.....Ira Cates
Drill—Washington's Name.....Six Girls, Four Boys
Recitation—The Father of His Country.....J. McCourt
Recitation—Why We Honor Him.....Edna Cates
Drill—The Flag.....Ten Girls
Song—Mt. Vernon Bells.....Six Girls
Recitation—Our Celebration.....Martha Liedtke
Recitation—America's East.....Miss Hamacher
Recitation—A Nation's Honor.....Llewellyn Oliver
Recitation—Independence Bell.....Ethel Roberts
Chorus—America.....Boys and Girls.

In the evening the pupils of the high school gave their portion of the celebration, the following program:
Music—Medley.....Orchestra
Essay—Historical Sketch of Washington.....Rose Hedsten
Music—Battle Hymn of the Republic.....Chorus
Recitation—National Character.....Dan Campbell
Solo—Just Before the Battle.....Miss Hamacher
Essay—Washington, the Soldier.....Llewellyn Oliver
Music—Red, White and Blue.....Chorus
Recitation—Revolutionary Rising.....Frances Blake
Solo—National Hymn.....Mr. Keenan
Address.....Rev. W. Ball Wright
Music—Selected.....Orchestra
C. F. Smith Post, No. 175, G. A. R., turned out to testify the loyalty of its members to the government established by Washington and his associates and their abiding faith and determination that it "shall not perish from the earth."

Local Jottings. A leap-year party of fourteen couples went from here to Gladstone last Friday evening, were joined by ten couples of Gladstonians and made merry with music and dancing. It must be admitted that the girls are wasting no time. If there are not twenty-five per cent. more weddings in '92 than in '91 it will be the fault of the bachelors.

An invitation to attend an entertainment to be given by the Daughters of Rebeckah specifies only, as to time, "Tuesday evening." We learn, however, that the affair comes off this, Tuesday, evening and will, we doubt not, be a pleasant one. A competent printer would have pointed out the omission to the ladies.

Friday evening next, Feb. 26, is the date and the home of Mr. Albert Ellsworth the place of the next social of the Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church. In the announcement made a week ago the compositor made it 27, instead of 26, and the proof reader let the error go uncorrected.

It is seldom that the kids have a procession all to themselves, and they enjoyed that one yesterday hugely. So did we, for that matter; it was good to see them, and to hear them, and to share with them their pride in the flag and the glorious memories it calls up.

Printers are kicking because the U. S. postoffice runs opposition to them in that it prints return cards on stamped envelopes, does it for nothing, and does it badly. It is a very small business for the U. S., there's no denying that.

The Norwegian Danish church now has a membership of 110 souls. This society proposes to greatly improve its edifice of worship in the spring. The church is \$600 in debt, but sees its way clear.

An employe of the steam laundry got her fingers caught in the mangle and her arm drawn in nearly to the elbow, bruising it badly but fortunately breaking no bones.

Beach & Bowers' Minstrels will be at the People's to-morrow evening. The bare announcement is enough; our folks know the company and what to expect.

Remember the New England supper, by the Presbyterian ladies, in the store recently occupied by Erickson & Bissell, this evening.

"Owing to the McKinley bill" the steam laundry makes a change in its prices. See advertisement and be governed accordingly.

Fred. Weissert, the Charlotte street baker, will supply Ford River People with bread, cakes, etc., going there every Tuesday.

The Norwegian girls will give a basket

social at the Scandinavian reading rooms early in March. When these young ladies undertake anything it is sure to be a success.

The Chinese character equivalent to our letter "i" has 142 pronunciations, each with a different meaning. We resolve, right here, never to study Chinese.

North Star society dances, en masque, next Friday evening. Lent is close at hand, take the chance for amusement while you can.

Mrs. Kartheiser died on Friday last, Feb. 19, of exhaustion following confinement. Funeral this Tuesday morning.

Next Friday evening the "businessmen" will meet, at the council chamber, to organize their association.

C. J. Carlson will open a branch establishment at the corner of Charlotte and Ayer streets.

Jay Gibbs, who had a hard siege of gripple while visiting in Iowa, was out yesterday.

Paul W. Giebel closed out his stock, in a lump, and went out of business, last Saturday.

Mr. McCall went out to St. Jacques last Friday to see how the kilns were running.

Mr. Lilley was in town over Sunday and returned to Kankakee yesterday.

Sleighride parties are numerous and "big boys" are in good demand. Goff was discharged, the evidence was insufficient to hold him for trial.

"Doc" Allison of the Oliver, came down with the gripple last Friday.

The Rebeckahs give a party at Odd Fellows' hall to-night.

Fog yesterday and "soft weather" since Friday—snow going.

R. D. Dart, of Kaukauna, was in town on Saturday last.

Capt. Stratton, of Bay de Noc, is down with the gripple.

Miss Lyon is confined to the house with gripple.

Mrs. David Reese is sick with a severe cold.

St. James Items.

St. JAMES, Mich., Feb. 1.—We have had no mail this evening, weather cold enough but too windy, nothing to hinder a boat landing at McCann's dock.

Neil Gallagher's horse ran away last week smashing his cutter; no sleighing here at present. Saturday last we had a horse trot for a keg of beer; half mile heats, best two in three, between Condy Gallagher's black gelding and Patrick McCauley's bay gelding. Condy's horse won in two straight heats. Best time 1:20. Neil Gallagher got a big lift with his herring net in the harbor, Jan. 30. Menominee, perch, herring and ducks stuck in promiscuously.

Died, in Sand Bay, Jan. 26, of gripple, Ann McGladera, aged 55 years—maiden name McGuire. She was a very fine old lady, had lived in Hugh Conahan's family for the past ten years, first death this winter.

Trade is booming, one of our merchants told me his sales were twice as large during January as last year. Mr. Ford represents Barker and Co. and is getting out and buying considerable cedar. Fountain trapped a fox a few days ago. Booth & Co. have leased the dock and warehouse on the west side for the coming season. Mail carriers talk of starting soon in a boat for Cross Village. Free for all trot on the ice yesterday. Frank Lefts horse was boss.

St. JAMES, Mich., Feb. 16.—The first mail over the ice arrived Feb. 10. The mail carriers had a rough time traveling over loose cakes of ice. Spent ten days on the trip.

Died, Jan. 11, 1892, at Centralia Penn. Rev. William M. Logue aged 50 years. Yes, the eloquent, faithful priest has gone to his reward and every one on the island mourns. To know him was to love him. He needs no monument, the memory of his christian virtues is enshrined in the hearts of our people to be handed down from one generation to another till the end of time. Solemn high mass was celebrated yesterday morning; at the Catholic church.

The mail leaves to-morrow morning. The last cold snap has made the ice solid, so we can get our mail by horse power. A special session of the circuit court is called for March 8, provided Judge Pailthorpe can cross on the ice.

Light Keeper Fountain is to be transferred to the new light house at the Seul Choix point, while Kundsens of South Manitou takes charge here March 1. Fountain trapped another fox. We have too much snow for utility at present. Indians came over on the ice from High Island with ponies yesterday for the first time this winter. The ice harvest is going to be splendid this year.

Here's to Jack Frost, bridge-builder bold,
Who makes the weather crisp and cold
So we can travel far and near
And from our friends outside we hear.

It is evident, both from what our correspondent says in the first paragraph of his letter of Feb. 16 and from what he does not say, that the LeBlanc brothers, concerning whom there was so much anxiety last week at Cross Village, got through to St. James all right. Fact is, it's the next thing to impossible to drown a Beaver Islander.

This is Not New. Invitations like this are not new elsewhere, but if any have been issued here it has not come to our knowledge. "Party in our set this evening. Guess where and come there." It is bachelors who are the recipients of the invitations, and the fun commences when they start out to "come there," continues after they arrive and ends—but there's no record of that. Who will set the boys to dancing?

THE IRON PORT.

The Iron Port Company.

J. C. VAN DUZER, EDITOR. LEW. A. CATES, MANAGER.

A common accusation, by free-trade speakers and writers is that the protective system fails to protect the laborer...

Last week there was a net loss of treasury gold in the form of certificates amounting to \$533,574, and the amount of silver treasury notes outstanding declined \$666,429.

The official life of a nation has probably never been so fully represented in a single issue of a periodical as in the March number of the North American Review.

Of all the men in congress Justin R. Whiting, of St. Clair, is the last man we should have expected to find opposing the appropriation for a twenty-foot channel between the lakes...

Commander Nicol Ludlow, inspector of the ninth light-house district, is making every effort to locate the spot on Lake Michigan, north of Squaw Island, struck by steamer Rosmanis, last season when that boat came near foundering on account of injuries received.

struction is a very dangerous one, as any of the deep-laden Escanaba ore carriers are liable to run into it while it remains unmarked.

So says the Marine Review of the 18th, If commander Ludlow will be at the pains to avail himself of the services of Capt. Ed. Coffey he can be put upon the shoal promptly enough; no very strenuous effort will be needed.

"John Workman," in the Inter Ocean, gives, from time to time, his "notions" on matters of general interest, and very shrewd "notions" they are.

"In social, as in physical science, fear is the chief motive of progress. As the first step toward securing the general health is the careful study of disease, so the secret of good government and healthful economic conditions is to be found, not in a study of the rich man's wealth but in a thorough comprehension of the poor man's poverty."

That one shall control and many be controlled, one accumulate wealth and many accumulate nothing, has been the case since the dawn of existence and will be until the world is reorganized on the Bellamy plan; meanwhile the "notion" above given applies.

If the copper counties present the name of Mr. Hambitzer to the caucus of U. P. delegates to the state convention, their wish that he be the nominee for state treasurer will receive respectful consideration, but the urging of his candidacy, at this time, by Prince's young man (late-ly from the Liberty concern at Detroit) will not have the effect to strengthen it.

Observations made at the Naval Observatory by Professor Frisby showed that the large spot hitherto observed upon the sun which covered a space equal to one-sixteenth of the sun's surface, or an area of 140,000 miles long by 100,000 wide, has by some great cataclysmic operation been broken into about twenty smaller spots.

"That the silver question should be made a party one as between democrats and republicans is absurd. Free silver is purely a local issue as was slavery."

A big manufacturing concern has in hand an advertising scheme, which it asks us to help on. It proposes to give sundry of the articles it makes and sells as prizes for literary effort in a line suggested by itself, and so get an immense amount of advertising at a minimum of cost.

Congressman Chipman is not carried away by the "free silver" craze. Refusing to take part in the effort, headed by Mr. Bland, to push silver to the front as the main issue in the coming campaign, he said:

"I am a bi-metalist, but I would make it an international instead of a national movement. It will be committing political hari-kari for the party to place the free coinage question ahead of the tariff issue. The democratic party had better fight as a unit on the tariff than divide on the coinage."

It is coming to be understood that a Keeley-cured dipsomaniac must stay cured; that the five per cent. of failures which the doctor acknowledges are failures not only to stay sober but to continue in existence after the relapse. In short that a spree or two, after a course of the Keeley treatment, is uniformly fatal.

The Detroit city council was a republican body and two seats were contested. The investigation showed crooked work, marked ballots, etc., but in the outcome trifling majorities for the democratic contestants and they were seated. The republicans did no more than they ought,

but what democratic body would have done so? Had the case been reversed does any one suppose that a democratic council would have seated two republican contestants?

"More raw material for 'cheap money' men. Besides the new camp at Creede, which turns out silver equal in quantity to Leadville in its best days, here comes Florissant with a strike of which a dispatch of the 17th says:

"A blast in the tunnel opened a body of silver glance 26 inches thick. The ore comes out in massive chunks weighing as high as 300 pounds. The entire matter is almost solid ore. Mr. Guyot, the assayer, says it is the finest silver ore he has seen in years."

Gov. Winans is a man who holds opinions, and here is one of them. He was talking of the row in the democratic camp in New York:

"I think the natural result of the whole matter will be the defeat of both Cleveland and Hill, and the nomination of a western man."

It is a two-to-one bet that the supreme court, before it gets through with the work of the last legislature, will have knocked out so much of it that the people will never try such another experiment as its election. For cheery attempts and slovenly execution that body takes the cake, easily."

The economical democracy proposes to set a commission at work to find out how the tariff is working. Waste of time and money; every body (except perhaps democratic congressmen) knows already, and it is hardly worth while trying to get information through their skulls.

Everybody who took pains to have an opinion about it thought Brearley, late of the Detroit Journal, a fool, but the showing up he now gets makes a worse case. The books of the concern show him to have beaten it in every possible way.

Congressman Belknap is doing his level best to get a public building for Grand Haven, but democrats at home put stumbling blocks in his way; They prefer to do without the building rather than let him have the credit of getting the bill through.

Things are not quite pleasant in Chili. An attempt to assassinate President Montt was discovered just in time to frustrate it last week, and General Canto, the military hero of the late revolution, was also threatened.

Governor Boies is aged 64; has gray hair, and open countenance, no whiskers, blue eyes, and could easily be persuaded to be a candidate in 1892 on any platform with a wide straddle.—Inter Ocean.

Governor Boies is in favor of some good man from Iowa for President! Boies knows the man, but he is afflicted with western modesty and doesn't like to mention the name.—Inter Ocean.

It turns out upon examination of the record, that Coulter was not really guilty, as he confessed himself, and his trial and sentence goes for nothing; he can not be held.

Mathews, the deposed city clerk of Saginaw, refused to give possession of the office and was put out by force. He will go to the supreme court with his case.

The democratic majority in congress is "a house divided against itself," and the scriptures settle the doom of such a house, definitely—it "can not stand."

That Mesaba ore is to come out. A railroad is to be built, and an ore dock at Duluth, and by '93 the new range will be a factor in the ore trade.

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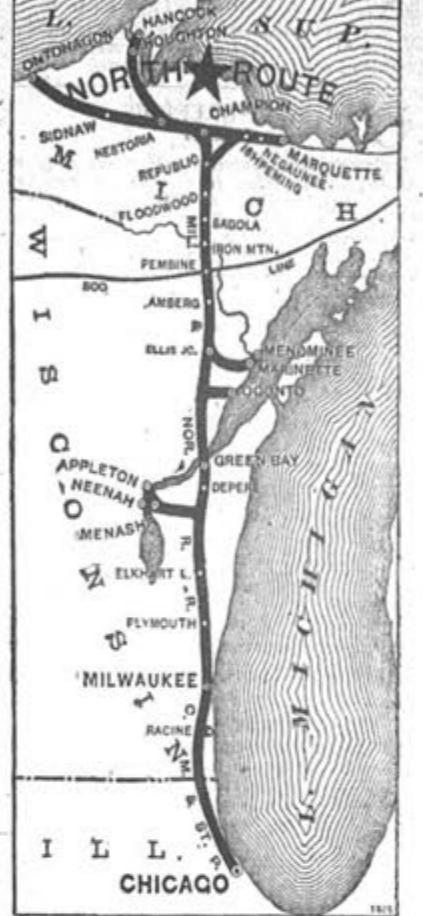
is a novelty and for comfort, convenience, safety and durability, is the most perfect sleigh yet produced. This Cutter excels all others in construction of the gearing, which can be made of steel or of wood, (ironed like the common Cutter, and which consists of separate halves, connected in the center by a steel axle upon which the springs are secured, allowing each half to work separately. The runners are joined in front by a cross-bar with a joint at each end allowing each runner to act independently of the other. The springs are firmly secured together in front by a solid cross-bar, and the center of the cross-bar on the springs is attached to the center of the cross-bar on the runners by a loose bolt giving freedom to the runners. The body can be either Portland or Swell body, is accurately balanced on the axle below, and is attached to the cross-bar in front and behind by strong straps. The shoes are steel plates six inches wide, with a bar of steel extending the whole length of the bottom of the plate to prevent slipping sideways.

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UPPER MICHIGAN NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM EXCHANGES.

Intelligence Concerning the Most Important Events Occurring in This Vicinity the Past Few Days Condensed.

James B. Reilly, in the Mining Journal, expresses his gratification at hearing that the Huron Bay railroad is to be completed, as, in that event he and other creditors of the concern may hope to compel payment of their claims. He says:

"At present there is nothing to levy on only a bank of clay and a few bridge timbers, and not being interested in real estate speculations they prefer waiting for something tangible, such, for instance, as a locomotive and a train of cars. The operation of slipping a chain with a lock and key attached through the wheels of a locomotive and thence through the track is a matter which almost any deputy sheriff or marshal can accomplish."

Capt. Joe Rouleau returned Monday from Sailor's Encampment, where he had been to examine the stage of water in the river at that point and also to investigate the condition of the same. Capt. Rouleau reports that the water at the Encampment as measured by marks he has there, is at present 13 feet and 10 inches. Last year at this time it was 14 feet 4 inches and last fall at the close of the navigation it was 14 feet 2 inches. The ice in the middle of the channel, where last year teams did not dare pass, is solid and teams are driving everywhere. There is 14 inches of good solid blue ice there.—Soo Democrat.

There has been a number of transactions in the Negaunee & Ishpeming Street Railway Co. during the past few days. Investors who were in doubt at the commencement are now convinced that it will pay handsome dividends and are therefore seeking the stock. A conservative man, well informed as to the business, thinks there is no question of a 25 per cent dividend for the first year, and still better the second.—Herald, Negaunee. That "conservative man" is too sanguine, by three-quarters.

Evans, treasurer of Iron Mountain, used city funds to pay his personal debts and John R. Wood, his banker and bondsman, preferred charges and demanded to be relieved from responsibility as bondsman. Mr. Evans made his account good so that his bondsmen and the city are all right, but it was not business, as he acknowledges.

The water works controversy appears to be practically and amicably settled. At the council meeting last Monday evening the council and Mr. Flannigan for the Water Works Company, came to an understanding on all points at issue and an ordinance granting the company a new franchise will probably be passed at the next meeting of the council.—Range, Iron Mountain.

Measles have become epidemic in the city and are said to afflict more than half the families of the place, there being hundreds of cases. As yet no serious results have been reported. The attendance at the public schools has been reduced by one half while a number of the teachers are on the sick list.—Herald, Negaunee.

The Hon. Jay A. Hubbell, whose reputation as a lawyer is too well known in the upper peninsula to need any further comment, has associated himself with Mr. Gray and the style of the new law firm will be Hubbell & Gray with offices at the old stand in the bank block, Houghton.—M. J., 19th.

The Ishpeming Press still thinks there is a chance to get the encampment of the state troops next summer at Union Park. The military board has selected Island Lake, but that is a recommendation only, the governor decides.

The first death in the Marquette prison occurred last week—a convict named Clark, from Traverse City. An abscess in the head killed him.

The Mining Journal called the brakeman who was killed at Agate siding "Rambone" and the Press had the name "Bushaw." Iron Ore has it "Bergerson," and is probably correct.

A correspondent of Iron Ore, speaking of the Michigan gold mine, insists that a superintendent, a mining captain, two engineers, two blacksmiths and one laborer, above ground, and only four miners underground, "is not a proper distribution of muscle."

Longcamp's store, at Ironwood, burned last Saturday and three of his children were burned in it. He lived in the second story of the building. An explosion of "squawbuck" oil set the place on fire.

Mr. A. Bechard, of Quebec, was at Ishpeming a couple of days this week looking for Canadians who had lately come to this country, for the purpose of getting them to return to Canada to vote. He was here in the interest of the government party of that province. It is said he was successful in securing about a dozen, who will return to Canada with him. He will pay them \$6 a day from now until after the election.—Mining Journal.

E. B. Howard is appointed collector of the port of Marquette (and district of Superior) vice C. Y. Osburn, deceased. Mr. Howard was special deputy under Col. Osburn, and the appointment is in regular line of promotion.

SEEN FROM A BALLOON.

Picture of a Landscape Lying Vertically Beneath the Photograph.

An English scientist recently made some interesting photographs of the landscape lying vertically beneath him during a balloon ascent from the site of the naval exhibition on the Thames.

The experiment, as described by one of the party in Black and White, presents features somewhat unusual in amateur photography, and the resulting pictures are odd and interesting examples of what might be not improperly termed the "ground plan" of a wide prospect.

The scientific instruments taken along for making barometric and other observations, and a kodak camera, were strapped to the side of the car, as the balloon rose at mid-afternoon of a clear day, with the sky broken only by a few clouds and with a gentle breeze blowing from the west. To the aeronaut ascending directly upward there is no sensation of motion, the only indication of his progress aloft being the rapid diminution in size of familiar objects on the ground and the constant widening of the field of view. On this occasion, with the casting off of the stay ropes the balloon shot directly upward two thousand feet, during which ascent the first view, covering the grounds of the naval exhibition, was taken vertically downward from the car. At the height of two-fifths of a mile above the earth persons on the ground seemed to be mere moving specks and groups of people resembled swarms of ants. The grounds, the lake and the river ap-



peared as tiny patches and the light-house and other edifices resembled toy houses. A cricket match taking place on the oval near Vauxhall bridge gave the impression to the air voyager of white mice playing upon a green loo table.

As the balloon floated above the Middlesex side Millbank penitentiary, with its great array of regularly arranged buildings, presented the appearance of an octagonal unplanted flower bed laid out with unusual precision. Clapham common and the Crystal palace were readily distinguishable; Hyde park, the Serpentine, Regent's park, Hampstead and Highgate appeared as open spaces that varied the monotony of the otherwise seemingly continuous mass of brick and mortar constituting the house walls of London. Except for a few openings of this character, the city, seen from aloft, presented the aspect of a vast area of unbroken roof in monotonous tints of slate and tile. The stately houses of parliament looked like a working model, while the clock tower could readily have been taken for the slot for the reception of the penny which sets the wheels in motion.

Above the Thames—which the balloon crossed several times, securing for its passengers a fine view of the port of London and its docks—ballast was thrown out, and the airship rose to a height of 4,000 feet over Greenwich ob-



servatory and Woolwich. Floating for the fourth time over the river—at Purfleet—the voyager were carried above a pleasing tract of agricultural country, with fields marked in varying shades of green and brown. At this point the second photograph was obtained, after which the balloon descended on the same side of the river from which it had risen, and the aeronauts safely disembarked bearing as trophies of their expedition excellent pictures taken from these novel points of view.

Notice.
Office of the County Commissioner of Schools, Delta County.

GLADSTONE, Mich., Feb. 18, 1892.—Notice is hereby given that the regular public examination for the purpose of examining all persons who may offer themselves as teachers for the public schools of this county, will be held at the high school building in the city of Escanaba on Thursday the third day of March 1892, commencing at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Applicants when absent at its opening can not be admitted to the examination except by unanimous consent of the county board of examiners.

ALFRED P. SMITH, School Commissioner,
JOHN POWER, School Examiner,
ALFRED O. BLACKWELL, Board of Examiners.

Capt. Rich Coming Back.
Mr. Hurd, the Soo Railroad company's right-of-way agent, was in Escanaba arranging some matters in connection with his office. To an Iron Port reporter he said Capt. Rich would again take his place as chief engineer of the road March first. Capt. Rich is very favorable to Escanaba, and we may be benefited by his return.

A Scandinavian Social.
The Scandinavian local temple of Temples of America will hold a social and basket supper at their hall—the Scandinavian Reading rooms—on Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Music and speaking will be a feature of the program. Every body invited. 83-26.

An Old Resident Gone.
Mrs. E. Glavin, for many years resident in our city, died last Friday of dropsy. Funeral yesterday from St. Joseph's church. Her husband and six children survive her.

MANY NEWSY NEWSLETS

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

Matters of General Importance Condensed by Iron Port Reporters for the Perusal of Many Readers Here and Elsewhere.

The body of a man who died at Creston, Ill., more than three months ago is still unburied. It remains undecayed and unchanged in appearance and they dare not bury it for fear of a return to consciousness.

A clergyman of the Episcopal church has skipped from Chatham, Ont., leaving three young women mourning and mad—he had promised marriage to each of them. Another has gone from Toronto, but only creditors mourn his flight. His was a case of booze.

Ann Arbor is happy because a sub-committee has recommended an appropriation of \$60,000 for a government building there. It is too previous—their rejoicing—they won't get the money this year.

The Puritan, which has run for two seasons last past between Benton Harbor and Chicago, has been sold to Seymour Brothers of Manistee, and will hereafter run between Chicago and Petoskey.

An Ionian freemason, crazed by the grip, gave away the secret work of the craft but his wife won't let it go any further.

Mrs. Stout, wife of Byron G. Stout, member of congress from the 6th district of Michigan, died at Washington on the 17th. Funeral services were held at Addison, Steuben Co., N. Y., which was the home of her childhood, and the interment was at her Michigan home, Pontiac.

The Indian war in New Mexico is over, all there was of it. Nobody killed on either side. Too much "mescal" was what ailed 'em. There's more noise in that stuff than in Peoria corn juice.

An American named Deacon who, with his family was stopping at Cannes, a French sea-coast resort, found an attaché of the French diplomatic service hidden in Mrs. Deacon's room at night and killed him. The Frenchman was named Abelle. The fool woman was the mother of four children.

At the struggle between Cleveland and Hill, Cal Price says he is not in it, nor Gorman.

Morris Root and Ernest White, held for the outrage upon Eva Reynolds at Ypsilanti have "jumped their bail."

The French government was defeated last week, on a bill to regulate the connection between the church and state, and the cabinet went out in a body.

More trouble in Brazil. The state of Ceara is in revolt and the governor has been driven from the capital.

Ballfour's bill providing local government for Ireland was introduced in parliament last week. Of course it is unsatisfactory to home-rulers and its defeat is not improbable.

THE BROTHERS' FEUD.

Story of Two Men Who Quarreled Right Up to the Door of Death.

"You will take the road to the right, over the hill, at 'Brothers' Feud,'" said the liveryman. "The bridge on the lower road was washed away in the storm."

"Brothers' Feud?" said I. "Where is that?"

"Aren't you acquainted in this country? No? Well, you can't be. Every one within a hundred miles knows about Brothers' Feud. The way of it was, when old man Ellaot died he gave his farm undivided to his two sons. They had no other relatives living. But they couldn't get along together, and one of them brought suit for partition. The place is very hilly, and wasn't worth much in the first place. And the lawyer fees didn't make it any more valuable. But they finally got the matter through court, and the surveyor came out to survey the place. They asked him who was to pay him, and he said they would each pay half the expense of partition. They agreed, and he went ahead. One of them paid and the other didn't. That was nobody's loss but the surveyor's, but it made the paying brother so mad to think his brother had done less than himself that he took up the dividing line stakes and set them over two rods in his brother's land. That made his brother mad, and he took up the stakes and set them two rods beyond the line. So they began quarreling over that four rods of hill land that wasn't worth ten dollars an acre. But the timber was fine, and when the buyers came along and offered twenty dollars a thousand for stave timber Jim and Joe began quarreling in earnest.

"Each one hired a gang of choppers and the choppers took up the fight, for it did seem the likeliest timber grew in the disputed strip. Why, those choppers had regular battles there and the sheriff had to go out with a posse. Three men were killed—just chopped to death with axes. We have had more criminal cases from that four rods of sand and gravel than from all the rest of the county. We finally had to get out a company of militia, when the buyers run up the price to twenty-two dollars a thousand. It was worth something then. But each fellow spent all he made from his trees defending his suits, and when the timber was finally gone and the price fell there stood about the only good walnut in the county. That is worth a good deal of money now. All the rest of the walnut sold years ago and it was worth almost its weight in silver.

"Well, if you go by there to-day you will most likely see two gray-haired old men sitting one on each side of that strip of timber, each one with a rifle beside him and waiting to kill the other if he steps on the strip. They both swear they will stay right there till they die. I suppose they will, but if either of them gets reckless and

ventures on the strip his brother will shoot him sure. You see, the ground is worth a good deal now. The men were so busy fighting in the timber time that they didn't have time to cut Good-by. Take the right-hand road when you come to the hill. The bridge is gone on the other one."

I found the "Brothers Feud" without any trouble and looked with great interest for the two insane brothers. They had been so devoted to their quarrel they had never married, and they lived all alone, each in a little cabin their father had given them. As I drove along I saw a group of neighbors about one of the houses. At the door of the other sat a trembling, palsied old man, with a rifle across his unsteady knees. I went up to the crowd and found that Jim was dead.

"Been dead two or three days when we found him," said the neighbor.

"What more does his brother want?" I asked. "He still seems to be on guard."

"Well, he is so deaf he can't hear when he holler over and tell him, and he is so blind he couldn't see when his brother fell down by the log here and died." Besides, he has lost his reason. He will never know that the brothers' feud is ended."—Chicago Herald.

Escanaba Gymnasium Association.
There will be a special meeting of the stockholders of the Escanaba Gymnasium Association Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, over Oliver's hardware store, for the purpose of disposing of the stock. Stockholders are urgently requested to be present. By order E. J. GODIN, Sec.

One Cent a Word

Notices inserted under this head will be published at one cent per word. No notice less than 15 cents. Parties wanting to sell: parties wanting to buy: families wanting domestic help: domestic wanting situations: merchants wanting clerks: clerks wanting situations: men wanting employers: employers wanting men, etc., etc., should patronize this column. Iron Port reaches a large number of people twice each week.

FRESH-cut flowers and floral designs to order for weddings or funerals, apply to Theodore Noelle, Green Bay, or Mrs. George English.

AMUSEMENTS.

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Fred Hess will saw wood at the following prices: 8 cords or less, 75c per cord; over 8 cords 65c per cord. All orders given prompt attention.

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By special arrangement we are now in a position to offer our customers a reduction of about twenty per cent on all cash purchases made at our store.

HOW IS IT DONE?

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—The Year-Book of the Congregational church reports 4,277 churches, with 506,882 members, and 613,810 in the Sunday-schools.

—The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is represented in Utah by the 23 organizations, representing 750 members, of which 11 are in Salt Lake City, containing 350 members.

—In Africa there are 500 missionaries and 400,000 converts. An average of 25,000 a year become converted, and in five years more than 200 martyrs have lost their lives there.

—A dairy school is soon to be opened in connection with the Maine state agricultural college for the purpose of teaching the best methods of handling milk and making butter and cheese.

—From 1880 to 1890 the population of the United States increased twenty-four per cent. During the same decade the membership of the Presbyterian church, north, increased over thirty-four per cent.

—The study of the daily weather maps is to be introduced into the Albany high school, the pupils to make daily reports therefrom, on which marks will be given. Observer Sims will also lecture thereon.

—The new national library building, now in course of erection in Washington, will cost \$6,000,000. There are thirty-three arches on the four sides of the building and it is proposed to ornament the keystones of these arches with representative heads of the races of mankind.

—The first Christian Endeavor society in the United States army has been organized among the soldiers of Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis, and has proved itself as well adapted to the needs of the soldiers as to young men in other walks of life.—Illustrated Christian Weekly.

—More women than men avail themselves of the advantages of the university extension teaching in Cambridge, Eng. According to the last report 1,925 women and 426 men have been awarded certificates the past year. Thirty-nine women and 10 men have taken the vice-chancellor's certificate.

—The percentage of individuals above six years of age in the Sandwich islands and able to read and write Hawaiian, English or some European language is as follows in order of merit, viz.: Americans, 93.04; British, 90.60; Germans, 89.88; half castes, 83.05; natives, 79.80; Hawaiian born foreigners, 53.12.

—In Juneau City, Alaska, there are two Presbyterian churches. One is called the Northern Light Presbyterian church, and is under the care of Rev. Mr. King, and is meant for the white residents of the mining camp. The other is the Thimblet church, and is for the ingathering of the natives and their instruction.

—At the instance of the minister of education, a Russian ethnographical and archaeological institution will be established in Constantinople, under the management of the Imperial Archaeological Society of Moscow. The appropriation required was granted by the government. The object of the institution will be to study and to promote the knowledge of eastern ethnography and archaeology.

—A unique method of avoiding contagion from the handling of books is in use in the public library of Chicago. By an arrangement with the board of health every case of contagious disease occurring in the city is reported to the librarian, and if it happens that any books from the library are in the possession of the afflicted family messengers from the library are at once sent for them. The books are then thoroughly fumigated and in case of small-pox destroyed.

TASTING TEA FOR A LIVING.

A Peculiar Profession Followed by Several Hundred New York Men.

There is a class of men who find constant and remunerative employment among the large wholesale dealers in teas and coffee of this city that the average reader has never known to exist. These gentlemen are known to the narrow confines of their profession as tasters. They sample all of the finer brands and qualities of tea and coffee. The moment a bean of leaf is placed upon their tongues they can almost give a complete history of its quality, age and even the country from which it had been shipped.

The least defect in proper preparation, the faintest taint of adulteration is palpable to them in a degree astonishing to a layman.

Of these gentlemen there are about five hundred in New York and vicinity, and all of them earn salaries ranging from five thousand dollars to ten thousand dollars a year. The largest importing tea houses have one and sometimes two of these experts constantly employed testing and passing upon the quality of their consignments prior to final payments.

"I know that my profession is a peculiar one," said one of the prominent experts the other day, "and that the majority of tea drinkers believe that the quality of their favorite beverage is ascertained by a chemical process. In that, however, they are mistaken."

"They may also be led to believe that this profession is easy to acquire, and that no sacrifices are made to it by those who follow it for a livelihood. That is another mistake, even greater than the former. It takes years to acquire that delicacy of taste so necessary to determine the different qualities, and once acquired the sacrifices one has to make to retain it are even greater than the demands made upon the followers of the medical profession."

"If you smoke the palate immediately loses the delicacy, and even a glass of liquor would do an injury which would require months of care to overcome."

"We can not partake of rich food or spiced dessert of any kind for the same reason, and are compelled to take extra care in all our food."

"The most prominent opera singers do not take better care of their throats than the tea and coffee experts."—N. Y. Herald.

A YANKEE NOTION.

Put Fifteen Cents in the Slot and Have Your Bundles Delivered.

The gentleman of mythology who sowed the dragon's teeth from which sprang hordes of armed men is, according to Harper's Weekly, not in the race with the more modern gentleman who first sowed the seeds of "drop a nickel in the slot" machines. The variations that have been played on this instrument have been multitudinous, and the era of mechanical servants seems to have been fairly begun. As yet the machines have been more or less conveniences, but they are conveniences that in this age shortly become necessities. The latest variation of this scheme is a "lay a parcel on the shelf and have it



A YANKEE NOTION.

delivered" apparatus. It is an illustration of mechanical simplicity, and may become a necessity, especially to "shoppers." It is nothing but a parcel express run on mechanical principles.

As shown in the illustration, this new invention is simply an oblong box of polished steel set on end and rounded at the top. In front is a small platform bearing the words: "Step on this;" and when the order is obeyed the top slides open and a steel shelf comes up and completely hides the contents of the box below. On this shelf the package is laid, and a stamp costing fifteen cents being affixed, the sender of the package retires from the platform and the box closes.

If there is an address on the parcel, the sender may count upon its collection within an hour, and ultimate delivery. With each stamp purchased a coupon is attached, which is regarded as a receipt. A number of wagons make hourly collections, and a dial on the front of the machine indicates when the parcel will be started on its way. Another stock idea of the humorist is thus done away with, for the poor henpecked husband can no longer be pictured as lugging an armful of miscellaneous bundles. He can pay fifteen cents at the Battery, and have the cargo delivered at his residence on the banks of the picturesque Harlem. Within the breast of man exists an anti-bundle sentiment that will be fostered by this new machine. The indulgent father at Christmas time will economize to the extent of fifteen cents per gift, and firmly decline to exhibit himself as a peripatetic Santa Claus in any public vehicle. By mechanical aid man will rise from the life of petty annoyances, and establish himself as a creature of luxury by the expenditure of a few paltry cents. It may make life more expensive; but what is the use of money without comfort? It is only the inventor who becomes rich.

AN INTERESTING FAMILY.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and Their Children.

The prince of Wales has turned the half century corner, and it is only when we remember him as the father of married daughters, and as a grandfather, that we realize that he is not a gay youth whom time has touched lightly. The princess, too, in spite of her increasing deafness shows little visible signs of the flight of time. Prince George resembles his father in personal appearance while Prince Albert Victor partakes more of his mental and moral



PRINCE GEORGE OF WALES.

peculiarities. The former has been seriously ill for weeks with typhoid fever, but is now recovering.

Princess Maud is the youngest of the trio of royal maidens of the Wales household, and has lately quite scandalized staid British society by her escapades. She is said to be a favorite of her father, who encourages her to "have a good time," but her royal grandmother is said to have expressed her displeasure more than once at the example afforded by the Princess Maud.

The duchess of Fife is a beautiful woman and is as much beloved as is the princess of Wales. She goes little into society, and in her happy domestic life, her manly husband and her pretty babe is fully satisfied to have resigned a possible throne for herself and her children.

The Princess Victoria was recently married to Arlbert of Anhalt and is the most beautiful of the prince's daughters.

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