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## FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE!

## FOR THE SAKE OF THE GROWTH OF OUR CITY

Let us have no quarrelling over the Business Men's Association, Errors, if any have occurred, can be Remedied.

The Mirror of Saturday attacks the association lately formed, after much tribulation and effort, right savagely. We do not propose to argue the questions it raises. We may, for the purpose we have in view, admit all that the Mirror alleges, and what then? Shall we make an end of effort because some one may have blundered? Or shall we do what we can to remedy such errors and put the association on a working basis?

It needs only that everyone join the association to make it whatever the majority please, and there is no lock on the door nor any "tyler with a drawn sword" to keep it, the latch-string hangs out and within the reach of any citizen of Escanaba, no matter what his name or occupation. As to the officers named the other day, while the writer was not present at that meeting nor now advised as to the number who did take part, he will undertake that when a full meeting shall be held the officers then chosen will place their resignations in its hands or do anything else necessary to the success of the movement; they do not consider the places to which they were chosen any "snaps," nor the association as under any other than a temporary organization.

Quit carping at those who did try to do something, and come in and better their work. In such a movement there can be neither politics nor religion, only business; nor any man's private business, only the general good. Let the meeting Friday evening be so large in numbers and so determined of purpose as to put an end to carping.

**SUSTAINS OUR OPINION.**  
Since the foregoing was in type we have received the following communication which sustains our position:

Having been present at the meeting held in Mr. Zane's office last Wednesday evening, March 2, where the Business Men's Association was formed, and knowing, as I do, the reason why this organization so quickly came about, I wish to reply by way of explanation to the Mirror's article of March 5, with the ominous head line "The Mountain Lashed." That the reason was because of the receipt of a letter by the editor of the Iron Port from a representative of a factory which is looking for a suitable location in the northwest, asking the editor if this city had a Business Men's Association and if so this person desired to meet them and confer with them concerning the location of this plant in our city. This letter was handed to Mr. Zane and like a man having the city's welfare at heart he hustled around and arranged the meeting above referred to, where the temporary organization was effected, in order that the communication received could be officially answered. After electing temporary officers and selecting a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws, the meeting adjourned to meet as mentioned in the Mirror's article, in the council chamber on Friday evening the 11th inst.

Now Mr. McKenna stop your mud slinging, and see to it that the gentlemen named in your article are there at that time. They are welcome for they are recognized by everybody as being representative business men, many of them wealthy (which is all the better) and in this connection I think that no fault will be found if liquor dealers who have the city's interest at heart turn out too and join the association. I am sure that among them there are to be found many public spirited men.

In conclusion, turn out then everybody and shape the complexion of the new organization in such a way that peace and good feeling may exist and the new organization be a blessing to our city instead of a curse. Do not say: "Well I guess they can get along without me this time," but come—remember, permanent officers to be elected on next Friday evening, the 11th of March, and if there are kickers in the city let them make it their business to be present and have their say, so that afterwards there may be peace.

**ONE WHO WAS THERE.**

**Mining Mention.**  
At the Hamilton mine the finishing touches are being put upon the new hoisting plant and when this work is finished the entire force will be discharged and the mine shut down to await results at the Ludington. At the meeting of the stockholders of the Lumbermen's Mining Company, in the general office of the company in this city on the 5th of April, the future policy of the company will be definitely settled, and steps taken that will lead to the early resumption of work. The water in the mine is now probably up to the 3d level, though measurements have not been taken for several days past. About 40 men are employed at the old mine.—Range, Iron Mountain.

**In Aid of the Starving People of Russia.**  
DENYOR, February 27.—To the citizens of the state of Michigan: The undersigned, having been appointed by Governor

Edwin B. Winans in his proclamation of February 22d, Commissioners to receive and forward donations of money, provisions or clothing contributed by the citizens of this state for the relief of the famine sufferers of Russia, have organized for the duties assigned to them by the election of Rufus W. Gillet, chairman; John S. Gray, treasurer, and George Lane, secretary.

The appeal made by Governor Winans is heartily endorsed by the undersigned, and they urge the people of Michigan to contribute freely of their abundance for the relief of the starving and the destitute of that unfortunate country. It is hoped that all railroads leading into Detroit, and that all lines between this city and New York, will handle and transport contributions of provisions and clothing free of charge. An immediate conference will be held with their managers for securing such favors, the result of which will be duly given to the public through the press. Information will also be furnished as soon as possible, relative to the arrangements provided in New York for receiving and forwarding their destinations all contributions made for the purpose designated. It is requested that donations of money be forwarded directly to John S. Gray, treasurer. Associations or individuals having other contributions, will please address George M. Lane, Secretary, before shipping, who will give all needed information. The best and about the only article of provision that it is wise to send, is low grade flour. Second hand clothing, well packed, would also be acceptable. R. W. Gillet, chairman; John S. Gray, treasurer; George M. Lane, Secretary; J. H. Donovan, R. G. Butler, Jas. W. Flynn, David Stott.

**Teachers' Examination.**  
The examination of candidates for teacher's certificates announced by the board of education took place at the courthouse on Thursday and Friday of last week, conducted by the county commissioner, Mr. A. P. Smith. There were present thirty-six candidates: O. W. Dykes, of Nahma, applying for a first grade certificate; Dennis Hogan, of Escanaba, Eda Nicholas and Eunice Derry, of Gladstone, for second grade, and the following named persons for those of the third grade: Kittie Houlihan, Mary Butler, Lizzie Crawford, Mamie Heminger, Rose Young, Mary Herms, Madge Pool, Carrie Lins, Mary Gamaeche, Lucy Denton, Julia Durancou, Mamie Lins, Annie Cleary, Florence Boudinger, Mayme Semer, Katharine Embs, Eva Fountain, Helen Flynn, Katherine Garvey, Kittie McLoughlin, and Mary McLean, of Escanaba; Hilda Empson, Emma Ewald, Mary Doran, and Carrie Cox, of Gladstone; Lucy A. Elliot, and Agatha Hogan, of Fayette; Frank Schneider, of Appleton, Anna Lucia, of Nahma; E. C. Sealey, of Rapid River, Georgina C. Helms, of Ford River, and Ida M. Titus, of Brampton. As to the result of the examination nothing can be known for some days.

**Difficult to Prognosticate.**  
March came in like a lion and will probably go out like a lamb. There are different kinds of lambs, however. Some are quieter than others. There is a lamb which has horns, shears eighteen pounds of wool at a clip and makes more noise than five lions. If March goes out after this fashion overcoats should not be pawned until after April 1. There is the unobtrusive lamb with bow legs and a meek expression of countenance. If March follows his example straw hats and blazers will be the thing. Intermediate between the two extreme types are all sorts of lambs, and March has a very wide latitude of choice. Nor is it without precedent that March should come in like a lion and go out like an elephant, a Bengal tiger and three rhinoceroses all in a bunch. The fact is it is rather difficult to prognosticate, in the light of past experience.—Detroit Tribune.

**New Band Saws for Metropolitan.**  
E. C. Prescott, superintendent, reports business good at the Marinette Iron Works. They have now orders for two band mills for the Metropolitan Lumber Co. and one for the Sawyer-Goodman Co., of Marinette, which will be the largest on the river. It will have a 12-inch saw with a 9-foot wheel. Also numerous orders for steam feeds, which now number 1667. This with much other machinery in the shops keeps them busy night and day.—Eagle.

**The Sheridan Sells Ore.**  
M. E. Main, of Escanaba, a prominent stockholder in the Sheridan mining company, was in the city the first of the week squaring the February pay roll. Mr. Main informed the Reporter that 20,000 tons of Sheridan ore had been sold to Chicago parties at an advance of 30 cents per ton over last year's prices. He says the mine is in first class shape to get out the ore, if the prices were only satisfactory.—Reporter.

**Postoffices Wanted.**  
The residents of the township of Bay de Noc, who now receive their mail at this postoffice, are of opinion that Uncle Sam should give them a postoffice or two of their own. They are right, too, and we have no doubt that they will get what they ask for. The office or offices would be served by a star route from this city, of course.

**Principal Hardy Complimented.**  
The contribution of our schools to the fund for the exhibit at Chicago is acknowledged by the secretary, who bestows a merited complement upon our school and the energetic principal thereof, Mr. Hardy.

## OUTLOOK FOR BUSINESS.

### IT IS NOT VERY PLEASANT READING.

Prospects for Ore Shipments are Not Encouraging, But 'Tis Far Better to Know the True Situation of the Market.

We clip from the Cleveland Marine Review the following with regard to the prospect for ore shipments:

A feature of interest in the freight market is a contract for the transportation of a block of Marquette ore running throughout the season at \$1.15 a ton. This rate is proportionate with the figure of \$1.25 from the head of lake Superior, although it was thought some time ago, when the feeling as to freights was stronger than at present, that Marquette shippers would be compelled to pay a contract rate almost equal to that ruling from Ashland, on account of the indications of low water and a light movement in coal to Marquette. As far as can be learned, only one Marquette contract has been made, however, and it is between a vessel owner and the purchaser of the ore. The market for pig iron is still depressed under increasing stocks and no indications of improvement in prices. Ore shippers operating lines of vessels running to Escanaba and Marquette have undoubtedly provided for their own tonnage to some extent and have made agreements with certain owners to whom a stated amount of business is guaranteed on a basis of rates that may be fully established in the future, but there is no ore to come from these places offered to outside boats. A change in the relations between the ore producers and the pig iron makers, who are placed at a disadvantage on account of the condition of the iron market, must come about before more chartering can be looked for from Escanaba or Marquette. Not more than half a dozen boats were placed at the dollar rate from Escanaba when \$1.25 was first paid from Ashland, and it is more than probable that tonnage could now be secured at 95 cents or possibly a slightly lower figure. There is no ore offering now from Ashland at \$1.25, and boats wanting single cargoes of grain from Duluth at 4 cents are unable to secure them, although there is no talk of sheding these rates.

### NOT PLEASANT READING.

The following is from the Iron Trade Review of March 3. It is not an encouraging paragraph, but we had better know what to expect:

"The ore men have not sold anything of late, and will not be in a position, soon, to sell, for there is so little demand, among furnaces, for ore, that even any concession the ore men are willing to make in the matter of price would be no inducement to consumers. The furnaces are simply swamped, and nothing can help them until the enormous surplus of pig iron now on hand is worked off. It is not surprising that everything else is in close sympathy with the main staple of the iron business. The lack of demand on the part of the ore consumers compels the vessel men to temporary idleness, no new charters being reported anywhere. Some of the ore men think that Escanaba charters might be made at ninety-five cents, but the vessel men do not see it in that way, and while they must necessarily depend upon the grain left at the head of the lakes for early cargoes, they seem anything but inclined to forestall their own market by going in at the rate they might get at this time. Even at this cheap rate the ore men do not feel justified in loading up with charters in the absence of any sale for their output, and the consequence is that one depression brings on another without any apparent remedy. In the end there is likely to be a stoppage, perforce, of production."

### So It Has, For the Present.

The Escanaba Mirror lately added two power presses to its outfit. The last issue of the Iron Port contains an advertisement offering a cylinder press for sale by the Iron Port Co. Looks as if the Mirror has the sugar end of the stick.—Journal, Iron Mountain.

With all the public patronage—city, county and state—it has the "sugar," but that has nothing to do with our having a press for sale. The one offered was thrown out of use by the consolidation a year ago. We have still four presses in use.

**Wanton Mischiefs.**  
The foreman in charge of track between here and Pine Ridge, going over his section on a hand car on Friday last, was thrown from the rails by an obstruction, a bolt driven into a joint. Investigation brought to light other obstructions of the same sort, spikes, etc., and one—a piece of rail—which had it not been discovered and removed, might have derailed a train. There does not seem to have been a deliberate attempt upon any particular train, the whole looking more like reckless mischief, without definite purpose.

### Advertising—Where the Profit Comes In.

A writer in Printers' Ink says: "The man who spends ten dollars per week for advertising in his local paper may fail to trace direct returns over his counter that show profit on the investment. But the effects of the advertise-

ment can be made profitable by reason of its accumulative powers, from the first introduction of the customer whose only purchase may be for a single spool of thread in answer to the efforts of the conscientious advertiser, who makes his statement in an honest way and has the brains to take care of his customers after they are brought to his store."

No advertising will help a trader who does not know enough to keep a customer after the advertisement has brought one in.

### The City Election.

As we are now told the democrats will not put up a "party ticket" at the coming election, but will revert to the old plan of a "people's," which means that they will take what they want and give what they don't care for to some republican whom they think they can "manage" or who can do nothing to thwart their purposes if he does develop a backbone.

It has not been anticipated that a republican ticket would be placed in the field, as one, if nominated, would only be set up to be knocked out, for reasons which every one knows, but it is possible (we hardly think it probable) that another non-partisan ticket will be.

When the slate or slates shall have been made up, if there is any choice between them the Iron Port will support that which seems to it the better and give its reasons for so doing. At the present time it anticipates no contest on the head of the ticket, if Mr. Greenhoo shall be named by the first nominating convention, nor—the provisions of the new law being unfavorable for it—any such contests in the wards as might occur were the old system yet in vogue, with split tickets and posters. It will be a dull election, we fancy, and our democratic friends will have their own way without any responsibility attaching to them as a party. We need not say that the situation is one not at all to our taste; we had much rather take our thrashing, if we must be thrashed, "under the colors," and we believe we should have been in better shape for the fall campaign had the bugles blown assembly now; but we cannot have our way, and must, perforce, be content.

### A Little Nonsense.

It was her first essay at marketing, but she tackled the work with the beautiful hardihood of youth and inexperience.

"Have you canvas-back ducks?" she inquired of the man in the stall.

"Yes, miss, and they are beauties, and mighty scarce at this time of year. An' I've got mallards and red-heads, too."

"You may cut me off three-quarters of a yard of the canvas-back," she said in her clear, classic tones; "and cut it diagonally so that it will not ravel;" and she looked about for the yardstick to see that he did not cheat her in measurement.

It is queer how small an occurrence serves to attract a crowd. The other evening a popcorn kiosk at the corner of D street and the avenue was surrounded by a gaping crowd, ranging in character from gamins to gentlemen, all breathlessly watching the proprietor as he shook a popper over the gas-flame. A couple of young ladies happened to be passing, and one of them inquired:

"What are all those men staring at?"

"They are learning how to pop," replied her companion.

"Oh!" sighed the first speaker; "how I wish Charlie would take a few lessons!"

His "Lighting Rod" is up.

The governor, seeing that there is to be a scramble at the Chicago convention and that the chance for him is (in his opinion, at least) worth taking, has allowed the Michigan State Democrat to enter him for the race, and to say:

"Governor Winans would arouse an enthusiasm that has not been known since the famous canvass of Mr. Lincoln in 1860. He would be triumphantly elected, and he would inaugurate an era of pure and sound Jeffersonian democracy. The democratic party should nominate for president Governor Edwin B. Winans."

It is too funny for anything.

### More Business for the B. M. A.

The Standard Lamp and Motor Co., which was induced to locate at Oconto by promise of a bonus of \$5,000, does not get that sum (or any other), a resident of Oconto, a non-tax-payer it is said, having secured an injunction restraining the treasurer from paying the order. Consequently the company looks for another location. Green Bay and Marinette wait it, and so do we—if it is worth having; that point it being for the B. M. A. to determine by investigation, and also what we must do to get it.

### A New Revenue Coffer.

The committee on commerce, to which was referred the bill ordering a new, steel steamer to replace the old Andy Johnson, will report the bill favorably, and if Holman's "economy" does not interfere it will be built, but there's the pinch. We shall know more about it a year hence.

### "Kneekle Down."

The mild weather has cleared and dried the sidewalks and the lads have taken possession for the old game. In fact, they did not wait for the walks to be dry or even clear; they were at it in front of our office while yet an inch of snow lay upon the planks.

### The Catholic Church will Celebrate.

Cardinal Gibbons has issued a letter to American bishops endorsing the suggestion that the quadrennial anniversary of the landing of Columbus, October 14th, be celebrated by solemn religious observance. It will undoubtedly be done.

## ESCAPE OF A CONVICT.

### DAN HEFFRON WANTED AT MANISTIQUE.

Charged With Conducting a House of Ill-Fame and Found Guilty, He Skips to Avoid the Penalty of His Crime.

Dan Heffron, convicted at Manistique of keeping a house of ill fame, did not wait for sentence but "jumped his bail" and the location, Sheriff McCarthy was notified of the fact by telegraph, and a hundred dollars is offered for Heffron's arrest and detention.

The Pioneer says of Dan Heffron's evasion, that he must have anticipated conviction and prepared for flight, as John Bebeau was ready with the rig on the minute. The Pioneer says also that "it is thought to be impossible for him to make good his escape" in which opinion it is evidently at fault—he has done it. An old joke in New York was a tale to this effect: A criminal on trial before a police magistrate, having no cash, was assigned counsel by the court and the counsel was instructed to take his client into to the lobby and give him such advice as his case demanded. Returning alone, after a prolonged absence, and being asked the whereabouts of his client, the counsel reported: "By this time, your honor, he is in Jersey; he said he was guilty and I advised him to 'cut for it'; that being in my opinion, what 'his case demanded.' We wonder if Dan's counsel gave him the same advice."

### Church Chimes.

The Catholic people of this country have been relieved of the rigors of the usual Lenten fast by the indulgence of the Pope, on account of the prevalence of la grippe, against which only a well nourished system can successfully contend.

Owing to the absence of Rev. Mr. Jones, no services will be held at the Presbyterian church for five ensuing Sundays. Mr. Jones will not resign the pastorate as stated in a local paper.

The Methodist ladies of Gladstone will give a musical and literary entertainment at McWilliams' opera house on the 25th. Refreshments.

The trustees of the Presbyterian church subscribed liberally to the organ fund, the amount opposite their names aggregating \$200.

During the Lenten season there will be services Wednesday and Friday evenings, at St. Stephen's church.

The Presbyterian ladies will meet with Mrs. Ole Erickson and Mrs. M. K. Bissell to-morrow afternoon.

Rev. O. Frank, of Ishpeming, held services at the Swedish Mission church Sunday.

Rev. M. Rufsold preached in Norway last Wednesday evening.

### More Deliberation Less Boom.

A copy of the Ypsilantian is sent us and on the wrapper the stamp "marked copy." It bore no mark, however, and we find, upon looking it over, only this which we can think it was intended to mark. Speaking of the booms for this, that, and the other man, it says it will be "wise just now to consider all the elements entering into the coming campaign, to keep a cool head, a big stock of good nature, and when the time comes, select the candidate who is best qualified for the position, and is stoutest before the people. Let us have more deliberation and less boom. This points to certain victory."

### Fire at the Soo.

Lennox & Burgess' Ridge street livery, with all its contents except horses, was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning. The adjoining building, owned by a Mr. Campbell was also badly damaged. In this building the effects of Chas. Bush, carriage painter, and R. B. Holmes, carriage maker, were a total loss with no insurance. Lennox & Burgess' loss is covered by \$1,000 insurance on the building and \$500 on the carriages, etc.—Soo News, 5th.

### Another U. P. Railroad, Perhaps.

A Detroit dispatch dated Saturday last credits Senator McMillan and other capitalists with a project to build a railroad between a point on lake Superior near Grand Island and Seul Choix; its headquarters to be at Newberry. What business such a road could find is not said, beyond the handling of the output of the Newberry furnace.

### "Kathleen Mavourneen."

The well known and favorite drama bearing the above title will be given, for the benefit of the Catholic Reading Circle, at the People's on the evening of the 17th—St. Patrick's day. Seats can be secured at Sourwine & Hartnett's or Mead's there being a diagram at each place. It will be well to go early, as every seat will be taken.

### An Expensive Drunk.

A farmer from up the line, being in town last week, got a trifle too much booze and waked up with empty pockets. He could give no clue to the identity of the person who "went through" him and nothing was done. His spree cost him \$75 or so.

### "As Others See Us."

The Menasha (Wis.) Press says, apropos of our suggestion of "the Kentucky remedy": "The Iron Port is endeavoring to have

the citizens awake to the situation and do something to advance the place's interests, but it expects to be censured and criticized for its good work. Your critics are just the ones you want to bury, as you will find these the very ones who injure the city by their residence in it. A man who will "roast" a paper for trying to boom a city ought to be planted so far in the ground that the roots of the trees and grass will not reach him and get killed, as does a town when coming in touch with mortals of his ilk."

### The Building Outlook.

The outlook for building during the coming season, while not flattering, is by no means unfavorable. Among the structures that will be erected may be mentioned the Woman's Christian Temperance Union building on the corner of Georgia and Wells, and the North Star society's building on West Ludington street, bids for which are now invited. The Turnverein will probably build a hall, the organization now having the same in contemplation. Besides these quite a number of dwellings will be reared. While boasting of no particular pretentiousness the latter will be of a substantial and enduring character and modern in architectural designs. In conversation with prominent contractors and builders during the past few days, an Iron Port representative came into possession of encouraging information, to the effect that the building season of '92 will not be dull, as predicted by some. "Already," said one, "I have been invited to figure on several houses to be erected in the spring or early summer, and I know of others that will surely be built. A considerable number of improvements in the way of additions to buildings will be made as well." Another builder, although speaking with less encouragement, thought there would be plenty of work for all, but considered this date too early to make predictions with any degree of exactness. Taking all things into consideration the outlook is not an unfavorable one.

### Logging Operations.

George Blake came down from the Whitefish, and reports lumbering operations about concluded for this season. When he left there was about two feet of snow, which was rapidly disappearing. John Johnson logging for Davis & Mason has put in two millions. He broke camp Thursday and took his teams further up stream to help "clean up," working nights. Gates, of Bay City, put 500,000 into Scott's creek. Adam Schaible is still cedaring on the east branch of the Whitefish, as is also Peter Jordan on the Rapid. Rushford has a small job of 400,000 on the Rapid, but will hardly finish.

### Was it the Janitor's Hat?

Passing the door of a place occupied by a club of young men, an Iron Port "item fiend" observed one, the two cuspidors set outside but not cleaned, and a day or so later a "derby" which had evidently been used as such until it had, like them, a load of the "bulk freight" usually carried by cuspidors, and he wondered (and wonders yet) if it were the janitor's hat and its degradation the vengeance of the club for his neglect of duty. How was it, boys? It was a round-top tile and so an unsafe cuspidor, and it is now worth very little as a hat.

### Our Old Friends.

The Inter Ocean Transportation company's fleet is to be offered, this season, as follows: Steamers—Maryland, Capt. J. E. Vax, Engineer S. C. Davis; Manchester, Captain Timothy Kelley, Engineer James Grant; Manhattan, Capt. H. F. Loftus, Engineer William D. Turnbull; Merrimac, Capt. W. J. Pringle, Engineer W. B. Patterson; Massachusetts, Capt. P. A. Anderson, Engineer William Ahern; Minnesota, Capt. Daniel Jones, Engineer W. H. Pinkham; Schooner Metacomb, Capt. W. L. Shields.

### Squire Stonehouse's Court.

Before the court on Wednesday of last week came Charles Bisont, of Barkville, clerk in a mercantile establishment there located, to answer to the complaint of Belle Lemoraux that he was the father of her child yet unborn, not having a right to that dignity. His answer was, not guilty, but he waived examination and was held for trial at the next term of the circuit court, and awaits the coming on of the term under Sheriff McCarthy's charge, in the cage, in default of bonds. Bail was set at \$800.

### Another Building.

The meeting of the A. O. U. W. next Friday evening will be one of more than ordinary interest, as on that occasion the questions of a location for a home for the order here, and of buying and building will come up for discussion and action. That the order will buy and build is, we are told, "as good as settled" and merely a question of where and when; all which we are glad to know.

### A New Route.

We get our Chicago mail, since the star route to connect with the Soo road was established, by that route. It leaves Chicago at 8 p. m. by the Mil. & Northern, changes to the Soo line at Pembine and arrives here two hours earlier than that by the C. & N. W., which does not leave Chicago until 10:30 p. m.

### The Menasha Boom.

Companies having an aggregate (nominal) capital of over seventy-five millions have already been formed, based upon undeveloped properties on the Menasha iron range, and all the boomers are loaded with shares, for sale. Those who can remember John E. Burton and the Gogebic boom will wait.



THE IRON PORT.

The Iron Port Company. J. C. VAN DUZER, EDITOR. LEW. A. GATES, MANAGER.

"The tariff is a tax" shouts the free-trader, "Burrows admits it." Burrows made it so plain that the farmer got a better price for his wool because of the tariff that the free-trader can but utter the parrot like gibberish, forgetting for the moment his simulated love for the farmer.

An Ohio distilling company that turns out a variety of fire water from big "yaller" corn that would burn a hole through a cowhide boot, is already sending a circular letter into Hillsdale, Branch and Eaton Counties, stating that they have two and four gallon boxed packages ready for shipment by express to the thirsty.

Of course, "jug trains" and "original packages" are the inevitable accompaniments of prohibition as well as "tonics." Prohibition means that the drinking shall be done on the sly—that's all.

If democrats of the free-trade stripe were not oblivious of facts and impervious to reason the minority report on Springer's free wool bill prepared by our Julius Caesar Burrows, would throw the bill "out of the court." As the case stands we doubt if it will influence a vote, the party whip will bring them all in and they'll "pull straight."

The Buffalo Courier says that Rogers, Brown & Co have leased the steamer C. F. Curtis and consorts Holland, Fasset and Reed to carry their iron ore next season from Escanaba and Marquette to Tonawanda. Each vessel is to be paid a stated sum for the season.—Marine Review.

To charter for the season and not by the ton is the next thing to owning one's own boats, and "to that complexion must we come at last," in the forwarding of ore.

In its latest circular the committee of seven of the Columbian party says "Clevelandism and democracy are two distinct things. Between Cleveland and democracy there is a great gulf fixed, and that is what is the matter with Cleveland." This is not strictly true.

The unfortunate marital experience of "Young Jim" Blaine is made the occasion for an attack upon his parents and the papers are full of it. To our way of thinking it is a matter with which the public has nothing whatever to do and we wish Mr. Blaine could have been content to treat the Dakota judge and the New York priest with the contempt they deserved, and kept out of the papers.

It appears that our "reading between the lines" was not correct—that those "republican leaders" at Washington are not as "cute" as we thought them, and that Rusk and not Oglesby was the name they had in view. All the same, if the democrats take Palmer we could do no better (Harrison out of the count) than pit "Uncle Dick" against him; he was always a winner.

How many towns of 5,000 people or over, and under 10,000, do you suppose there are in the U. S.? We had no idea until the report of the postmaster-general, proposing free delivery for such towns, gave the number—one hundred and sixty-one. Massachusetts has most—28—and Pennsylvania next—20. Michigan has ten, Escanaba standing third in the list.

The Associated press does some wild work. A few days ago it sent out a statement about seven million tons of "argenteiferous iron ore" going out from the Lake Superior district to be smelted at Swansea, and now it gives us a London dispatch about an African chief "with 200,000 warriors" threatening Lagos.

Congressman Wendock is the author of a bill to erect a third national judicial district in Michigan, embracing the Saginaw Bay region and that portion of the lower peninsula north of it and east of the state meridian, and this peninsula; courts to be held at Bay City and (as now) Marquette.

Washington dispatches of the 3d say: "The republican victories in the New York local elections are being a good deal discussed and Hill is kept busy trying to explain them away and induce the belief that he can carry the state." David B. has played a desperate game—and lost it.

first ballot as follows: Illinois, 48 for Palmer, Indiana, 30 for Gray, Iowa, 26 for Boies, Kentucky, 26 for Carlisle, Maryland, 16 for Gorman, Pennsylvania, 64 for Pattison; Michigan, 28 for Dickinson, with Alabama, Louisiana and Oregon left out of the calculation because likely to send divided delegations. The Herald is off as to Michigan—if the wing of the party which would, if strong enough, carry the state for D. M. D. is successful in defeating the Hill wing, the 28 will be added to the Cleveland column. Perhaps it is no nearer correct as to other states.

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Gen. Alger's presidential boom is already included with the two or three rated No. 1 hard.—Detroit Tribune.

UPPER MICHIGAN NEWS.

PARAGRAPHS GATHERED FROM EXCHANGES.

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

Daniel Kloeckner, for many years clerk of the Quincy mine, shot himself in the mine office shortly before noon Wednesday. His son George went into the mine office at noon to call his father to dinner and found him lying on his face on the floor in a pool of blood. A discharged revolver by the dead man's side told the story. Mr. Kloeckner had been in bad health for some time. That and personal money troubles are supposed to have caused temporary insanity. He leaves a wife and eight children.—M. J., 3d.

Nick Barth has bought out Dr. Harry Banks—not the tooth carpentry, but his residence. Mine inspector Broad is weaker. Miss Kate Buckley died at Negaunee at only 19 years of age. Negaunee sports backed Fitzsimmons and are glad they did. The sanatorium folks have bought more ground. The bids for the building will be opened Thursday.—M. J., 4th.

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W. A. COTTON, Physician and Surgeon, Homeopathic School of practice. Office and residence 611 Ludington street, second floor.

F. I. PHILLIPS, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, ESCANABA, MICHIGAN. DR. L. A. CHARLEBOIS, Graduate of Laval University, Montreal, as M. P., M. D., C. M. Office 115 Georgia street, Escanaba, Mich. Dr. Charlebois received special courses at Montreal Universities (Victoria and Laval) on Surgery, Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; also on the Diseases of Women.

DR. C. J. BROOKS, Physician, Surgeon, Pharmacist RAPID RIVER, DELTA CO., MICH.

JOHN POWER, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Office in Masonic block, Ludington St. Will practice in all courts, state or federal. Collections, payment of taxes, etc., promptly attended to.

A. R. NORTHUP, Lawyer, Practices in all courts, attends promptly to collections, etc. Office on Harrison Ave., east side, between Ludington and Thomas streets.

T. B. WHITE, Attorney at Law, Money to Loan on Real Estate Security. Office in Daley Block, ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.

EMIL GLAZER, Notary Public, Prepares documents in either the English or German Languages, takes risks for responsible Life, Fire or Accident Insurance companies. Sells tickets from any part of Western Europe to any part of the U. S. Buys and sells real estate and loans money on real estate security. Office Tilden avenue, Escanaba.

CHAS. E. MASON, Counselor at Law, Office in The Delta Building corner Delta avenue and Seventh street, GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN.

FRED. E. HARRIS, Contractor and Builder, Work of all kinds promptly executed. Plans and specifications for buildings of all kinds. Office at residence on Ogden avenue, ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.

JOSEPH HESS, Builder, Will contract for the erection of buildings of any description—for stone, brick or wood work, or will move buildings. Terms easy and work performed on time and according to agreement. Residence and Shop on Mary street.

JOHN G. ZANE, Civil Engineer and Surveyor, Dealer in City Property, Farming and Timber Lands. Township Diagrams, City Plats and General Map Work promptly executed. Office second story Hessel's building, 507 Ludington St. ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.

STEAM LAUNDRY. A CHANGE! On and after March 1, Rough Dry Washing will be SINGLE DOZEN.....40 CTS. TWO.....65 CTS. THREE.....85 CTS. FOUR.....\$1.00

Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Overall Suits, Quilts and Counterpanes are not included in the above, but will be charged list prices. Prize tickets will, after the above date, be given with rough dry work.

ESCANABA STEAM LAUNDRY MONUMENTS, HEADSTONES, TABLETS, ETC. Escanaba Marble & Granite COMPANY 408 Ludington Street, Escanaba, Mich. P. O. BOX 7.

HATS. KNOX HATS! Correct Spring Shape!

OPEN TO-DAY! RATHFON BROS. MEDICINAL.

BIG PRICE CURE YOURSELF! Ask your Druggist for a bottle of Big G. The only non-poisonous remedy for all the mucous disorders and private diseases of men and the debilitating weakness peculiar to women. It cures in a few days without the aid or publicity of a doctor. The International American Cure. Manufactured by The Evans Chemical Co. CINCINNATI, O. U. S. A.

ST. JACQUES the Grocer, carries a large and complete line of goods and solicits a liberal share of your patronage. Everything is fresh and crisp. He has CHOICE BUTTER and FRESH EGGS. an ideals them out on the corner of Hale and Georgia streets.

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A. H. BUTTS DEALER IN LUMBER

Office and Yard Near C. & N. W. Pass. Depot. A full assortment constantly on hand, consisting of Lumber, Lath, Shingles, Sash, Doors and Blinds at Lowest Prices.

Estimates furnished contractors and others on short notice. GIVE ME A CALL. WALL PAPER! WALL PAPER! The Largest and Most Complete Assortment ever shown in Escanaba.

BIRGE & SON'S SPECIALTIES! The Finest Goods on the Market are shown in great variety. We have everything in Decorations and invite your inspection.

J. N. MEAD. MINERAL LANDS AND MINING OPTIONS, Escanaba, Michigan. Operates on all the ranges, Marquette, Menominee, Gogebic and Vermilion; has choice properties now in hand to which attention is invited.

Flour, Feed, Hay and Grain. Choice Brands of Flour. Mail-orders Given Attention. ED DONOVAN, ESCANABA.

JACOB JEPSON MOUNTAIN BEER. Ginger Ale, Iron and Sarsaparilla, Birch Beer, Lemon Soda, Cream Beer, Strawberry, Cheery Juice, Orange Cider Etc., Wild Cherry, Stoughton, And Other Bitters. When you ask for "Mountain Beer," see that you get the original, made only by JACOB JEPSON Escanaba, Mich. Orders by mail receive prompt attention. Goods guaranteed to give satisfaction.

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**CRISP MUNICIPAL GOSSIP.**

**MANY MINOR MATTERS BRIEFLY CHRONICLED.**

Local News Nuggets, Including Personal Paragraphs, Condensed by Iron Port Reporters for Easy Reading.

We give in another place the appeal of the committee appointed by the governor for aid for the famine-stricken Russians. Let the response be generous. It is not a question of friends or enemies—men and women and children are suffering from hunger and dying of disease consequent thereon while in Michigan food is wasted. Succor the perishing. Read the appeal and be guided by its recommendations.

The Norwegian girls will give a basket social at Grenier's hall on April 2d. An elaborate musical and literary program is being arranged. The feature of the evening will be a solo by Martin Theodore Thorsen.

The preacher-editor of the Gladstone Express arises in his might and in sonorous tones exclaims, "who for mayor?" Where, oh, where are McKinney, Tice, Miller, Blackwell, and the rest of the boys? The special meeting of the council, to appoint the election commissioners, is not yet called but we are told that it will be held on Thursday or Friday evening. Time enough.

The social and basket supper given by the Scandinavian temple of Templars of America Saturday evening, was well attended. It was a pleasant occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Haines went south on Friday, Mrs. H. to Chicago and Mr. H. to some point further south, on business. Mrs. H. awaits his return.

Mr. Charles Theodore, clerk of Justice Stonehouse's court, is very ill, said to have dropsy, and has been unable to be on duty for two weeks or more.

A first-class electric lighting plant will be built and operated at Gladstone, the council having granted a company a franchise at its last meeting.

A doctor with a large practice says there have been but few real cases of grippe, though many hard colds have been called such.

Owen Cleary says "no," very emphatically, to suggestion that he run for mayor. He has enough of municipal honor and another.

"Doc." Allison left the Oliver to go by its own momentum while he went to St. Paul. Went Friday last and is absent still.

George Bergeon has leased Geo. Marsel's store building on Charlotte street, and will open a saloon thereon May 1st. Advice from John Semer are to the effect that his health has been much benefited by his sojourn at the Hot Springs.

Mr. Wm. Kelly, of the Penn. Iron Co., was in town on Friday of last week, arranging for the seasons, business. The council forgot about the election commission and a special meeting must be called to discharge that duty.

P. M. Peterson has just received his spring stock of carpets and rugs. See his announcement in another column.

Manager Fitch, of the S. S. road, Mrs. Fitch and their daughter are at Havana, Cuba, to spend a fortnight or so.

A. H. Powell has been chosen commander of the K. O. T. M. at Gladstone. The hall has seventeen members.

B. F. O'Hara has returned from Big Rapids and reopened his "renovating room" on Tilden avenue.

Mrs. Turner, who was so severely injured by falling down cellar a couple of weeks since, is on her feet again.

The regular meeting of the K. O. T. M. will take place this evening. A good attendance is desired.

Mr. West got away last week to spend a fortnight or so with his family at St. Andrew's Bay.

Up to yesterday eight of the township treasurers had settled up and six were still to come.

Rev. Owen Jones left yesterday for a vacation of a month, which he will spend in California.

Carlson and Bice have put in the gas in their places of business in the Sherman house.

Mr. F. H. Van Cleve returned from a business trip to Chicago on Friday of last week.

Capt. John Coffey came over from Fairport yesterday. The ice is all right yet. Alex. Campbell and Alex. McKee, of Ford River, dined at the Oliver on Sunday.

F. D. Clark was out over the Soo road somewhere at the close of last week. Gorton's minstrels are booked to appear at the people's the 24th inst.

Twenty-five chickens were smothered in the Stoffel barn fire last week. Mrs. J. F. Oliver went to Chicago (and possibly beyond) on Friday last.

W. F. Walker, after a week's struggle with the grip, got out Monday. M. H. Eagan visited here on Thursday and Friday of last week.

J. H. Hancock was down from Gladstone last Saturday. The W. C. T. U. has been incorporated under the state laws.

G. E. Merrill, of Rapid River, was in town on Friday last. Mrs. H. J. Robertson was a Norway visitor Saturday.

Henry Dunn is just out after a long siege of sickness. D. M. Philbin visited here Saturday evening last.

P. J. Glynn reached home on Saturday evening. Mr. Barr will be at home on the 9th or 10th. Arrangements are being perfected by the Ladies' Auxiliary, Brotherhood of

Railway trainmen, for a musical and literary entertainment to be given March 31. Mr. Theodore is in charge. Mrs. Burns and the Misses McHale returned from Chicago on Friday.

**THE LATEST NEWS.**

The Coldwater National bank was robbed Thursday night, March 3. The tale is told thus: "The robbers drilled the outer door of the vault, and with a punch broke the lock off. The middle door was secured with a padlock. This was probably broken with a sledge. The inside vault contained one burglar proof combination lock safe and also a steel safe, with a time lock. They were drilled and charged it is thought with dynamite. The doors of both safes were blown completely off, leaving nothing but a shell of each." A large amount was taken but the bank is sound and nobody but the bank will be loser.

The shoe factory of Sels, Schwab & Co. is tied up by a strike. The previous strike for wages had been compromised; this one was undertaken to drive out of the shop seven non-union employees.

At the time of Archbishop Ireland's summons to the Vatican it was reported that he was to be raised to the cardinalate, but it has since transpired that he went to Rome at the pope's invitation to accept the position of cardinal prefect.

A fabulously rich strike of gold has been made in Arizona and the miners are flocking there by the hundreds. The ore is free milling and runs from \$600 to \$800 per ton. Mining prospects are better than for years.

A resolution has been introduced in the Dominion parliament that in view of the "deep water" movement on this side "it is expedient that the St. Lawrence canals be made twenty feet deep."

Dr. H. M. Scudder, of Chicago, is accused of the murder of his wife's mother and of forgery of a will in his wife's interests. The case looks black.

The "World's Fair Visitor's Association" is a rank swindle if the Inter-Ocean understands it correctly. It is a good thing to let alone, at best.

The recent gales that have prevailed along the coast of Portugal have been productive of great loss of life, more particularly among the fishermen. Among those who lost their lives in the storm of a few days ago were eighty-three married men, in addition to a large number who were not married.

J. W. Collins, president of a bank at San Diego, Cal., looted the concern, was brought to book for it, and shot himself on the 3d. He had looted a bank at Cheyenne before going to San Diego.

There has been a rapid and alarming increase in the number of crimes, most of them of a serious character, committed in Vienna. Many acts of violence and numerous cases of robbery are being reported to the police daily. Nearly all these breaches of the law are found upon investigation to be due to the widespread distress which is prevailing there.

Mrs. C. K. Ayers, one of the most highly connected women in the city, shot her husband twice in the lungs, to-night, and he now lies dying at Harper's hospital of the wounds inflicted. So says a Detroit dispatch of the 2d.

Because witchman Henry B. Mills, of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad, slept at his post, two men were crushed to death and a third seriously injured at Hinsdale Thursday morning.

By the slightest chances a second time, fifteen other men escaped being buried beneath the mass of car wreckage from which the two others were taken. Twenty-five thousand dollars will not cover the property loss to the company.

Because she refused to get a divorce from her husband and marry him William Bland made two attempts to kill Mrs. Laura Good at Louisville, Ky.

A New Orleans dispatch of the 3d says: "Peter Maher, who last night got into the ring with Fitzsimmons and whose story display, after showing up as a thunderbolt against a dozen or so 'marks' in the east was drugged and no one in Fitzsimmons' corner either, or, for that matter, any of his friends or backers had any hand in the work."

The Meocota poor house is undergoing investigation; too many children born in it without acknowledged fathers.

Two hundred and fifty men employed in Wheeler's ship yard at West Bay City laid down their tools and went out to enforce a demand for the restoration of one who has been discharged. It will be a long fight.

About 150 Bay county farmers have agreed to experiment with sugar beets. If those raised contain enough saccharine more will be grown and a big sugar refinery to turn out 200 tons of sugar daily will be erected.

Noah Porter ex-president of Yale college died on the 4th. He was just past his 80th year.

Two colored veterans in the home at Grand Rapids quarreled and the aggressor was so cut with a knife that he died. Both were over seventy years of age.

The colored citizens of Michigan will hold a state convention at Lansing on Tuesday, April 5, 1892, for the purpose of taking action upon political and other questions that may come before the convention.

Scarlet fever is raging among the quakers at Raisin. Owing to the prevalence of the disease the Raisin Valley Seminary has been closed.

The health officers of West Bay City are alarmed over the rapid increase of diphtheria and scarlet fever. Three deaths have already occurred this week from these diseases and several more malignant cases are reported. There is some talk of closing the public schools.

Great gold "strikes" having been made near Breckenridge, Col. and prospectors are coming in from all directions. Henry Booker says that he has seen Tellurium ore out of the new mines which he was

sure ran over \$50,000 to the ton. The discoveries have been made along a belt over five miles in length.

From the Green Bay Advocate: John B. Cauwenberg died Thursday. He was 67 years of age. Duck Creek has now an organized branch of Catholic Knights of America. Mrs. Peter Specht died Sunday. Mrs. A. H. Elmore died Friday at 75 years of age. Frank L. Weeman died of grippe, Thursday. He was but 33 years old, was a locomotive engineer on the M. & N. road and a "high-degree Mason."

The autopsy showed conclusively that Mrs. Danton was murdered. Dr. Scudder, her son-in-law, who is accused of the murder, is insane, now, whether or not he was when the murder was committed.

Siemens & Halske, of Berlin, electrical engineers and manufacturers, are to establish a branch house at Chicago.

By a cav-in, of the tunnel at Niagara Falls five men were killed and their bodies buried.

The Idaho contest election case has been decided in favor of Dubois, Republican, by a vote of 55 to 5.

Mr. Springer, who was reported out of danger Saturday, was worse on Sunday, the erysipelas having set in again.

Lieutenant Hetherington, of the navy, shot an Englishman, at Yokohama, because of the latter's attentions to Mrs. H. Secretary Blaine has the grippe but it is not a bad case and he will be on duty again in a day or two.

**Notice to Contractors.**

The building committee of the Society of the North Star is now prepared to receive bids for the necessary excavation for the foundation of their proposed building on Ludington street, west. Particulars can be learned of and bids delivered to the subscriber at his place of business. Plans for the building itself can be seen by calling upon John Moe and bids for its construction will soon be asked for. Bids for the excavation will be opened on March 10, next ensuing.

P. M. PETERSON, Chairman.

ESCANABA, MARCH 1, 1892. 85-t

**Resident Salesman Wanted.**

I want one salesman in Escanaba to sell Chicago real estate as an investment. Property located in all divisions of the city and varying in value from \$100 to \$1,500. All sold on easy terms. Will pay salary and commission and expenses to and from Chicago to show property. Only men of influence and large personal acquaintance need apply, and must furnish the best of references as to character and demonstrate ability. Address S. E. Gross, S. E. corner Dearborn & Randolph streets, Chicago, Ill. 16-2

**Card of Thanks.**

The Scandinavian Local Temple of Templars hereby desire to express their hearty thanks and appreciation to all those who helped in any way to bring about the grand success which attended the entertainment last Saturday evening. Especially does the Temple wish to thank Hedeen's string band for the sweet music rendered.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE.

**Skipped with the Funds.**

We hear that Capt. C. E. Burns' partner, in the business but lately started at Milwaukee, got away with the funds of the concern and wrecked it.

**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 waiting situations; merchants wanting clerks; clerks wanting situations; men wanting employment; employers wanting men, etc., etc., should patronize this column. Iron Port reaches a large number of people twice each week.

FOR SALE—A good delivery or family horse for sale reasonable. Enquire of John G. Walters. 87-4t

FOR SALE—A desirable lot, 50x100, corner of 7th and Washington streets, at 500; worth easy \$800. Northrup & Northrup.

FOR SALE—A choice lot corner Sarah and Ayer streets, a bargain at \$700; worth easy \$800. Northrup & Northrup.

WELDEN ADDITION—A few good lots left in Selden Addition, very desirable. Small cash payments; long time on balance at low rate of interest. Northrup & Northrup.

FOR SALE—Two choice lots on Fannie street at \$300 each, worth \$450. Northrup & Northrup.

**TAILORING.**

**EPHRAIM & MORRELL**

—HAVE JUST RECEIVED—

**New Spring Suitings**

**Latest Styles**

**Largest Variety**

**IN TOWN.**

Call early to get the pick of the stock and the benefit of

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SCROLL WORK & TURNING  
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Work made up in any kind of Hard Wood. Office and Factory North Sarah Street.

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**NEW JEWELRY STORE**

**C. J. CARLSON**

—HAS OPENED A—

**BRANCH**

**Jewelry : Store**

In the Grenier Block, Charlotte St.

Repairing of All Kinds Done on Short Notice.

**FULL LINE OF**

**CLOCKS, WATCHES, ETC.**

GIVE HIM A TRIAL.



**WHY IS THE W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE FOR MEN**

THE BEST SHOE IN THE WORLD FOR THE MONEY? It is a seamless shoe, with an insole of wax thread to hold the foot; made of the best fine calf, stylish and easy, and because one makes sure shoes of this grade from any other manufacturer, it equals hand-sewed shoes costing from \$6.00 to \$8.00.

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**COAL**

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ALL KINDS OF

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**COAL**

AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

By the TON, CARLOAD or CARGO.

Office on Merchant's Dock.

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**THE I. STEPHENSON COMPANY**

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**Lath and Shingles,**

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ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.



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**ERICKSON & BISSELL**

Having removed to the Masonic Block, are better prepared than ever before to serve their customers. A Large and Complete Line of

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HOUSE SNAKES.

The Queer Rat-Catchers That Are Employed By Brazilians.

In certain parts of Brazil, where the climate is intensely hot, and where rats are a great nuisance, the common cat does not thrive, but is replaced by a domestic rat-catcher whose presence causes a decidedly unpleasant sensation to visitors from the north, when they first come in contact with this creature. An American who recently visited Brazil upon a business tour, and who spent a short time at the estate of a well-to-do Brazilian on the San Francisco river, writes this account of his observation of the Brazilian rat-catcher:

"On the morning after my arrival, on descending the staircase from my room to go down to breakfast, I was frightened almost half to death at seeing an enormous snake curled up on the floor exactly at the foot of the stairs.

"The serpent was apparently asleep, but I was not at all sure that he might not be preparing to strike at me. So I ran back up the stairs with all the speed I could manage, and then proceeded to shout for help.

"In two minutes the hall was full of servants, all gazing at me in astonishment; and my host rushed out of his own apartment.

"What is the matter?" he asked, in his best English.

"Why," said I, "look there! Look at that snake!"

"I pointed at the coiled-up monster at the foot of the staircase, who now had lifted up his head a little, and was sleepily looking about him.

"The servants held their hands to their mouths, and my host laughed outright.

"Why," said he, "that's only Pedro; that's our giboia."

"Oh," said I, gasping, "I thought it was a great snake."

"It is a snake," said my host, "but it is perfectly harmless, except to rats. You will not find a house in this part of Brazil without one. They keep the premises clear of rats. Pedro won't hurt you."

"But how am I going to get downstairs?" I asked, uneasily.

"Oh, you can step right over him."

"I declined, however, to make this attempt; whereupon a servant came forward and, seizing the snake about the neck with both hands, dragged him out into the yard.

"I saw that the creature, as he was extended, was not less than four yards long, and as thick as the arm of the negro who dragged him out.

"Before I left the place I found out a great deal about giboias. They are a species of small boa constrictor, and are employed very generally in Brazil to catch rats. They are inoffensive, apparently not at all venomous, and in their domesticated condition, perfectly tame.

"In his habits Pedro was a good example of his race, though he was of considerably larger size than the average.

"All day long he slept somewhere in the house, generally at the foot of the stairs. But when evening approached he began to wake up and after night-fall he glided swiftly about the premises, looking for rats.

"He even had holes which enabled him to get between the floors and ceilings and into the space within the partitions.

"Whenever he found a rat he pounced upon him, wrapped him in his folds and carried him out of the house, leaving him dead. The servants told me that the backbone of every rat he caught was broken in at least a dozen places.

"As for me, I preferred the rats to the snake and took good care that my chamber door was shut at night and that there were no holes left open in the ceiling or the floor from which Pedro might emerge into my apartment.

"He never seemed to eat the rats; indeed, I never saw him eat anything at all. The negroes said he killed the rats for the fun of it.

"I afterward saw giboias for sale in the markets of Pernambuco and Bahia for prices ranging from a dollar to two dollars. I was told that they easily became domesticated to such an extent that if they were removed from one house to another they invariably returned to the house from which they had been taken.

"In the country, therefore, the rat-snake goes with the house, and if you have occasion to purchase or hire a residence the proprietor will brag about the virtues and skill of the giboia.—Youth's Companion.

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The Nobel-Prater, in spite of its Viennese character, bears the stamp peculiar to the gathering-place of the classes dirigeantes in all large cities. Characteristic of Vienna in a far higher degree is the Wurstel-Prater, the gathering-place of those whom Richard Wagner would call the less cultured, and unhappily also the less prosperous classes. We will pass by the buxom servant maids who here, upon the green grass under the old trees, receive the court of military Don Juana (from the corporal down), while the children with noisy laughter play their innocent games. Such scenes are to be found in all cities. Neither will we linger in the company of the sea-trainers, bearded women, red-nosed prophets, faded sonnambullists, female serpent-charmers and lion-tamers in threadbare velvet, women with fish tails, ladies with hairy necks and a mustache which would not ill become a drum-major—all these belong to the international brotherhood of roving jugglers who are distributed over the entire earth. Nor are we inclined to place the theater in the Wurstel-Prater in the first rank of Viennese "specialties," although plays are there performed which deal in a language perfectly well adapted to the mode of thought of the lower strata of the Viennese population.

What particularly deserves consideration as a distinct Viennese feature is, for instance, the swings in which girls with glowing cheeks and a wild grace of motion shout and scream merrily, while stalwart fellows in shirt sleeves, urged on by their encouraging cries, hurl them high into the air. The spirited, fleet-footed dance on the green, under the open sky, deserves to be seen, for here all types, in all sorts of costumes (only none that are elegant), form a picturesque *tout ensemble*. So also it is entertaining to hear the ladies' band in the restaurants play Viennese tunes. It is advisable, however, in order to gain an insight into the harmless and genial manifestations of the Viennese popular character, to take a seat under the leafy chestnuts in certain parts of the park, and participate in the lively drama which is there being enacted. To be sure, one must, in order to comprehend the pleasure of an old Viennese in these scenes, try to share sympathetically his old Viennese sentiment. A stranger is not unlikely to find fault with the large-flowered and not always immaculate table-cloths, the not altogether stainless napkins, the plain and often bent forks and spoons, ascribing all the shortcomings to a defective sense of comfort. He will conclude, perhaps, that a little sausage and cheese from a dealer in "delicatessen," or a broad veal-cutlet (Wiener Schnitzel) procured from the waiter, or a couple of small sausages with vinegar (of the kind which in Vienna are called Frankfurters, and in Frankfurt Wieners), constitute too frugal a meal according to his notion. He may insinuate, too, that the dishes presented excel more by the generous abundance of their quantity than by the fineness of art displayed in their preparation. Granted. But just in this simplicity there is an inexpressible charm to the native, who has brought with him a generous dose of health, good cheer, pleasure in living, and, above all, a good appetite, and has the faculty to laugh heartily at a stupid witticism. He bravely admires the jugglers on the stage in their faded tights, and he is particularly well disposed toward the musicians who perform the Viennese yodel, or melodious Viennese ballads in soft and soothing strains. If the old Viennese, to boot, has consumed his fair share of excellent beer, then he is filled with a blissful sense of oblivion of all the world, which finds vent in saying: "Sell my coat; I am in heaven."—William Singer, in Harper's Magazine.

Letter Than Alcoholic Stimulants.

Milk heated to much above 100 degrees Fahrenheit loses, for a time, a degree of its sweetness and its density. No one, who, fatigued by over-exertion of body or mind, has ever experienced the reviving influence of a tumbler of this beverage, heated as hot as it can be sipped, will willingly forego a resort to it because of its having been rendered somewhat less acceptable to the palate. The promptness with which its cordial influence is felt is indeed surprising. Some portion of it seems to be digested and appropriated almost immediately; and many who fancy that they need alcoholic stimulants when exhausted by fatigue will find in this simple draught an equivalent that will be abundantly satisfying, and more enduring in its effects.

—Customer (in a restaurant)—"See here, waiter, I've found a button in this salad!" Waiter—"That's all right, sir; it's a part of the dressing."

OLD-TIME HUMOR.

Stories That Pleas'd the People a Century Ago.

The following anecdote, which appeared in the Salem (Mass.) Mercury of August 12, 1788, shows both what kind of stories was pleasing to our ancestors, and how our ancestors thought a story should be told.

A gentleman in the state of Connecticut regularly attended public worship on the Lord's day with all his family; on the Sunday evening he always catechised his children and servants on the principles of religion, and what they heard the minister deliver from the pulpit.

He had a negro man who never could remember a note of the sermon, though otherwise smart. At last his master peremptorily told him he would on Monday morning tie him up and flog him.

Next Sunday evening, when interrogated, he had forgotten all. On Monday morning his master executes his threat so far as to tie him up.

The fellow then cried out, "O master, spare me, for I remember something the minister said."

"What is it?" said the master.

The fellow replied, "This much may suffice at this time."

The master was so pleased with his wit that he forgave him.—Youth's Companion.

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