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THIS TIME FOR MEMORY

The Steady Onward March of Time Brings '98 to a Close.

Recollections and Anticipations Bring Joys and Sorrows—How shall We Begin the Past Approaching New Year?

The year 1898 shall have come the year 1898 will have gone forever. A few days more and the year will live only in recollections of the past; a few more hours will close the chapter of the gray old year, and as we linger 'round the fireside watching the embers turn from glowing red to ashen palewees when mirror do we see there of the departed year?

"A time for memory."

Way up in the tower of the brain is a shrine of silver bells sacred to memory; and at seasons like this, thought with her golden key unlocks the door to the stony, unroofed staircase, ascends the steps of the words spoken, thoughts entertained, and deeds accomplished—and rings those bells; softly, at first, oh, how softly! lest we fail to catch the beauty and sweetness of the sounds so foreign to our ears filled as they are with the remembrance consequent upon our every day life in the world, lest the inconsistencies between our words and deeds should mar the symphony and create discord. As our words have been deeds, our thoughts pure and our deeds plain in the same degree is the chime sweet, and the music sweet. Recollections and anticipations crowd the heart with longings and strivings that for a time beguile us from living present and from life's sterner duties; the past with its abundant treasures of joys and sorrows, happiness and sadness; and through the vistas of memory awakened memories that have long been slumbering—bringing forth smiles and tears—because we remember the success attained either by ourselves or friends; and because during the year many we entered upon life's active duties with bright hopes, pleasant anticipations and zeal of heart to whom the great mysteries of the world were just opening, have been cut off in the midst of their usefulness, and except as they live in the hearts and memory of friends and companions, they are now known no more to the world. They are gone from us.

Memory dwells on thoughts such as these. Instead of joy there is anguish and instead of gaiety there is sorrow; we leave the old path strewn with the tracks of those who have been stranded on the reefs of trouble, disappointment, frustration and vice and turn to the bright and more enticing scenes and people.

True in memory's gilded setting the ideal future we had marked out for ourselves—a future whose brilliancy was immortality to be hoped for—to be attained; whose brightness was with us even in our slumbers, and its freshness and beauty was with us in our waking hours leading us to love the pure and beautiful the true. Looking along the pathway of life from the days of such dreams until the present we find memories of lawful aspirations gratified, ardent desires met, prospects realized, joyous pleasures secured, ennobling duties performed, some hearts made happier for what we have done.

While the mind is thus revelling in pleasure, a shadow of mental pain passes before the vision of sighs and heart sorrows, disappointments and afflictions, which those who have not been led upon to feel the weight, cannot appreciate. How many began the year with hope and gladness to whom the end became a weary happiness but in gloom and repenting for opportunities neglected and pleasures missed. How many who entered upon the year closing time and that for them there was neither but gloom, no cheering case, no distracting trouble, no wearying, no pain to endure, no heartaches to bear, to whom the year's end was a relief.

With hope, care, doubt and distrust, to which there is naught but gloom and despair, and who are almost ready to say, "Is life worth living?" How many who started with the year strong in their own strength, trusting in their own goodness, have found that their strength was weakness and their goodness a delusion. What lines of care and anxiety of hopes deferred and dreams made desperate are recorded by the pen in the volume of the year now closing. The deep ocean of human woe and misery we could not fathom if we would, we would not if we could. As the year with its many fingers closes the volume of the year and turns over another leaf, let us remember only the lessons and experiences of the past, leaving all our disappointments and sorrows deep from the gaze of the world, and they deeply show over the grave shadows of life's twilight.

Not only memories are proper at this time but questions which it may be justly responsible for to contemplate. Will we who are now here have been the class of 1897 or will

our tombs be closed before the end of that year? The answer to this question can only be given by him who doeth all things well, but we can so consider the question that if our lives be spared it may shape our moral character, develop our spiritual life and fit us for the brightest end of our being.

Let us then as we reflect upon the misapprehensions and unemployed opportunities of the past year purpose anew if our lives be spared—to be better, to be wiser, to be more useful, that when 1899 draws to a close we may feel that for ourselves, our country and our God, we have each done all that we could.

BRAMPTON BREEZES.

Matters Personal and Social In and About the Rural Realm.

Miss Henrietta McCarthy, our school teacher, gave an entertainment Friday Dec. 23. A number of our young people attended and pronounced it a success. Ethel Wellstead was awarded first prize for regularity of attendance.

A number of our people attended midnight mass at Perkins Catholic church Saturday Dec. 24. The singing by Rapid River choir was excellent.

John Campion went to Newberry, Mich., to spend the holidays with his brother Ed, who is station agent at that place.

Master Willie Bennett, who has been attending school at Brampton came to this city to spend Christmas with his grandma.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Besson of Corono, Mich., are visiting their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shebinow.

Mr. H. H. Winde and sister Mollie of Perkins spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Vedra of Brampton.

Mrs. Frank Dohms of Escanaba city is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ladue at Beaver.

Ed Sellers came down from camp to eat Christmas dinner with his brother Harry.

Mr. John McCarthy and brother Ed visited their sister Henrietta Friday.

Mr. A. Besson left Monday for Helena, Mich., where he is lumbering.

Mr. C. E. Hayward of Rock transacted business here Friday.

Mr. Gus Nelson is in Chicago for medical treatment.

WANTS AN OFFICE.

Peter Legg is looking for a P. Smith's Job as Commissioner of Schools.

A. P. Smith will have some opposition for a re-election as county commissioner of schools, but how much water Peter Legg, who will oppose him, draws remains to be seen. It may be early to mention the matter inasmuch as the time for the election of a commissioner is some way off, but wires are being pulled, and The Iron Port wants to get in on the ground floor. Mr. Smith is a candidate for re-election and has the support of a large number of educators throughout the county. In fact some weeks ago, before he had not made up his mind to again become a candidate, a number of teachers urged him to seek a re-election. Mr. Legg considers that Mr. Smith has had the office long enough, and should step down and out. At this time the latter seems to be the general favorite.

TOO MANY SUPERVISORS.

Marquette County Wants Legislation to Reduce Board.

The Board of Supervisors of Marquette county passed a resolution looking to a big reduction in the number of men in the board. The number is now thirty-nine, much greater than in any other county of equal population in the state entailing considerable extra expense. The plan is to consolidate and annex to the others a number of sparsely settled townships and reduce the number of wards in Marquette, Ishpeming and Negaunee. A bill authorizing the change is to be introduced in the legislature. Thus the representation will be reduced about two-fifths, making a big saving to the county. The representation was increased by the three cities several years ago on account of the county seat fight.

JUDGE STONE NO CANDIDATE.

Denies That He Will Go Into the Senatorial Fight Against Burrows.

The Hon. J. W. Stone, circuit judge, denies the story sent out that the real reason of the late visit of Gov. Pingree, State Chairman Marsh and Col. White was to get him to enter the senatorial fight as the upper peninsula candidate against Burrows. "I did not see either Gov. Pingree, Mr. Marsh or Mr. White," he said when asked in regard to the story. "Mr. Marsh is an old personal friend of mine. He sent his apologies for not coming to see me." There may be some truth in it that the party was here casting about for a candidate, but Judge Stone was not the man.

Railroad Story Denied.

A dispatch from Toledo credits General Manager Ashley of the Ann Arbor road with a denial of the reported purchase of the Wisconsin & Michigan by his company.

A Change of Route.

The Ann Arbor railroad ferries will run to Manistiquic instead of Gladstone for the rest of the season.

BIG DEAL GOES THROUGH

The Consolidation of the Sutherland-Innis and Buckeye Companies.

The New Company Files Articles of Incorporation Under the Title of Northwestern Coopersage & Lumber Company.

A fortnight since The Iron Port spoke of pending negotiations between the Sutherland-Innis company and the Buckeye Stave company for the consolidation of their interests. The matter was kept exceedingly quiet, the conference held in this city, which were mentioned at the time, being kept a profound secret so far as possible. It was agreed to make a tour of appraisal, each of the corporations owning several extensive plants in different parts of the country. This work having been completed to the satisfaction of all concerned the deal has been consummated, and articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Northwestern Coopersage & Lumber company of Gladstone, under which title the new company will be known. The capital stock is \$280,000.

The Iron Port is not informed as to what is included in the deal, but it is certain that the extensive timber interests of both companies in this county, the plants at Muskegon, Iron River and Gladstone are a portion of it. Both the Buckeye and Sutherland-Innis companies owned considerable timber land tributary to Gladstone, for getting out which timber the railway up the Whitefish river will be built. The Sutherland-Innis people have long contemplated the erection of mills at Gladstone to use this valuable timber, but the successful negotiations with the Buckeye will now make it unnecessary.

The Sutherland-Innis company's attorney in Escanaba, although acknowledging that the Northwestern company has been organized, refuses to give any information concerning the deal.

EXTENDS ITS SYMPATHY.

The Drill Readers Its Support to Aid the Country of Amateurs.

The Drill of Crystal Falls is death on "scabbing," and has the following concerning the threatened list of E. J. Dunn against this paper and the Leader.

"A fellow named Dunn, who runs alleged newspapers at Powers and Rapid River, in Delta county, has demanded a retraction of an article that appeared in the columns of the Michominee Evening Leader a short time ago and also from the Escanaba Iron Port for copying the article. The offended editor threatens libel proceedings if his demand is not complied with. The Leader and Iron Port have our sympathy and hearty support in their attempts to rid the country of one of those illegitimate concerns whose only purpose in existence is to rob the legitimate newspapers of their rightful patronage. Their "bum" emissaries go about the country soliciting job work at ridiculously low prices, for, being simply adjuncts to some institution, the work they get chinks in the odd moments when there is no work to be had in the legitimate territory of the concern. A paper that can't flourish in its own territory ought to go out of business. We hope to see the light of day let in onto some others who practice this same game."

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

It Was Partial on Tuesday on Schedule Time.

A total eclipse of the moon was pulled off on schedule time Tuesday evening just as advertised by the press agents. The moon made the first dip into the earth's shadow at three minutes before 5 o'clock, central standard time, and continued to glide slowly in until totally obscured. Having spent some time in total darkness it began its passage out again, and at 7:36 was once more entirely free. The eclipse was plainly visible in Escanaba. The sky cleared away after the snow flurry of the afternoon, so that the whole phenomenon could be closely observed. It was the only eclipse of the year 1898, either of sun or moon, visible in the United States.

ADJUDGED INSANE.

Alexander Laurin of Gladstone Ordered to Newberry By Judge White.

Supervisor Derry this week brought Alexander Laurin down from Gladstone for an examination as to his sanity. He was found to be mentally unbalanced and Judge White ordered him taken to the asylum at Newberry. He goes there as a state charge, having lost his residence in this county through long absence.

Races at Gladstone.

Weather being favorable there will be horse races on the ice at Gladstone tomorrow afternoon. A half mile straightaway track will be maintained during the winter.

Episcopal Residence Burned.

Fire almost destroyed the residence of Archbishop Robinson at Marquette Tuesday. The building was owned by the

Episcopal diocese of Marquette. The family had barely time to escape and had to leave everything behind. Later a little of the furniture was secured. The building and furniture were partly insured.

HE WINS BY FRAUD.

An Outsider Raises a Number in a Drawing for a Valuable Horse.

One of the boldest frauds ever perpetrated in this city has just come to light, although it occurred last fall during the county fair. It will be remembered that H. W. Coburn presented the Delta County Agricultural society with a valuable horse of modern architectural design and calico pattern to be raffled on the closing day for the benefit of that financially busted organization. Every purchaser of an admission ticket was given a chance on the quadruped, and as the animal and his owner were familiarly known throughout the length and breadth of this realm vast crowds thronged the grounds on that particular day, each hoping to hold the lucky number. Geo. T. Burns, T. V. Ward and others who had offered Mr. Coburn large sums for the horse bought tickets in large and luscious quantities. There was no inconsiderable excitement when President Oliver announced that the drawing would take place. Men, women and children, regardless of birth, rearing or previous condition of servitude, pushed into the cinder arena, notwithstanding the efforts of the police to keep them in check. When the sonorous voice of the president rang out with "345 wins the horse" all was confusion, and this afforded an opportunity for crooked work. A man from Ironwood by the name of Bruce, who had come here with a determination to win the calico horse at any price or risk, held ticket 315, which he cleverly raised to 345, and presenting the same to the judges secured the prize. Being afraid of detection, however, he returned the horse to the society, and it was auctioned off, thus defrauding the rightful winner. It is understood that if Mr. Bruce can be located, he will be forced to pay Mr. Darting, who actually won the horse, \$250, the appraised valuation of the animal.

OLD AGE NOT IDEALIZED.

Some Thoughts Suggested by a Reporter's Visit to the Poor Farm.

A visit to Delta county's house of refuge is not apt to make one look forward more cheerfully to the "falling step, the brimming eye, and the visage dimly gray," that is the inevitable portion of him who sees length of days. Although the home is comfortable in all its appointments, and the management spares no pains to make the inmates happy, old age here is not idealized. The dear old face, lovelier in its gentleness and peace than strong youth or innocent childhood; the rosy, gently swaying, while needles click and dim eyes soften with the light of sacred memory; idealizing little ones to prattle at grandma's knee, and strong sons and matronly daughters to sit there reverently—this is the picture of old age. We love it, hallowed perhaps by the presence of such a one in the sunny corner of our own homes. But this is not old age at this home for the poor. To be sure there is warmth and none lack food, cleanliness is evident in every corner, and the attendants are unselfish and devoted in their ministrations; yet at best, it is that most pitiful of earthly conditions—friendless old age. They sit around in a large room and, talk or read or nod, and eat their meals. Sometimes a cheerful buzz of conversation is carried on, but often they sit in stunted vacancy of mind, or silent in mournful thought. Childishness and treachery without the loveliness of childhood, querulousness and ingratitude are too frequently the conditions which is met. There is little brightness to cheer the life of the county's poor.

KILLED AT A FUNERAL.

William Kevern, an Old Resident of Negaunee, Trampled to Death.

William Kevern, an old and respected resident of Negaunee, was killed while acting as pallbearer Tuesday. He was immediately behind the hearse, when the horse drawing the carriage, in which were the chief mourners, took fright. As they started to run away they struck him and trampled him to death before he could be rescued. The runaway team collided with the hearse, upsetting it. The coffin had to be removed to an open rig for conveyance to the cemetery. Mr. Sharon, owner of the hearse, who was driving, was severely injured.

Non-Bessemer Ore Combine.

At a meeting of the non-Bessemer iron producers at Cleveland the attempt to form a pool for the season of 1899 was abandoned, but it is expected that there will be an advance of about 20 per cent in the price of non-Bessemer ore by next spring.

Nearly Ready to Saw.

Work at the United States Woodensaw factory is being pushed with all possible speed, and it is expected that the sawmill will be ready to commence sawing in about a week.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

The Coming and Going of People We All Know.

A Weekly Grist of Personal Mention as Picked Up Here, There and Everywhere Throughout This Section of the Country

On Christmas day there was a family reunion of the Carrolls at the Oliver House. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Morgan and Miss Alice Dodge of Republic, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carney, Jr., of Marinette, and Misses Anna and Emma Carroll, of Oshkosh.

Conductor Moran of No. 12 C. & N. W. passenger who was obliged to leave his run for a few days incident upon the drowning and burial of his little son Harry, is back again and Conductor McCourt has returned to his home in Escanaba.—Menominee Herald.

It is rumored that T. V. Ward, superintendent of the Ford River Lumber company, will soon sever his connection with that concern, but it is denied at Ford River. Mr. Ward will go south after the meeting of the supervisors for a few weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moran left yesterday for an extended visit at Duluth. They are accompanied by Miss Kittie Moran.

Anthony Manley, one of Munising's most prosperous merchants, spent the week with his parents in this city.

Mr. John Uthauer of Republic spent Sunday and Monday in the city, the guest of the Misses Vassaw.

Miss Maud Wixson went to Rhineland last night, there to visit with her brother, C. A. Wixson.

R. B. Staek came in from Metropolitan to spend the holiday season with his parents.

Bert Farrell has accepted a position with the New York World, on its artists' staff.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Perron of Perronville went to the Soo this morning for a visit. A. W. Burrows and wife of Gladstone were Escanaba visitors on Wednesday. The Misses Mattie and Lulu Smith of Marinette spent the week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibson spent a portion of the week at Fond du Lac. The Impromptu Club gave a party at Clark's hall Wednesday evening.

Miss Martie Greene returned from a visit at Marinette on Thursday.

A. Baum, the hardware merchant, visited Milwaukee this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Christie rejoice over the arrival of a son.

R. L. Hall has gone east to spend a portion of the winter.

D. Faring spent at Christmas with his parents in Escanaba.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Oliver is quite ill.

Julius Greenholt went to Chicago Wednesday evening.

W. F. Lock spent Christmas day at Appleton, Wisconsin.

M. J. Egan expects to locate permanently at Moline, Ill.

Mrs. Wm. Godley has joined the army of gripe patients.

Miss Belle Barr spent Christmas with her parents.

Jacob Moersch, jr., is at home from Dakota.

Louis Jepson was at Little Lake this week.

Jacob Kahn has returned from Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. M. J. Lewis, who has been visiting in the city for some time past, returned to her home in Clinton, Iowa, Thursday night.

Miss Parker spent her vacation at Iron Mountain. On Tuesday evening Mrs. J. A. Bangs gave a party in her honor.

The Larks dined at Sullivan's hall on Wednesday evening. The Larks are "great people."

Mrs. W. D. Winegar has this week entertained Isabel and Alice Eagan of Marquette.

The Misses Rogers of Ishpeming spent last Sunday with their father, James Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wagner are guests of John F. Carvay and wife.

G. M. West and family have gone to Florida for the winter.

Mark Capperault of Hermansville was in town Saturday.

W. W. McQueen is in New Mexico in search of health.

Mrs. John Christie of Green Bay is visiting her son.

Harry Benton is visiting relatives in the city.

Wallace Barr has returned to Philadelphia.

SECRET SOCIETIES.

Election of Officers for the Ensuing Year by Several Societies.

The high court of the Independent Order of Foresters, for the upper peninsula of Michigan was instituted at Newberry Thursday night. A large number of Foresters from all over the peninsula were present. Lee E. Joslyn, high secretary, organized the new high court and appointed the following officers: P. H. C. R., Geo. P. Tomkins, Grand Marquis; H. C. R., Chas. Danford, Soq; H. V. C. R., Wm. Haist, Brimley; high secretary, C. H. Scott, Bay Mills; high treasurer, J. M. Campbell, St. Ignace; high physician, H. Morris, Newberry; high councillor, Colin D. Duig, Grand Marais.

U. P. Tent, No. 4, K. O. T. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Commander, Peter C. Beck; Lieut. Com., O. R. Johnson; Record Keeper, J. H. Elliott; Finance Keeper, Jno. Mor; Prelate, Alex. Buchanan; Sergeant, Chas. White; Master-at-Arms, L. Greiner; First Master of the Guard, Jake Gross; Second Master of the Guard, Fred Dalhousie; Sentinel, Godard Olson; Picket, E. Olson; Joe Flemming past commander.

Following are the officers of the Columbia League, just elected: Com., C. A. Miller; Provost, Louis Hansen; Warden, Hans P. Hansen; Chairman, E. A. Elliott; Notary, Jos. Wiekert; Treas., F. F. Geisler; Messenger, John C. Leahy; Inner Guard, Chas. Bergson; Outer Guard, John E. Todd; Trustee for 3 years, Jos. Wiekert.

Delta Division, No. 86, Order of Railway Conductors, have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief Conductor, P. J. Galley; Assistant Chief Conductor, Otto Kyquist; Secretary and Treasurer, R. A. Pontow; Delegate, P. J. Galley; Alternate, Geo. B. Shaffer.

HIS FAREWELL TO EUSTIS.

Verses to Be Engraved on the Late Geo. DeLonghary's Monument.

Over the remains of the late George W. DeLonghary, now resting in the cemetery at Barkville, will soon be erected a monument upon which will appear the following verses by Allen Tyrrell:

East, farewell! and to the hearts I cherished,
For whom I toiled, and tender love I gave,
A long farewell! my hopes and dreams have perished,
And shrouded with me, slumber in the grave.

But Faith's bright star that shone along life's pathway,
Guiding me on o'er treacherous seas and sod,
Shine brightly now o'er Death's lone vale and gateway,
Through which I pass in triumph up to God.

Work on the Ford River.

W. L. Golden & Co. are starting a second logging camp on Ford river, where about thirty men will be employed. The company will put in about 10,000,000 feet of logs during the winter for the Buckley-Douglass Lumber Co., of Manistiquic, during the winter to be driven down that stream and rafted to the mills next season. About one hundred and forty men are employed in the two camps, and excellent progress is being made. Upwards of 2,500,000 feet of logs are already in the river.—Menominee Herald.

MR. LINSLEY IS INTERESTED.

He Thinks the Hotel Project a Good Thing Will Help Push It Along.

There seems to be new interest a wakening in the summer hotel project. Supt. W. R. Linsley has talked the matter over with the officials of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, and they look favorably upon the project. Mr. Linsley is himself enthusiastic over the erection of the hotel, and will lend his support to the project.

THE W. R. C. BALL.

A Splendid Terpsichorean Entertainment at the Peterson Last Evening.

The ball given under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps at Peterson's hall last evening was well patronized and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The music by Dana's orchestra of Marinette was a feature, and something exceptionally fine.

DEATH OF PAT KINNEY.

One of Gladstone's Well Known Citizens Passes Away.

Mr. Pat Kinney, well known in Escanaba, died at his home in Gladstone of pneumonia yesterday. He was a member of the Maccabees, and had lived in Gladstone for a number of years.

A clerk of the Wells-Fargo Express company at San Antonio has disappeared with \$50,000.

The Iron Port

SEMI-WEEKLY. PUBLISHED BY THE IRON PORT CO. LEW A. CATES, Editor and Manager

Editorial Comment.

With this issue The Iron Port closes the twenty-ninth year of its existence. It has witnessed Escanaba grow from a mere hamlet to its present proportions...

We take this opportunity to thank The Iron Port's hundreds of friends for their liberal patronage, assuring one and all that it shall be our constant aim in the future...

The United States senate which is sometimes called the millionaires' club might with equal appropriateness be designated as the old gentleman's club...

All of these men are in vigorous health considering their years. The names of nearly all of them will be recognized as those of senators who take a most active part in national affairs...

Senator Hanna believes that his bill for the protection of the American merchant marine will be passed during the present session of congress. The majority of the senators...

The bill was introduced in the senate last week by Mr. Hanna, and in brief provides that subsidies shall be

paid to certain freight-carrying vessels built in America. The object of the bill is to encourage Americans in transacting relations of a commercial character with the people of foreign nations in American bottoms.

The legislature that will convene in Lansing at high noon next week Wednesday promises to be, in many particulars, the most interesting and important gathering of Michigan lawmakers that has been held in many years.

Foreign bankers said Thursday that sterling exchange rates were sufficiently low to permit of the importation of gold, and that it was not unlikely that some more would come in January...

Chief Justice Grant of the State Supreme court has denied an application for a writ of error under which the express revenue stamp case could be removed to the United States Supreme court.

Mrs. Lily Lord Tift, secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Women, died at her home in Buffalo Thursday.

The Manistique Courier is two years old, and is a decidedly healthy infant. Long may it live.

AN OLD, OLD STORY.

The Moral of This Old, Old Anecdote Will Save a Heap of Trouble.

Something had gone wrong with some simple part of a stationary engine, and the stoker could not fix it. After spending a day or two on it, he was forced to ask the aid of a more competent workman.

This anecdote has nothing earthly to do with Mr. John Smith of 116 Cleveland Court, Menominee, a stationary engineer, but it serves to introduce him to the Escanaba public...

"I had symptoms of kidney complaint for a long time and felt that I ought to do something to better my condition. It was not serious yet it annoyed me greatly especially when I caught cold, for it was hard for me to get down to sit in a chair and equally hard to rise.

Notice to Tax-Payers. Notice is hereby given that the tax-roll for the City of Escanaba is now in my hands for collection. I will be at my office at No. 309 Elmore street during the month of December to receive payment of taxes.

Stockholders Meeting. The annual meeting of the stock holders of The First National Bank of Escanaba, Mich., for the election of directors, will be held at the banking house, in Escanaba, on Tuesday, January 10, 1899...

PROBATE NOTICE FOR HEARING CLAIMS BEFORE COURT. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Probate Court for the county of Delta, made on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1898, six months from that date were allowed for creditors to present their claims against the estate of August Roland, late of said county, deceased...

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Legal Notices.

First Publication Dec. 10, 1898. ORDER OF HEARING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss.

At a session of the Probate court for said county, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on the eighth day of Dec. in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, Honorable Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of August W. Stromberg, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Emma C. Stromberg, the widow, praying that a day be fixed for a hearing and that administration of said estate may be granted to said Emma C. Stromberg or some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the third day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, Michigan, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) Dec 31 1898

PROBATE ORDER FOR HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss. Probate Court for said County.

At a session of the Probate Court for the county of Delta, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Peter Schils, deceased.

On reading and filing report and account of Peter Schils administrator of said estate.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the twenty-third day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said report and account, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, Michigan, and show cause, if any there be, why the said report and account should not be confirmed.

And it is further ordered, that said administrator give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said report and account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Delta, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) Jan 21

ORDER FOR PROBATE OF WILL. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, on the 9th day of Dec., in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of John C. Rathfon, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Clinton J. Rathfon, a son, praying that a certain instrument now on file in this Court purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, may be admitted to probate, and that administration of said estate may be granted to Samuel B. Rathfon the executor named in said will, or to some other suitable person.

Kratze's Mammoth Store.

Holiday Greeting!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

We have just received one of the largest stocks of Toys and Holiday Goods ever brought to the city. In fact, this stock is too large for the amount of show room we have to display them...

DOLLS

We have them of all descriptions.

- Dolls that open and shut their eyes. Doll that are dressed in fashionable attire. Dolls with kid body, jointed, that will not break.

DOLLS

Sleighs, Wagons, Carts, Boats, Rocking Horses, Stoves, Saw Buck and Saws, Bureaus and Tool Chests, Building Block, Doll Beds, Engines with train of cars, and, in fact, everything in the shape of Iron, Wood or tin Toys.

Beautiful Sets of China and Tin Dishes to please the Children.

Wax Candles and Tree Ornaments.

See our Line of Mechanical Music Toys, they are wonders.

EXTRA—An imported line of Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, just arrived. Bordered, Hemstitched and silk Handkerchiefs with initial, the finest in the city, special prices on dozen or half dozen lots.

KRATZE'S

1008-1010 Ludington St

Escanaba, Michigan.

Visit our store and we will give you good suggestions as to what to buy for holiday gifts in the line of useful and ornamental presents. Gigantic Unloading Sale still going on.

Legal Notices.

First publication Dec. 10, 1898. ORDER OF HEARING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss.

At a session of the Probate court for said county, held at the Probate office in the city of Escanaba on the ninth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, Hon. Thos. B. White, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of John P. Hunter, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Georgia F. Neal, the daughter, praying that a day be fixed for a hearing to determine who are the lawful heirs and entitled to inherit the real estate of said deceased.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Tuesday, the 13th day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs-at-law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) Dec. 31 1898

ORDER OF HEARING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR. State of Michigan, County of Delta, ss.

At a session of the Probate Court for said county, held at the Probate office in the city of Escanaba, on the seventh day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Present, Hon. Thomas B. White, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Trefle Bouchamp, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Lars P. Peterson, a creditor, praying that a day be fixed for a hearing and that administration of said estate may be granted to said Lars P. Peterson or to some other suitable person.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Monday, the 6th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be held at the Probate office, in the city of Escanaba, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Iron Port, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

T. B. WHITE, Judge of Probate. (A true copy.) Dec. 31 1898

Lumber Yard.

THE I. STEPHENSON CO.

GEO. T. BURNS, Manager.

LUMBER

Lath and Shingles,

DRESSED FLOORING, WAINSCOTING, ETC

ESCANABA, MICHIGAN.

Ed. Donovan—Coal.

COAL

Will be sold at the following prices:

Table with 3 columns: Coal Type, Price per Ton, Price per 1/2-Ton. Rows include Hard Coal (\$6.25), Soft Coal (4.00), and 1/2-Ton (3.25, 2.25).

FOR SPOT CASH the price will be \$6.00 per ton on one ton or more Hard Coal.

On all coal that must be carried in baskets, 25c per ton will be charged for carrying.

Ed. Donovan, Ludington and Charlotte Streets

RAPID RIVER RIPPLES.



FIRST STORE IN RAPID RIVER.

The Iron Port erred when it stated that the first store in Rapid River was built east of the bridge across the Rapid. The first store is shown in the accompanying cut, and was located opposite Joseph Fish's hotel. This was in 1886. It was owned by Olmsted Brothers, and Mr. Henry Pfeifer, standing before the open door, was "chief clerk." Next to Mr. Pfeifer is Robt. Jacques, now a resident of Green Bay, the other being Everett Burns, now dead. The children are Chris and Bessie Pfeifer and Virginia Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fish.

There are already many homesteaders in the valley of the Whitefish and Rapid River and the new railroad will be a boon to them, enabling them to market their produce and to obtain supplies with less difficulty and cost. The lands along these rivers are of the best in the peninsula, and more settlers will locate when the lands are less isolated. No land will produce more or better wheat, potatoes, hay or oats.

Fred E. Olin, formerly with the Garth Lumber Company, is now in charge of T. M. Wells' general merchandise store at Swanzy, succeeding Eugene Chereest.

Mrs. Edward Brunell, who moved to Hermansville, was here on business Wednesday and returned the same day.

For choice meats go to Pfeifers. x John Fish, Leo Vain and Napoleon Vain went to the woods Tuesday to work for Stuckney and Johnston.

Jerry Madden went home to Menominee to spend Christmas with his family and returned Tuesday.

Wm. Dillabough left Thursday for Wm. B. Young's camp where he will work during the winter.

Geo. E. Merrill advertises the "Little Red School House" shoe, one of the best on the market.

Largest line of Ready-to-Wear clothing in the township at Pfeifer's. Don't buy until you inspect. x Jack Snell made a trip to Gladstone Saturday and returned the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Darling visited Mrs. Darling's parents at Ensign Sunday.

Chas. Birch went to Escanaba Wednesday to have dentist work done.

The finest line of ladies' dress goods in Rapid River is at Pfeifer's. Wm. Hibbard and Geo. Merrill visited Gladstone Thursday.

Mrs. Ed. Brunell was an Escanaba visitor on Monday.

Fine dress trimmings of all kinds at Pfeifer's. x Pfeifer is doing the business. His prices and high-grade goods are trade-getters. x

The continued cold weather is good for lumbermen, but more snow is needed in the woods.

The schools have enjoyed a vacation this week, and as a consequence news is lighter than usual.

La Grippe is prevalent in this vicinity.

What has become of the railroad project? We hear no more of it.

This enterprise is worthy a great deal of consideration.

What is the matter of our fire department? A short time ago they gave a dance for the purpose of purchasing rubber coats, hats, etc., and although the dance was not a bowling success financially, it netted \$22 and we are informed that as yet no steps have been taken to procure the same. Let us attend to this matter at once.

According to latest reports we are to have a cistern to furnish water for fire purposes. Your correspondent has been informed that arrangements have been about concluded for the purchase of a frost proof cistern with a capacity of 105,000 gallons with an attachment to couple hose on from five engines.

The elongated "President Carnot" is busily engaged in making preparations for his annual celebration which will occur on January 1, 1899.

Chas. Morin was brought down from Farrell's camp dead on Tuesday. He was buried on the following day.

Byron Hibbard has returned to St. Jacques to work for R. Baker after spending Xmas here with his family.

W. B. Young, who is running camp for Thos. Farrell at Lathrop came to town today to spend New Years.

Supervisor Geo. Grandchamp is at home again, after a trip through the camps selling hospital tickets.

Capt. Lanford of the Masonville Hoop Co., was in town Monday hiring teams for work in his camp.

Louis Sinnitt is remodeling the interior of his saloon. He will also have a pool table in connection.

The many friends of Abe Rogers rejoice to see him on the streets again after a long illness.

John Heag is here to spend the holidays. He has been working at Newberry.

Mrs. I. I. Lefler is visiting with her sister Mrs. J. R. Roseborough.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Monning on Dec. 20, '98, a daughter. Miss Maggie Cole is assisting Dep. Treas. Sinnitt on the tax roll.

Jos. Savoie and wife drove to Gladstone Thursday, shopping.

Capt. B. D. Winegar, called on his customers, here Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Ackley is on the sick list; also Mr. Ackley.

Ed. Hill has sold his dray line to Geo. A. Johnston.

Our business men report a good Christmas trade.

Dr. J. R. Roseborough is erecting a new barn.

There never was a time when the outlook for Rapid River's future was brighter than at present.

Canvasser Wanted.

The Iron Port wants fifty new subscribers in Masonville township, and in order to secure them would like to get the services of some capable young lady or gentleman to canvass the township. Will pay liberally for such service. Address, The Iron Port Co., Escanaba.

BIG DEAL IN SCRAP IRON.

It includes 15,000 Old Freight Cars and 20,000 Tons of Scrap Metal.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 30.—One of the largest deals that was ever made for the sale of railway scrap iron has just been consummated by C. Jay Kane, of Pittsburgh, and Harry Benjamin, of Cincinnati, for the Benjamin Iron & Steel company of Buffalo, the Block-Pollack company of Cincinnati and Chicago, and the Jackson-Woodin Manufacturing company of Berwick, Pa. The deal includes 15,000 freight cars from the Central railroad of New Jersey and 20,000 tons of scrap metal, including 400,000 pounds of brass. The total value of the deal is about \$400,000. The Central railroad of New Jersey, it is said, has ordered 4,000 new cars of heavier capacity and modern design at an approximate value of \$2,200,000.

THE MARKETS.

Grain. Provisions, Etc. Chicago, Dec. 30.
FLOUR—Quiet but firm.
CORN—Easy. Cash quoted at 36 1/2c; December at 36 3/4c; May at 36 3/8c; July at 36 1/2c and 36 1/8c.
WHEAT—Was quiet and a shade easier. No. 2 cash, 54 1/4c; No. 3, 54c, and No. 4 about 53 1/2c; May delivery, 55c.
BARLEY—Offerings moderate and demand fair; market steady. Poor seeded barley, 47 1/2c; feed, 41 1/2c; low grade malting, 42 1/2c; fair to good, 44 1/2c, and choice to fancy, 47 1/2c.
WHEAT—Market quiet and steady. Choice No. 1 at \$1.00; No. 2 at \$1.00; No. 3 at \$1.00; No. 4 at \$1.00; No. 5 at \$1.00; No. 6 at \$1.00; No. 7 at \$1.00; No. 8 at \$1.00; No. 9 at \$1.00; No. 10 at \$1.00; No. 11 at \$1.00; No. 12 at \$1.00; No. 13 at \$1.00; No. 14 at \$1.00; No. 15 at \$1.00; No. 16 at \$1.00; No. 17 at \$1.00; No. 18 at \$1.00; No. 19 at \$1.00; No. 20 at \$1.00; No. 21 at \$1.00; No. 22 at \$1.00; No. 23 at \$1.00; No. 24 at \$1.00; No. 25 at \$1.00; No. 26 at \$1.00; No. 27 at \$1.00; No. 28 at \$1.00; No. 29 at \$1.00; No. 30 at \$1.00; No. 31 at \$1.00; No. 32 at \$1.00; No. 33 at \$1.00; No. 34 at \$1.00; No. 35 at \$1.00; No. 36 at \$1.00; No. 37 at \$1.00; No. 38 at \$1.00; No. 39 at \$1.00; No. 40 at \$1.00; No. 41 at \$1.00; No. 42 at \$1.00; No. 43 at \$1.00; No. 44 at \$1.00; No. 45 at \$1.00; No. 46 at \$1.00; No. 47 at \$1.00; No. 48 at \$1.00; No. 49 at \$1.00; No. 50 at \$1.00; No. 51 at \$1.00; No. 52 at \$1.00; No. 53 at \$1.00; No. 54 at \$1.00; No. 55 at \$1.00; No. 56 at \$1.00; 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WHO THE FAVORITE MODELS ARE.

Personality of the People Who Pose for American Artists as a Profession. The Training Necessary to Become Proficient Generally a Means to an End.

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Last week a letter was received by one of the students at the Art Students League, New York, that recalls one of the most interesting of all the many interesting romances connected with Bohemian life in the metropolis.

The letter was from a young woman who was once counted the most beautiful model in New York city. She is not posing now; instead she is spending her time in leisurerly travel abroad, and the studio has seen the last of her in all probability.



THE ARAB.

Like many of the better class of models who pose as Trilby did for the "altogether," this girl was known under an assumed name. She was evidently a lady in what the novel calls "reduced circumstances." No one knew anything concerning her antecedents, where she came from, or where she

went when her work was over. Those were matters she kept to herself. The last posing she ever will do, unless fate that raised her to sudden riches drops her back into poverty again, was for the life class at the league.

It was one Tuesday, and her engagement was for the week. When she took the pose that morning the model who got her into position saw something was wrong. She was apparently laboring under some excitement. The model thought her ill and inquired if she were able to pose. The girl said she was. "I don't want to disappoint



ONE OF THE INDIANS.

the class; I wish to finish the week," she added. "You are sure you are not ill?" persisted the model. "Yes; it's only that I am so excited I can hardly keep quiet."

Then she told that her sister's husband, who had disappeared four years before, had suddenly appeared upon the scene with a comfortable fortune he had gathered in the Alaska gold fields, and the family her exertion had kept together found itself raised to affluence. They had already moved from an East side tenement to the Plaza hotel, and were preparing to go



abroad. Oddly enough, she insisted upon finishing her engagement, so the class might not be disappointed.

The letter that reached New York last week was from the ex-model. It was to the girl who had been model when she posed for the last time, and it announced her approaching marriage to a young Englishman. So her little romance has ended in the most approved style.

There are other romances one may fear of in the studios that have not ended so happily, however.

Posing is rapidly becoming in America what it has been in Europe for the last hundred years, namely, a profession.

No man or woman, however promising they may appear, can hope to get a really first-class engagement without experience. The schools in particular will not take them unless they are well known or come recommended.

The reason for this is that training is essential where a model is to pose for a class, as the position must be held rigidly, and this is an impossibility for one who is unaccustomed to the work.

Another objection to the beginner is that she may faint from fatigue. This, by the way, happens now and then with



HIS SPECIALTY IS CHOIR BOYS AND CHERUBS.

experienced models, and it is a curious fact that once a model faints it is the end of her career. The inclination is almost certain to become chronic.

Most of the women are either native born or French, though there is a sprinkling of other nationalities. Many of them pose without the knowledge or consent of their family, while others have gone to New York to study mu-



THE FAVORITE CLUBMAN IMPERSONATED.

sic, art, or for the stage, and being unsuccessful and without money have resorted to this means of livelihood.

Among the men—and the men outnumber the women—are minor athletes, such as tight rope walkers, "strong men," and the small fry of circusdom. These can turn their season of idleness to good account in this way.

One man well-known among the artists and at the school is an Arab, whose father before him was a professional model and whose son, aged seven, has been posing steadily for the past five years.

There are many negro models and two Indians. These latter are in considerable demand, as they are the only two of their race, so far as known, who have hit upon this means of money getting.

Of course, many of the models took up posing simply as a temporary makeshift or as an aid to something better; one young man is working his way through college in this manner. He is a Harvard sophomore who was left stranded by the sudden collapsing of the family fortunes.

Children are in demand. One famous child model is a youth with curly hair

and the face of a seraph who makes a specialty of cherubs, choir boys and cupids. He is the support of his family and his earnings are sufficient to keep his mother and numerous small brothers and sisters in comfort.

Many of the models own elaborate wardrobes. These are the ones who make a feature of posing in costume. There is one man who appears in Wenzell's drawings in a wide range of toilets, whose clothes would do credit to a Barry Wall. Some of the women buy up second-hand theatrical costumes and at every sale three or four well-known models are on the watch for possible bargains. These costumes are used principally in what may be called



"CARETTE."

character studies. The tailor-made girl has to equip herself at first hand.

Each model has his or her specialty. Some are famous for a hand or foot, or it may be the possession of a beautiful neck or well-rounded arm that has given a woman her commercial value in the studio.

The two most beautiful figure models are a little French girl called "Carette," and an American girl who is known as "Miss Bixby." As the tendency of modern art is strongly toward the nude, they are constantly in demand and probably make a snug sum each season, and early as it is they are already under contract for the entire winter.

Models receive on the average 33 1/3 cents an hour for the head; when they pose for the figure work the price advances to 42 cents an hour. A model will agree to give so much time to a school or an artist. It may be \$50 or \$150 worth, and the time is figured at the rate given above. It is quite customary for the schools to follow this plan with a favorite model.

Comparatively few of the girls who pose for the altogether are known by their right names to their patrons. Many of them are young women who are ambitious to become artists themselves and who having good looks and



THE FAVORITE "OLD WOMAN."

good figures have taken to this means of making money.

The woman professional model has one enemy she must combat. It is the same enemy that troubles the days of her stage sister. "Fat is fatal," and as soon as her figure gets beyond the point of perfect roundness her days are numbered and her income stops with alarming suddenness. The women who are disposed to embonpoint wage vigorous warfare against the too rapid accumulation of flesh by dieting and exercise, but the easy life they lead makes the struggle a hard one and sooner or later the enemy triumphs.

The American model is said to be the best in the world. It is not alone beauty that gives her supremacy, her intelligence has had much to do with contributing to her recognized superi-



MISS BIXBY.

ority over foreign rivals. An experience of C. D. Gibson's illustrates this point.

A few years ago he went abroad to do some special work for one of the magazines and on reaching Paris found he could get no model in the French capital that compared with those he had left in New York, so he cabled for one from this side and the lucky girl he selected got her trip over, all her expenses and remuneration at the rate of \$40 a week, and this was during the summer months, when she would ordinarily have been idle.

THE NEW EGYPT

ENGLAND HAS OPENED TO THE WORLD

Seven Million Arabs Emancipated from the Barbarism of Centuries. Col. Prout, Formerly Governor of the Equatorial Provinces, Tells of the Land's Possibilities.

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While the United States has been engaged in securing Spanish colonies for the use of the Anglo-Saxon race, England has added a new country to the civilized world.

The battle of Omdurman was the final performance in the emancipation from a hundred centuries of barbarism of some 7,000,000 Arabs of the upper Nile. It opened up to commerce and development the most fertile land on the globe—the fields that the Nile floods. No American, living or dead, has known this wonderful land as Col. H. G. Prout, now editor of the Railway Gazette. Few people are aware of the fact that an American commanded the khedive's forces in the Sudan. Col. Prout served the khedive for nearly five years, beginning as an engineer, and during that time

with that of the wretches who were under the mahdi's rule until Kitchener entered Khartoum.

One national improvement which will add greatly to the wealth of the country will be the use of machinery for lifting water for irrigation and another will be the development of a system of roads that will admit the passage of wheeled vehicles wider than bicycles. The enlargement of the network of railroads in the Delta will also be a long stride towards the prosperity of the fellah. Already the effects of English control have been felt beneficially along all these lines.

A generation of the system of "corvee" which existed along the Nile was alone sufficient to paralyze the energies of a race. It has been going on for centuries. The pashas have taken



TYPICAL FELLAHIN

he had unequal opportunity to study the people and the resources of the New Egypt that has just been won from the followers of the mahdi.

On being questioned regarding the nature of the country and its probable future, Col. Prout replied by giving a most interesting and comprehensive description of the new Egypt, which we give to our readers almost in his own words.

The large population of Egypt proper is concentrated in the Delta—the country between Cairo and the Mediterranean, extending a short way up the Nile. This is the most fertile spot on earth and should be considered apart from the rest of Egypt.

The Delta is not all overflowed by the Nile in "high tide," as is popularly supposed. The spreading out of the Nile waters is very thoroughly controlled by a system of dykes—or levees as we call them along the Mississippi. The wa-

ter which at high tide is above the level of the adjacent land is controlled by an elaborate system of canals and ditches. All through the season of cultivation as the level of the Nile falls this water is raised by the peasants' hands. Man has probably never instituted a system of labor that involved a greater waste of energy than this Egyptian irrigation. From it the primitive condition of the people may be surmised.

The fellahin (plural for fellah or peasant) have had all their vitality squeezed out by generations of taskmasters in the form of conquerors or native chiefs. But we have at the Delta all the elements for great prosperity—industrious, thrifty people, good climate and extraordinarily rich land.

Up to the present the fellahin have been so badly governed that they never accumulated savings or had any in-

ally they are fine people, well grown and muscular. They are mild and tractable naturally, having had those virtues kicked into them as it were. They follow Mahomet, but breed no fanatics, and they are quite as moral as persons of equal social standing anywhere.

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The houses are simple affairs of unburnt brick—mudhuts practically—and the furniture is neither costly nor yet common, because there is none. The lives of these people have been so hard for centuries that they have few amusements. It is one of the saddest things imaginable that a race of hu-



ROWING IN EGYPT

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But their courage has not forsaken them, though, indeed, it has been dormant as long as the gayety. The fellahin were timid and very poor soldiers until recently, but the English officers and sergeants have inspired them with confidence in themselves and they behaved splendidly in the great fights at Omdurman. Col. Prout thinks that

the people to work on private estates or public works without remuneration or regard for the starving family left unprovided for.

This the English have of course abolished while reducing the interest on the public debt through the honest collection of taxes. Honest tax collections were something quite as un-Egyptian as the European method of trousering, and honest judges were specimens quite as rare.

There is going to be a great development in the wealth of lower Egypt. A multitude of Englishmen will take advantage of the opportunities there, but it is doubtful if Americans, except perhaps a few stray adventurers, will seek fortune there so long as the East and West Indies remain unexploited.

The fellahin are mostly of Arab race, their blood being doubtless touched with that of the native at the time of the Mohammedan conquest. Physi-



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the story of resistance of Macdonald's Egyptian brigade to the attacks of the dervishes will come to be considered one of the admirable and most significant stories in military history.

The fellahin women impress one favorably by their dignified bearing and fine carriage—the result of the ancient practice of carrying bundles on the head. They are quite good-looking,



too, but they fade early like all oriental beauties, but that doesn't matter so much, as one rarely sees more than their eyes and the lower part of the brow in public. Their ordinary gown is a blue cotton affair, and the veil is black. The women with the most money—as in some other countries—dress the best, and such fellahin women are fond of doing themselves up in a great bundle of black silk until they are a shapeless mass, in which condition they waddle about the streets.

The Delta is only a small part of the New Egypt. Proceeding up the Nile from lower Egypt we get a new set of conditions. For many hundreds of miles—until we nearly reach Khartoum—the Nile flows through deserts of



IRRIGATING BY HAND.

rocks and gravel. Here and there are small areas which can aggregate a considerable but comparatively insignificant amount of land that can be irrigated.

The great middle region, embraced in what is known as upper Egypt and the province of Dongola and the regions of Berber, can support only a small population. When we reach Khartoum we come into the country of periodical but scant rain. This country could be profitably irrigated, but nothing has been done except by the childlike system of hand pumps along the banks of the Nile. The country known as the Delta of Senaar, between the Blue Nile and the White, is capable of bearing all the semitropical products, and some day coffee, cotton and maize will flourish there.

The other parts of this reclaimed country are not particularly inviting to the emigrant. The rainfall amounts to very few inches and even with a most careful system of collection and storage the needs of a large population could not be supplied unless water like Sir William Crookes' fertilizer comes to be made by electricity.

As we go on south up the Nile we come under rain clouds until the rainfall gets to be abundant. The future of the country of the White Nile in the region about Fashoda cannot yet be forecast. There and about the mouth of the Sobat river plenty of good land lies waiting the impregnation of the plow. Only an industrious people is lacking to make the region a garden. Savage and pagan negroes inhabit the country and civilization may go there rapidly or it may wait for a century. This country is fertile in malarial fevers as well as products more valuable commercially, and white men will have to be more crowded than they are at present before they go there.

To the southward lies the region of great swamps, uninhabited for hundreds of miles, which meets the country that is the extreme upper Nile valley called by the Arabs the Land of the River of the Mountains.

Here we find considerable diversity of surface with beautiful mountains and valleys well timbered and well watered by rivulets. "A most attractive country to look at," says Col. Prout emphatically.

This is the country of the provinces of the equator which Gordon ruled for the khedive, being succeeded by Col. Prout. The latter was followed by Emin Pasha, who had served under him.

MANY MINOR MATTERS

General City News Presented in Condensed Form.

The Iron Port Reporters' Weekly Grist of Interesting Information, Gathered Here, There and Elsewhere, For Easy Reading.

Chicago drummer was severely punished last week for being too fresh with Mrs. Mountain lass. He followed her home and into the gate, when she seized a snow shovel and brought it down on his derby hat, crushing it over his eyes and blinding him.

At the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning, the subject will be, "Some Rights and Shadows in Progress." In the evening the Masonic fraternity will attend the services in observance of St. John's Day. There will be special music at both services.

Mrs. Ida Brotherton Williams, is desirous of obtaining music scholars, on either piano or organ. She will teach at the houses of her pupils or at her residence, No. 716 Bay street, between First and Second. Orders may be left at Hugh Brotherton's music store or at her residence.

Parties who intend making New Year's gifts and have delayed purchase of the same until this time will do well to pay a visit to Erickson's Big Bay Store, where everything in the holiday line is being disposed of at a greatly reduced price. Many pretty things left.

The council has ordered the ordinances printed in book form.

On a recent trip to the Copper country George Buckley secured some of the handsomest specimens of copper ever taken from the earth. They are from the Calumet & Hecla.

A great display of Xmas things at Schram's.

While driving between Gladstone and this city on Wednesday, Mrs. M. O. Campbell, of the former place, lost a silver watch. She advertises the same elsewhere.

An agreement has been entered into by the grocers and butchers of Menominee whereby their places of business will be closed for the winter at 6:30 p. m., beginning Monday January 24.

Toys at Schram's at less than 50 cents on the dollar.

Edw. C. Tubbs, who is suing for a divorce at Grand Rapids, is said to have a sweetheart at Marquette. He is a traveling man and visits Escanaba.

At the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning Dr. Todd will preach to the masses, who will attend in a body.

Go to Schram's for holiday goods.

At the last meeting of the council \$2,000 were appropriated for school purposes.

Shopping bags, tin boxes, collar and cuff boxes, smoking sets, toilet boxes and manure sets at Schram's.

The Sons of Herman have recently improved their hall.

The latest style of men's silk mufflers, handkerchiefs and ties at Schram's.

The county board will convene on Wednesday next.

A large and handsome display of holiday goods at Schram's at prices way down.

The council will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday evening.

The committee of the common council appointed to visit Menominee and investigate the operations of a stone crusher has not yet performed that duty. Rapid River has a stone crusher and a visit to that place would be a saving of expense.

Gen. Weyler Sees the Queen.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—The greatest interest and curiosity was taken Wednesday in the long audience which Gen. Weyler had with the queen regent Tuesday. The newspapers here, while sympathizing with Premier Sagasta, say the country cannot be sacrificed on account of his illness and an immediate arrangement of the ministerial crisis is demanded.

Death's Sudden Call.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Nathaniel Brown, who has been visiting relatives here, was found dead in bed at the residence of her son, Frank Brown, of Bryson street. Death was the result of heart disease. She was 78 years of age and resided with her son-in-law, T. J. Nichol, a prominent newspaper artist of Chicago.

Cold Wave Is Here.

The government signal service late Thursday evening announced the approach from the northwest of the most severe cold wave of this season. By Sat.

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urday morning, it was predicted, zero weather would prevail throughout the entire lake region, and the statement that the predictions are correct will be disputed by no one.

WAR CLAIMS. Congress to Be Asked to Provide Means for Settling Those of American Citizens in Cuba.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Immediately upon the ratification of the peace treaty by the senate the president will recommend to congress the enactment of legislation looking to the settlement of the claims of American citizens for damages sustained in Cuba, Porto Rico and other Spanish possessions which formed the seat of war. These claims to the amount of \$26,000,000 on this score have already been lodged with the state department. It is true that an unknown proportion of these are claims based on depredations committed by Cuban insurgents for which it is questionable whether the Spanish government could be held responsible.

On the other hand, it is believed that there are many claims for large amounts that have not yet been presented owing to the inability of the claimants to secure the necessary corroborative evidence during the Spanish occupation of the evacuated territories or because of the belief that it would be fruitless to present any claim so long as Spanish sovereignty was maintained.

Now, however, by an article in the treaty of Paris, the United States has assumed liability for all claims preferred by its citizens on account of depredations, or in fact on any score. In turn, the Spanish assumed liability for any claim that might have been made on account of Spanish citizens or the Spanish government itself against the United States. What such claims would have amounted to cannot be estimated. None were filed with the United States government prior to the declaration of war. But it is recalled that there is much criticism on the part of high Spanish officials of the alleged failure of the United States government to observe the requirements of the neutrality laws, and more than one statement to the effect that the Spanish government intended to present a claim for a round number of millions on that score. So far as is known, the treaty does not specifically provide for the appointment of a commission to adjust these claims of United States citizens, but as that is the usual method of adjudication, it is presumed that a commission will be created by authority of an act of congress. The latter cannot withhold its sanction to some such arrangements after the ratification of the treaty, because the convention itself binds the government to the obligation.

A DOZEN INJURED. Spreading Rails Cause Wreck of a Santa Fe Train Near Trinidad, Col.—Corpses Cremated.

Trinidad, Col., Dec. 29.—The east-bound California limited train No. 4 on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad was wrecked 11 miles east of this city at seven o'clock Wednesday morning. The accident happened on a curve and it is supposed to have been caused by the spreading of the rails. The engine, one Pullman and the dining car passed over all right. The observation car, two drawing-room sleepers and a composite car left the track. The wreck immediately caught fire from an explosion of the gas in the composite car and the entire four cars were burned up. Those in the composite car are reported badly injured. No one was killed, but 12 were seriously injured. A corpse which was en route for Philadelphia was cremated.

FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE. Christian Endeavor Society Urged to Give the Movement Its Enthusiastic Approval.

Boston, Dec. 29.—The United Society of Christian Endeavor has received the following message in regard to the universal peace, from William T. Stead, London, for the Christian Endeavorers of the world: "The year 1898 brings with it a great opportunity. In the last nine years Christian governments have spent upon armaments for a war a sum far exceeding \$5,000,000,000. To abate this gigantic waste of the resources of the civilization, the Russian emperor has summoned all governments to a conference. That conference will fail unless vigorously supported by demonstrations of enthusiastic approval all around the world. I appeal to the Christian Endeavorers to do their part in evoking that enthusiasm and giving it practical shape. Now is the time to act. Let each society be converted into a local peace conference. Otherwise the responsibility for the failure of this great opportunity may rest on your hands."

Looking for Information. London, Dec. 30.—The war office here is puzzled by an invitation received from the governor of Florida to send representatives to the National Militia convention, which is to take place at Tampa, Fla., on February 8. The British officials have been endeavoring to ascertain the purpose of the convention and finally decided to write to the government of the United States on the subject asking for information prior to coming to a decision.

Alleged Absconder Arrested. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30.—The Constitution says: S. Lafayette Almond, a Georgia merchant who is charged with absconding with some \$40,000 or \$50,000, was arrested in Tulare, Cal., last Sunday morning, and Monday night an officer started for California after the absconder.

THE WEATHER BULLETINE. A Forecast of the Weather as Furnished by Local Observer Wartz.

General fair tonight and Sunday continued cold, westerly winds.

BIG SUM IS MISSING.

Wells-Fargo Express Company Suffers a Loss of \$60,000.

PACKAGE TAKEN AT SAN ANTONIO. A Long-Trusted Employee Disappears and is Suspected of the Theft—Friends Insist He Has Met with Foul Play.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 30.—The local office of the Wells-Fargo Express company is out a money package containing \$60,000. The money was sent here from Houston for the Southern Pacific to meet its pay roll west from this city to El Paso. It arrived Wednesday morning and was given to C. A. Beeler, the Wells-Fargo money delivery clerk, to hand over. Beeler started for the depot and was seen en route. Four hours after his departure his wagon was found five miles west of this city in a thicket, the horse almost dead from the effects of hard driving. Inquiry developed the fact that no delivery had been made. There was no evidence of a struggle in the vicinity where the vehicle was found. Beeler had been in the employ of the company for nine years and enjoyed the confidence of all. He spent several years on the frontier as a cowboy. His friends stoutly assert that he is the victim of foul play and his wife also inclines to this belief. Superintendent Taft, of the express company, is here investigating. He admits that the loss will reach the sum stated, while rumors nearly double the amount.

THE RACE QUESTION. Convention of Afro-Americans Meets in the Interest of the Negro Citizen.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The first annual meeting of the Afro-American council opened in this city Thursday. Bishop Alexander Walters, of New Jersey, presided. The council grew out of the meeting of prominent colored men at Rochester September 15 and was called in the interest of the amelioration of the condition of the Afro-American race. Rev. I. L. Thoms delivered the address of welcome, to which Rev. J. N. Henderson, of New York, responded. Bishop Walters delivered a lengthy address, in which he reviewed the condition of the negroes from the time of the revolution down to today. The south, he said, must treat the negro as it would have the negro treat the south. The south could no longer shield its barbarity to the negro with the excuse of protecting its women. Bishop Walters could not understand the motives of those members of the race who counsel inaction. With the president silent in his message upon the riots at Wilmington, the time had come for the colored man to act; to act with fairness, calmness and after due deliberation. Every reference to the need of reforms in the south brought forth thunderous applause and expressions of approval.

TRAGEDY IN INDIANA. Dr. Gray Murders Mrs. Skinner on the Street in Bloomfield—Murderer Surrenders.

Bloomfield, Ind., Dec. 30.—Thursday afternoon Dr. E. E. Gray killed Mrs. Lizzie Skinner on the streets within 100 feet of the depot, in plain view of many people. He stabbed her four times, and she died instantly. He made threats during the morning he would kill her. He was watching for her at the depot, as she was coming to take the train. After the killing he immediately gave himself up. Mrs. Skinner left a former husband on account of the doctor, and he has deserted a wife and family for her. Dr. Gray is about 30 years old, and a son of J. W. Gray, one of the most prominent physicians of the country.

Roosevelt's Plurality. Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The state board of canvassers has canvassed the vote of the state. Theodore Roosevelt's plurality for governor is 17,786. Col. Roosevelt ran highest on the successful ticket, and John P. Jaekel lowest. None of the successful candidates had a majority. The average total number of votes cast was 1,359,190. The socialistic candidates received on an average 25,500 votes, about their average each year. The prohibitionists received 20,000, about their average, and thus both are entitled to a party emblem and a column next election. Either party's vote added to the democratic vote would have defeated the republican ticket.

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WAITING FOR NEWS.

War Department Has No Definite Word from Iloilo.

EXPECTS TO HEAR FROM GEN. OTIS.

While the Situation is One Which May Cause a Decisive Battle with Insurgents No Apprehension is Felt Over Result.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The war department is expecting definite word from Gen. Otis within the next 24 hours as to what has occurred at Iloilo. By that time Gen. Otis will have heard from Gen. Miller, in command of the American force sent on this expedition. The officials about the war department do not appear to be apprehensive over the results, and there is no evidence of tension or alarm, although it is recognized that the situation at Iloilo is one which may bring about a sharp and possibly a decisive issue between the insurgents and the United States forces. Up to the close of office hours it was said at the war department that nothing had been received from Gen. Otis bearing on the military situation. All that had come was a response to an earlier dispatch conveying orders, the reply giving assurance that definite news could be conveyed within the next 24 hours. What Gen. Miller will do as to taking possession of the city, either with force or without, is not officially disclosed, and indeed it is likely that considerable discretion is lodged with the commanding officer as to what steps should be taken. But in the event of a clash between the United States forces and the insurgents, war department officials say there could be no doubt as to the outcome, as the Seventeenth infantry are among the regulars having a reputation for their fighting ability. The American force numbers about 2,500, as against an estimated force of some 10,000 insurgents, but no doubt is expressed as to the adequacy of our force.

Would Bring Them to Their Senses. London, Dec. 30.—The Chronicle, editorially discussing the situation at Iloilo, says: "It would be advisable for the insurgents to defy the Americans. The issue would then be squarely raised and settled once for all in one short, sharp action, which would probably bring the crazy Filipinos to their senses. After this the men of peace could proceed with their business."

Gen. Lawton to Go to Manila. Washington, Dec. 30.—The war department has issued orders assigning Maj. Gen. Lawton to service in the Philippines. This assignment is considered one of exceptional importance, as Gen. Lawton, who was one of the most conspicuous officers in the campaign about Santiago, will be second in command to Gen. Otis, and in the event of Gen. Otis' appointment as governor general of the Philippines, will assume military command of the forces in the Philippines. His new duties will require a combination of nerve and tact. Gen. Lawton recently has been in command of the camp at Huntsville. Gen. Frank, as ranking officer, will assume command on the departure of Gen. Lawton. The latter's selection for duty in the Philippines was owing largely to the character of his service during the war and later at Havana.

Natives Held in Check. Manila, Dec. 30.—The expedition under Gen. Miller arrived at Iloilo Tuesday and found that the Spaniards had evacuated the place on Saturday. The steamer Churrua transferred the Spanish forces to Mindanao.

In accordance with an agreement the rebels entered the city and trenches on Monday at noon. They immediately established a municipal government. Guards were placed over foreign property. Everything is quiet and orderly. There was some shooting during the night, but five natives were shot, and this had an exemplary effect.

To Bring Back Our Dead. Washington, Dec. 30.—Gen. Ludington, quartermaster general of the army, has completed arrangements for bringing back to this country the bodies of American officers and soldiers interred at and in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, Ponce and other points in Porto Rico, Manila and Honolulu. The graves have been carefully marked by officials of the quartermaster's department who have gone over the several fields and have succeeded in identifying nearly all of the American dead. A large number of metallic caskets are now being manufactured. The shipments of the caskets will begin about January 10, and a force of skilled men will be with them to attend to the work of disinterment, hermetically sealing the caskets and shipping them back to this country. They will be brought on the government transports and the first caskets will begin arriving about the end of January. They will probably be brought to New York and from that point sent to relatives and friends.

Elevator and Contents Burned. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Elevator X, on the Hastings and Dakota division of the C. M. & St. P. railway, at Eleventh avenue, south, burned at 5:50 in the morning. The main elevator with its annex and 200,000 bushels of wheat were consumed and the loss will be at least \$200,000. The division of road is also blocked up and will be for a day. The property was owned by the George C. Bagley Elevator company. The insurance is ample to cover the loss.

Holidays Excursions. Excursion tickets will be sold at all stations on the North-Western line (C. & N. W. R. Co., St. P. M. & O. R. Co., S. C. & P. R. Co. and E. M. & N. R. Co.) to all other points on this system within 200 miles of the selling station, at greatly

reduced rates, December 24, 25, 26, on 31, 1898, and January 1 and 2, 1899. Apply to agents Chicago and North-Western R.'s for full particulars.

LISTEN TO PAPERS. Sessions in Various States of the State Teachers Associations Are Continued.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 29.—The State Teachers' association met with increased attendance Wednesday. The topic for the day was: "What can the schools do to improve community life?" John W. Cook, president of Illinois State Normal university, discussed "What it can do for the people," and D. B. Parkinson, president of the Southern Illinois Normal university, "What it can do for the child."

The principal feature of the evening session was an eloquent address by President James H. Canfield, of Ohio state university at Columbus. The speaker made an eloquent plea for the common school as bearing the great burden of perpetuating intelligent citizenship. He made a plea for a wide system of education qualifying the course of study, more expert knowledge on the part of teachers, better superintendency, and, above all, the right kind of teachers.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—Wednesday's general session of the Wisconsin Teachers' association was opened with the annual address of the president, Rose C. Swart, of Oshkosh. Miss Swart introduced her remarks by pointing out the difficulty in designating exact educational reforms. Youth should be trained to do, not simply to know. She suggested that a lesson might be taken from Minnesota in the appointment here in this state of an inspector of graded schools, who shall be a specialist in the field.

The report of the committee of six on the rural school problem was presented by Prof. Albert Salisbury, president of the Whitewater normal school. The report advocates the abolishment of the rural school as now in vogue and the creating of township schools, as in the east.

The report of the committee on "literature and supplementary reading" was presented by T. B. Pray, president of the committee. The report recommends that the work in literature and reading be gradually pushed into the grades; that literary reading of the high schools be gradually changed to wider readings from the library, and that there be more effective use in country schools of the books now furnished through district libraries.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—"Cultivation of Patriotism" was the principal address at the morning session of the Minnesota teachers' Wednesday. The speaker was President Cyrus Northrup, of the University of Minnesota, and his glowing tribute to American patriotism and its development through schools evoked much applause.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 29.—"The American Schools and the American People," was the subject of an address by President Zerley, of the state normal school before the Iowa State Teachers' association Wednesday evening. At night Gov. Leslie M. Shaw made a brief address on the fifty-second anniversary of Iowa's statehood, telling the teachers of the improvement resulting from their efforts. Dr. M. V. O'Shea, of the University of Wisconsin, and Superintendent Nightingale, of the Chicago high schools, were the other prominent speakers of the day.

PART OF A MOUNTAIN FALLS.

Hotel and Several Buildings at Airolo, Switzerland, Destroyed—Three Lives Lost.

London, Dec. 29.—Part of Red Rock mountain, according to a dispatch from Airolo (a village of Switzerland, Canton of Ticino), has fallen into Airolo, destroying a hotel and several houses. The scene of the disaster presents a terrible spectacle, the debris of the avalanche covering a square mile. The hotel, with eight houses and 12 other buildings, was swept into a great heap of matchwood. A new terror was added by the outbreak of fire amid the ruins. Three dead bodies have been recovered. It is estimated that the damage will reach £40,000.

Mine to Be Reopened.

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—After a period of enforced idleness of more than five years duration the Iron River mine at Stambaugh, Mich., is to be placed in operation next spring. A company is now being organized in the east for this purpose, and there is little doubt that the property will be worked to its full capacity. The mine was formerly controlled by Ferdinand Schlessinger, the great mining king, who met reverses some years ago.

Children Burned to Death.

Manistee, Mich., Dec. 29.—Details have just reached here of the burning to death on Christmas of Bruce and Alice Milks, children of Timan Milks, of Maple Grove township. The children were left alone in the house for a short time and when the father returned the house was in flames. All attempts to enter were futile. A few small charred bones were all that was found of the children after the fire was out.

Death of a Jurist.

Wellsville, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Judge Hamilton Ward, of the supreme court died Wednesday, aged 70 years. He was a member of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first congresses and in 1879 was elected attorney-general of New York.

Don't Want Dynamite.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Consul-General Goodnow has notified the state department from Shanghai that the Chinese government has forbidden dynamite and like explosives to be landed in China.

BOYS ARE KEPT BUSY

Our Troops Have All They Can Do to Keep Order in Havana.

NUMEROUS ARRESTS ARE MADE DAILY

A Defiant Spaniard Is Morally Stabbed by a Band of Cubans for Cheering for His Native Land.

Havana, Dec. 29.—The patrols of American troops made 30 arrests for misdemeanors Tuesday night and turned the culprits over to the civil authorities.

Two of the men arrested for the Vegas Bomba cafe affair are Spanish marines. They were surrendered to the Spanish authorities.

Showed His Courage.

Wednesday afternoon a Spaniard named Fernandez, a member of the municipal police, was surrounded by a crowd of Cubans in Bombay street. Cuban and American flags were waved in his face, his rifle was twisted out of his hands and half a hundred men yelled to him: "Shout 'Viva Cuba Libre' or die." Fernandez threw up his arms as if to assent, and then, when the mob had quieted down to hear what he had to say, he cried in clear tones: "Viva Espana! Viva Espana!" Three knives were thrust into him and he is dying.

It is a favorite sport among the Cuban young men to stop in the streets persons supposed to be pro-Spanish and to make them kiss the Cuban flag and cry "Viva Cuba Libre!" Sometimes these incidents have their humorous features but quite as often the victims are viciously treated. Wednesday a fight was started by some Cubans carrying American and Cuban flags, who declared that they had been insulted by Spanish marines. A Cuban drew a pistol, and declaring that he would defend the American flag, fired. Other shots followed. According to unofficial reports a Spanish soldier of the Calarava battalion was killed, a Spanish marine fatally wounded and at least one other, if not several, hurt.

United States Soldiers Arrested.

Fifty United States soldiers have been arrested for being in the city without leave. They were sent to the camps for punishment. A detachment of 100 Cubans, under the command of Col. Jose Estrance, has entered Havana. The men are quartered at the Dragones barracks.

A deputation of Cuban residents has called on Gen. Brooke with the intention of bringing to his notice certain matters which they would like done and to press upon Gen. Ludlow's attention questions relating to the police and fire departments schools, sanitation and street paving.

The supply ship Comal has arrived here. She left 200 tons of rations at Matanzas and the remainder of her cargo at Sagua La Grande.

Wants Cuban Army Disbanded.

Maj. Gen. Brooke does not recognize the Cuban army, and will do everything compatible with tact and judgment to cause its disbandment. An auxiliary force of Cubans may be formed, but the recruits will be taken as individuals. Consequently, voluntary police work on the part of the Cuban commanders in the provinces of Havana, Santa Clara and Pinar del Rio will not be encouraged. The offers of assistance which are continuously being made by the Cuban chiefs are politely received, but are not accepted. The Havana newspapers will not be censored in the Spanish sense, but they will be watched, cautioned against incendiary and untruthful utterances and suppressed if habitual offenders. Press cablegrams will not be censored.

It is understood that the United States treasury will fix the value of the centene at \$4.82 and of the Spanish silver dollar at 60 cents.

Twelve Thousand Troops in Havana.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The war department's published summary of army stations, issued to-day, will for the first time include Havana as a regular post, showing about 12,000 troops there.

TRAGEDY IN IOWA.

Popular Young Schoolmistress Is Killed—Her Murderer Takes His Own Life.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 29.—A special to the Journal says: A district schoolhouse about two miles from the village of Clare was the scene of a terrible tragedy Wednesday afternoon, whereby a popular young teacher lost her life. May Thomas is her name, and her parents reside at Gowrie. Wednesday afternoon a young man came to Clare on the north-bound Rock Island passenger train, hired a horse and drove out to the schoolhouse where Miss Thomas teaches. He entered the building, and they conversed for some time, finally walking out together. After going down the road a short distance the man drew a revolver and shot her, killing her almost instantly. He then shot himself and died a few hours later. The young man was not known at Clare, but it was learned that his name is Harry Garvey. He had been keeping company with Miss Thomas, who refused his further attentions.

Journalist Dead.

Placerville, Cal., Dec. 29.—Robert V. Robertson, formerly a well-known Chicago newspaper man and founder of the Nugget, of this place, died Wednesday of consumption. He was one of the most widely-known journalists on the coast. A widow survives him.

Sagasta Out of Danger.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Senator Sagasta, who has been suffering from pneumonia, is much better, and is now considered out

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