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[illegible] to the Cadi in his authority [illegible] in N[illegible] dispatched three slaves for several [illegible] of medicine. Nobody observed during this confusion that the flower girl had again got into the crowd and prevailed upon one of the bystanders to lift her chee more upon a pedestal yet higher than the other. Here she cried aloud,—"Thank Heaven for this justice! and a happy life to the son also of all the Cadi's possessions!" At these words a tumult arose among the lawyers and the people, and Zilnah, leaping down, made her escape in the confusion. The dead body of the Cadi was carried away, and the lawyers immediately began to discourse aloud on the subject of his property, as he was a very rich man, and not known to have any family or relations. "Let the lawyers speak!" shouted Zokoroh; "listen to the lawyers! They are learned in all the laws of Arsi la, Persia, Greece, Turkey, and the borders of the Red Sea!"

But a cobbler now found his way through and mounted the pedestal from which the flower-girl had just leaped down. "There needs no lawyer at all!" reciterated the cobbler; "nor does the case want any new laws from this or any other land, nor the wishy-washy opinion of any lawyer of the Red Sea. Several hundred people in this very court-room heard the Cadi declare that this young man was the heir to all his possessions; and whether Agbin is really his lawfully found son or only by adoption, or if he is no son of my kind, and no relation of any kind, the evidence of the Cadi's last will and testament is strong enough to settle a hundred such questions." "Stop a little!" cried one of the lawyers, "what should a cobbler know of the law? Do not forget that, in the reign of another Cadi, this cobbler was committed to the Star of Stars." "Yes," said the cobbler, "I have held up the own writing," he added, holding up a torn paper, which the flower-girl had neatly put together, and he read aloud these words: "The Star of Stars is his daughter of mine, she is only my lamp lighter; but pray give young Agbin all thou canst." "And accordingly," added the cobbler, "the Cadi gave and bequeathed to him all his possessions." One of the lawyers here attempted to argue that the "giving all he could" alluded to the bastinado, but he was hooted out of court; and as for Zoboroh, he had to make a hasty retreat, followed by several stones of a pretty good size.

The cobbler, whose name was Abon Mordin, was a well known man and much respected, notwithstanding his frequent drunkenness; and the affair, making a great noise, presently reached the ears of the King of that country. His Majesty highly approved of Abon Moradin's magnanimous decision, and sent him a handsome piece of carpet to sit upon when at work, and an embroidered robe, in the folds of which was placed a purse of nine hundred sequins, with permission to write over his window that he was cobbler in ordinary to the Court slaves by letters patent. The King would have ordered the head of Zoborob Saimin to be struck off, but that he did not know of any other equally great physician to put in his place. He also favored that his fellow, the Caliph of Bagdad, might be angry at it. As for the little flower-girl, she was nowhere to be found.

Being now settled in the house of the late Cadi, which was very richly furnished and almost [illegible] with beautiful gardens and a valuable fountain, [illegible] now, as a series of grand entertainments announced [illegible] his coming into possession of the Cadi's fortune. The first of these entertainments was intended exclusively for his former friends. Those who had shown themselves such very peculiar "friends in need" had little expected this; but they all accepted the invitation gleefully, will knowing his lavish hospitalities. A great supper was set out in the large hall; there were the finest plates, the richest dishes of meat with all manner of choice sauces, the most delicious wines and fruits, and a perfect forest of green wax candles, with music heard all the time from the gardens. When the supper was over, they all reclined on sofas round the room, wine being continually presented to them on salvers by handsomely dressed female slaves; and from time to time one of the guests rose and made a complimentary and congratulatory speech to Agbin, of recited verses and moral reflections on the wonderful dispensations of Providence with regard to man's fortunes, and so forth. The cloth merchant, who had so richly entertained Agbin when he sorely wanted to borrow a trifle of money, made an elegant speech; so did the great jeweler, who had given him such friendly advice, though he had "made it a rule never to lend money." The purveyor of gold plate and the leaned sage indulged in sentiments of a moral and religious kind which did them great honor. The cobbler, Abon Moradin, was there, having washed his great bald head for the occasion, though he had forgotten to bring the robe sent him by the King. He was, of course nearly drunk by this time; however, he made a speech as follows:

"The fortunes of men can hold of the slippery moment. Hic! my boys. There now my foot golden slipper, my rich carpet before I have tasted it. Girl, fill me another. The fortunes of men are yet more frequently in the hands of their friends—and the friends' heads are turned another way; and they keep close fists and invisible purses. The world, you see, is made up of large numbers; yet the whole are reduced to one within. Has any man a friend when he is in need? Yes; if he has an excellent wife, a dutiful son or daughter, a faithful servant, a good dog, or a sober person, like me, at his side. What is the friendliness of the best society? Inviting you to eat and drink at luxurious tables, and being blind and deaf to your poverty on the morrow. But why should we care whether wealthy or needy, feast at the cost of another, if it pleases him to see us enjoy, and even waste his substance? Lovely Ethiop! fill my goblet again. Hic! where's my new slipper? Never mind, girl. The aloe blooms once in a hundred years. Man is like the aloe—man blooms once in a hundred years! and behold how we are all in full blossom at the present moment! We say our prayers at daybreak—some of us do—all say they do; and everybody acquiesces in what everybody says. Whereof comes politeness and patronage and wealth, and hypocrisy, and worldly power. Knowledge is sometimes a worldly power; and truth is now and then ruin, and now and a worldly power; but lying, my friends, then is almost always a power. Therefore have we been able easily to cajole our host, now reclining on the late Cadi's costly sofa, with the belief that we are all his sincere friends anxious that he should some day have great need of us, which is the reason of our present amiable and smiling countenances."

The cloth merchant and some of the other guests began to show signs of nodding, but Abon Moradin thus proceeded:—"We have all devoutly knelt down upon our prayer carpets at daybreak. I repeat it:—and we have all led very bad, or very doubtful lives, from sunrise till noon, when we have prayed again;—and so downwards with the hours till once more we have said our prayers at sunset, as if God never saw the spaces between. Nevertheless, we mostly think ourselves safe enough as to the gardens of Paradise. But I, for one, don't think anything of the kind. I consider that we are safe for nothing, and therefore we have everything to hope. It is not often that I indulge in these serious potations—these draughts upon the future. Still, I see things with my own eyes, and very few of us do that. But we are not all made alike, and some people's faculties are like unto plums in a pair of hair's pillar, that have little connection with one another. It is given to few people to be alive all over at the same moment. Every man's eye is not his nose; every man's ear is not his touch; every man's smelling is not his tasting; every man's heel and big toe are not like his thumb and forefinger; as we see with those who climb for cocoa-nuts. Hic! ye richly-clad, yet half-naked Ethiopian! fill this gilded crystal, I say—that is, fill the transparent vessel that is to fill this opaque one, that I may drink to the concluding entertainment, provided for his friends in need by the smiling prodigal son of a Cadi on yonder embroidered couch,—together with 'The Health of the King's Chief Ladies' Cobbler.'"

As Agbin laughed, and seemed in no wise displeased with the queer things they had just heard, all the company felt it would be most prudent to follow his example, and accepted as a hint had been thrown out of some rare entertainment to conclude the evening's festivities.

When Abon Moradin sank down upon his sofa, Agbin rose to address his friends; but, as we said at first, his education had been much neglected; and he was not very bright in natural gifts, so he only uttered a few ordinary words about the inestimable value of "friends in need," and his wish to show how much he had been beholden to them. The door now opened, and in walked Zilnah, the little flower girl, dressed just in the poor, half-naked way in which Agbin had first seen her. She advanced with an easy, graceful air; into the middle of the room, making a slight obeisance to Agbin and the company. "I have sent for this girl," said Agbin, "because she was the first to comprehend and cry out that the Cadi had made me his lawful heir." He then had made me his lawful heir." He then continued, in rather a high tone, and, as he was stirred within by wine, as well as his present position, he became pompous, and finally stammered out that he intended to take Zilnah into his service, dress her with splendor, and should perhaps promote her to the honor of being one of his slave-wives. When he had thrown himself at length upon his sofa, the flower girl replied that she was not insensible of the good will Agbin bore her; but remarked that he had omitted to mention their first meeting, when several of the present company had considered him no better than "the scum of the earth." At this disastrously ill-timed and well-timed speech, all the friends there assembled rose or half rose from their reclining positions, with various degrees of [illegible] Abon Moradin, the Cobbler, [illegible] the girl to quit the bath rooms, after which she should have reappeared richly clad; but now he did not quite clearly see his way to such favors. Upon this Abon Moradin stood up, and reminded Zilnah that her host was now a great noble, whatever losses he had fallen into by over-speculation as a coffee merchant, and that she, poor little wretch! remained what she had always been—namely, one of "the scum of the earth." He had not time to resume his sofa when Zilnah took up a large gilt goblet of water from the table, and walking close up to Abon Moradin, exclaimed, "Cobbler of slaves! go and try to find the ghost of your unknown father!" saying which she dashed the cold water upon the top of his bald head, and the blood took so fatal an effect upon him that he fell back as if dying, and the slaves had to carry him out into the air. "What is this?" cried Agbin; "take her to the bath-room!" said he to three female slaves, "strip her and plunge her in; then return to me. My mind is changed about this girl." Presently the slaves came back and told him the flower girl was in the bath. "Now bring me a good stick," cried he; and when it was brought he gave a significant look at the company and left the room. All his friends were delighted, and full of expectation. Still, they were not sorry that she had silenced the cobbler, as he was known to have an alarming sort of tongue, and to fear nobody. Some time elapsed, but they did not wait and listen in vain, for suddenly they heard a succession of quick, sharp blows, accompanied by cries and shrieks, from the bath room; whereupon they all laughed, and declared that Agbin was not, after all, such a silly young fellow as they had hitherto thought him. But while they continued laughing and drinking wine it is proper to relate what took place. A spliced stick, Agbin found the flower girl reclining in the bath. "Stand up," exclaimed he, "that I may duly chastise you for your insolence!" and he gave her a smart blow across her shoulders as she was rising; but her long hair very much mitigated the pain. "My Lord," she said, "before you strike me again, be pleased to hear a few words. When we first met, remember that I had not very much more clothing upon me than at this moment; neither was your Lordship very decently attired, so that a strip of my poor covering was an acceptable present for a sash. We were both of us, if I venture to compare myself with your Lordship, very like the scum of the earth. But this was only in outward appearance, not inwardly, since you were of good family and education; and I also, though a poor flower girl, have been well educated by my uncle, who is a man of great wit and knowledge. If I had not felt a sudden love for you, it was not likely I should have at once given you half my bread and the best part of my scanty garments. But, now that your Lordship is rich, you fancy that I remain altogether the scum of the earth. It is not so. My uncle has instructed me in a great many things besides languages and arts. For instance, I am well aware what punishment Abon Moradin, the King's cobbler, has devised for your ungrateful friends now feasting in yonder hall." Agbin was all amazement. "In the name of the Prophet!" said he, "how came you to know this?"

The girl smiled as she thus proceeded:—"Abon Moradin is my uncle, my only living relative, since I was left an orphan of six years old." A sudden misgiving struck Agbin. "But you grossly insulted the dead!" "Not at all, my Lord," said Zilnah; "for that scene was precluded between us, in order to have him taken out of the room before something happens. You know what I allude to." "Is it possible?" said Agbin; "that Abon Moradin told you to call him a 'cobbler of slaves,' and bid him go and try to find the ghost of his unknown father?" "No," said the girl, "he did not; but he told me to use some rather strong expressions, so I said that." Agbin lifted up his eyes and the stick, in wonder at what he heard. She went on thus: "I am aware that my appearance is somewhat childish, being often taken for thirteen, but I am much older, and can assure your Lordship that I have already completed my fifteenth birthday. But, in truth, I am quite a woman in education by my uncle and the masters he has got for me, besides my experience of life selling flowers. You would hardly believe me were I to tell your Lordship that I am acquainted with the Arabic, Persian, Indian and Chinese languages and books; also well grounded in the knowledge of painting, shawl and carpet work, silks, diamonds, drugs; gardening and astrology; and no mean conception of the beauties of oriental architecture and the importance of navigation.

"You don't tell me so!" ejaculated Agbin, letting fall his stick with a splash into the bath:

"If you doubt [illegible] me in any br[illegible] examine [illegible] As there [illegible] Provisions, Etc. Etc.

"But, my [illegible] spoke of mak[illegible] Sewing Mac[illegible] ity matched [illegible] and will [illegible] Let me repeat [illegible] KERS Sewing Mac[illegible] childish as I look, [illegible] perience of the work[illegible] cle's teaching; so that I [illegible] great service and value to you [illegible] wife and your best friend. Only [illegible] what a goose you were—or, rather, [illegible] to say, what a wild goose you [illegible] ship made of your fortune as a coffee merchant? You will lose every sequin, and all you have besides just in the same kind of way as before, unless you marry me. Be sure of it, for it is already written in the great books of astrology! Besides, your Lordship should gratefully as well as generously bear in mind that I fell in love with you when you were quite as poor as myself."

Agbin, without further hesitation, embraced her tenderly, promising to make her his first wife that very night. He then took up his stick that was floating in the bath, and smote, sharply upon the well many times, directing the girl to utter piercing cries, which she did. He then lifted her out of the bath, and without waiting for her to adjust her wet tresses, proceeded to rejoin his merry friends.

When Agbin returned to the banqueting hall, leading Zilnah in affectionately by the hand, just as she had come out of the bath but covered with a rich robe and, wearing a necklace of costly jewels, all the convivial friends were struck dumb! The slave broker, however, at once understood what olives were in the sealed jar, and would have hastened to kiss the dust from the shadow of Zilnah's [illegible] round. "Do not wonder at what you behold," said Abgin, "for great and unexpected things often happen to my end of this you will all presently witness another example. Having properly chastised this girl I have forgiven her, and while you continue your merriment we will take a walk round the gardens." Zilnah made a very low obeisance to the company, and they left the hall embracing each other. "Was ever such an ass!" exclaimed the jeweler; and he filled up another goblet of wine, as if needing it to recover himself. "In a few months," muttered the hatter sage, "he will have wasted all he possesses, even to the last sequin." The learned sage was about to add many moral maxims and reflections from Arabic philosophers, but his feelings overpowered him; besides which [illegible] eaten rather too plentifully of [illegible] dish at supper—viz., a baked [illegible] well spiced; and carefully stuffed [illegible] fat and cinnamon. He had also [illegible] a ragout of goose-liver, garlic, [illegible] musk quinces, delicately perfumed [illegible] and dabbegrin. "Oh, [illegible] mer-thither after his ruin," said [illegible] cliant; "but if he is such [illegible] must return to the scum of the [illegible] have brought shame by such visitors, [illegible] he, or cautiously remarked to [illegible] had always given Agbin [illegible] feared the ested practical advice [illegible] open to inquiring gentlemen was the purveyor structions. "The fashion's head has of gold and silver p[illegible] nature the been partly screw[illegible] sorceress has wrong way, and [illegible] give his head got him by the nose [illegible] were yet the finishing turn." [illegible] began to laughing at this sal[illegible] softly poured down upon [illegible] galleries above, as if from co[illegible] engines, if not by necro[illegible] same time horrible cries [illegible] heard, with ringing ye[illegible] nearly were all [illegible] speedily followed by [illegible] which caused every [illegible] slam, as they all crow[illegible] their way out. And [illegible] of small feathers were [illegible] and very soon afterwa[illegible] rats succeeded by a [illegible] some score of young [illegible] little varlets. Then th[illegible] doors was flung open, [illegible] rushed into the narrow [illegible] leading into the street, [illegible] followed by all the guests [illegible] pents, mad to begin their [illegible]

Very soon after this, Agbin, [illegible] ceremony and all sorts of fes[illegible] ried Zilnah, with whose beau[illegible] everybody was [illegible] extremely [illegible] They all said, "Who would have th[illegible] it?" Agbin said this he had thought, and was not much surprised. The [illegible] was; the scene in the bath room had quite settled him. He sent five hundred piece of gold to Abon Moradin, with the offer of a suite of spare rooms in his villa; but the cobbler preferred to live at his shop, and go on the old way. He, however, wrote over the door that he was "cobbler to the hare[illegible]

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LETTER HEADS, [illegible] Ontonagon County [illegible] full stock of [illegible] ENVELOPES, [illegible] BILL HEADS, [illegible] CARDS, [illegible] PAMPHLETS, [illegible] CIRCULARS, [illegible] BLANKS, [illegible] ENGRAVING, [illegible] BINDING, [illegible] RULING, [illegible] PRINTING, [illegible] BOOKS!
[illegible] NG, [illegible] BEAD [illegible] ORDERS, [illegible] ATTENDED TO [illegible] ON SHORT NOTICE, [illegible] AT THE [illegible] OFFICE.

THE MINER.

ALFRED MEADS.....*Editor.*

ONTONAGON, MICH.

SURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 21, 1874.

...S ON THE WING.

MARQUETTE, Feb. 9, 1874.

AN EARLY START.

...board!" was the sound to which ...the early hours of one ...this morning, and took a seat in ...able sleigh of Harry Rough's to ...it to the counties of Marquette, ...hton and Keweenaw. After a com...able ride of ten hours, we took up our ...for the night at Hancock, where the ...for promptness manifested in that ...to surprise the inmates of the ...tter found by a rap at the ...

...Howard, who ...woolen mills ...A Danbury man ...All should ...y saw statement ...ted when tempted ...ould save it may collect his mails, ...this statement ...d him our valise ...at first, but the inner man with ...more favor, ...or a long stage ride. ...tes of eight we were on ...were informed that the stage ...being anxious to reach Marquette ...ght, we asked the stage proprietor ...d us in a cutter to overtake the stage, ...ich he said he could easily do. Three dollars for stage fare and two dollars for the cutter accommodations took a five dollar bill from our once fat pocket-book, but what of that? our valise was aboard the stage ahead of us, and it must be overtaken for it contained all our old clothes, some extra copies of THE MINER, some blank paper upon which to write these notes, and some cold victuals which our careful better half had put in for fear we might not fall into good hands. The stage was soon overtaken and our transfer being made we wended our way to L'Anse. The road from Houghton to L'Anse is in good condition and heavy loads are hauled over it. We noticed teams hauling 18 and 20 barrels of flour at a load; also several teams hauling down copper for shipment by rail.

At L'Anse we found everything very quiet indeed, but the citizens are anxious to have the road communication with Ontonagon. We had an interview with several prominent citizens who have taken hold of the matter, and ere we return to Ontonagon we think some arrangements will be made to have the road cut out so that it can be used.

We took the cars in the afternoon and kept by the popular landlord Hunt, who is the happiest and most concerned man we have met in Marquette city. Without he is attentive, and keeps hotel because he likes it and it is his business. Everything is in order, neat and clean; meals prompt and well served. No one need fear want of attention or lack of comfort at the Tremont. In proof of the popularity of the house, we need only say that Ontonagonites patronize it and make it their home, two of whom we found already here.

Marquette is fearfully dull, but very little money in circulation, and what they have is Iron companies' paper-rags, some of it at 60 and 90 days' sight. Notwithstanding this depression many of them turn up their noses at copper drafts, many of which are drawn by companies that have more ...er capital than some of the banks here.

...ron companies will not ship probably ...e than one-half the amount of iron ship...last year. Of course this means a ...ording decrease in business in the ...which will be materially felt in this ...lie city. Worthless Marquette has the sol...of growth and wealth which ...ing citizens must not allow for ...to lag behind.

The ... Breitung has resigned his ...osition ...ty and ...ent ...ll the ...unite ...ing ...have ...Dickinson is the Hon. Wm. E. ...ty. Speaker Senator from our county. Ontonagon reminds us how many ...through ...meet in our travels. ...quette ...Peninsula, and Menominee ...them ...exception; you find ...on the "store that ...Meads" ...superintendent of ...all Ontonagon's future, and many ...O' Gods ...their interest in our welfare ...upon the ...for THE MINER.

'O' God ...THE JOKER.

thy sanctum ...in the city the "Lit-...upon her ...name he is known by ...tears, exclaim we look at him we ...I will watch ...ontagon came to being ...through all ...windle that would ...may have ...known diamond and ...man, and said ...been for the honesty ...the child of ...of our citizens who ...brother."

...in the polluted at-...our city. The ...crowned in ...has propounded to the ...what must ...THE MINER are to be ...brought in ...The document has been ...

Among ...ted to the school teach-...ly examined, revised and ...mor...nged all the writer's bad ...believes it to be all right. It ...mitted, first to the mes of the ...carefully examine it in a legal ...view, and secondly to the elders ...ministers of the gospel, some of whom ...especially invited from Wisconsin, ...will try and avoid any allusion to ...connection with the disgraceful affair, ...after that it will be ...to the world, not ...to convince it that the "Lone Joker" was innocent in his game, for his ...admissions ...are already condemned him, but ...speech ...annihilate THE MINER and ...few notes from there.

A. M.

devoted head must bear it, but with Shakespeare we will say "Lay on MacDuff," and we will see who will first cry 'hold, enough!' Enclose doctor's letter that was published in the Marquette *Journal* so completely stuffed him that honest men here hardly think that any other evidence is required to convince them of his guilt. While the silver button may have enticed from the pockets of worthy men the money earned by the sweat of their brow, and helped to furnish the luxury of a home for a season to the deceiver, the time will surely come when deception and fraud will be exposed and receive its just punishment.

The owners of Ontonagon silver interests here seem more than ever convinced that the veins are worthy of a trial and will yield well. Outside capitalists have looked well into the matter and are now seeking investment. The indications are that there road up into the district ...one there will be ...stantially repaired in the spring, for we believe that the Porcupine district is to be one of if not the most important feeders of the trade of Ontonagon.

EXTRACT FACTORY.

We are glad to learn that arrangements have been completed by Mr. Wm. Willard with Henry McKenzie, Esq., for the use of his improved patent machinery for manufacturing Extracts, for the Extract factory at Ontonagon. Mr. McKenzie's machinery has so far superceeded Johnson & Gould's that it will be used instead, although we understand that large sums were paid for the right to use the latter in the Upper Peninsula. Mr. McKenzie has secured patents for his machinery in the United States and Canada, and is now prepared to sell rights. The Ontonagon factory will lead off as the first created to use his improved machinery. We understand the factory is to be erected and in operation next summer. We hope it will receive the support and encouragement of every man in Ontonagon, as it is upon the starting of such enterprises that we must look, in a measure, for our future prosperity. Success to the Ontonagon factory! If the company will only agree to take iron money (rags) for stock we think we shall be able to subscribe for about $3 worth by the time we get home.

Since we have been here Mr. McKenzie has closed arrangements with parties for the erection of a large factory in Pennsylvania, by parties who have looked fully into into merits.

THE "MINING JOURNAL."

We called at the *Journal* office and found A. P. Swineford occupying the editorial harness and chair, which he has so many times announced through his columns that he had returned to wear. Next time we must expect, ...ches the woodbine ...weeks, to learn ...t A. P. S. has again returned and assumed the editorial chair. The *Journal* has felt the hard times like every other institution of Marquette, and has had to reduce its force and the size of the paper. We are glad to learn, however, that its increased size will again be resumed about the first of April. The business of the concern is under the management of Mr. O J. Osborn, a gentlemen of ability and culture. George Hicks runs the "cinder" column, which he claims many are in the habit of picking up and burning over again. We think our stars that THE MINER is not in the list. We notice that the *Journal* has taken as to task again for claiming to be the oldest paper. Keep that claim at the head of our columns and we will vindicate it on our return. By the by, they say Swineticus, having become disgusted at not becoming a millionaire from iron, has concluded to try his hand at silver. May he be successful; but be careful of the "Little Joker," Swineticus, or he may blast your hopes.

GENERAL ITEMS.

The court is in session here and expects to be occupied for two weeks or a civil docket, there being no criminal business at this term.

The County Seat question seems to be attracting some attention here from the fact that the rival cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming are desirous of removing it from Marquette, and as they are in a very large majority they will probably succeed in doing so, without they split on the rock of local jealousy.

Col. Lynn is busy completing his arrangements to start a paper at Ishpeming to be called the *Iron Home*. Is there support Marquette.

We have received assurances since we have been here that it is the intention of the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon Railroad Co. to complete their road to Ontonagon within the life of their grant, and that steps will be taken the coming summer looking to that end. May the day speedily come! We have also been assured by the officers of the company that they desire a road connection with our town and that they will aid our citizens to accomplish this object. Set the ball rolling, citizens of Ontonagon, and you can secure the prize.

Thos. Meads' store is the centre of attraction in winter as well as in summer. His store is always well filled with customers as well as all kinds of goods that the people want.

Mr. Moore leaves for the East this week to negotiate with Eastern capitalists for the sale of silver stock in order to raise sufficient means to erect a reducing mill and fully open and equip the mine. It is also expected that capitalists from Chicago will examine and invest in the silver district, and we have just heard that two gentlemen went up a few days since to examine and report on the mines.

We leave for a tour through the Iron mines in a day or two and will write you a few notes from there.

A. M.

MARQUETTE, Feb. 14, 1874.

Since our last we have visited the cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming and returned to Marquette, but expect to start toward the "Land of Promise" to many old Lake Superior cities, in a few days, for this is the name given to Ontonagon by many whom we meet.

THE RACE AT L'ANSE

between Mr. Jas. Brady's man "Fantine" and Mr. Crowley's horse "Dan", came off last Tuesday, and resulted in a victory for Dan. It was a victory as far as Mr. Crowley ...ed, but his horse, ...ter all circumstances, would stand no chance with the Ontonagon mare, and as a proof of Mr. Brady's confidence in his mare's speed, he has offered to trot at any time within three weeks for $500. So far the Negaunee men have not accepted the challenge. Should the race come off we would ...ter than L'Anse, where we think he ...the superior speed or ...of success but we ...edged generally.

ISHPEMING.

The city of Ishpeming is growing rapidly and all feel confident that they will succeed in removing the County Seat, and that they are to be the future City of the Lake. On the main street the larger proportion of the buildings are used as saloons. Since the organization of the city government, in one year, over ten thousand dollars have been paid by the saloon-keepers for licenses into the city treasury, more than enough to meet the city expenses. Although composed so largely of this class, the city is very quiet and orderly, much of which is due to the energy of Marshal Jones, an Ontonagon boy. The merchants complain of dull times and long paper, some of which is drawn for sixty days and four months after date and after sight. The question of the legality of the issue of these bank bills by the iron and copper companies is about to be tested. We understand that a very large and complete collection of this iron and copper money has been collected and is now in the hands of the Comptroller of Currency, at Washington, and that the attention of Congress will be called to the matter. We believe the position is well taken, that if this wild-cat money was drawn out of circulation it would be replaced by greenbacks or National bank currency. If so, by all means drive the rags out of circulation.

Perhaps no part of the West is so deeply interested in the passage of a Free Banking Law as the mining districts of the Upper Peninsula, and some action should be taken by our people to present their views to Congress.

Ishpeming is soon to have a local paper. The money has all been subscribed so that the material will soon be purchased. The editor of the Mangled ...Otto Switch ...gon, may an important part in the business of Ishpeming. Mr. F. Austin ...one of the finest meat markets in the Upper Peninsula, and is doing a very large business. Mr. J. C. Ward has a large stock here and also at the Kloman mine, both of which are doing well. Mr. Volker, the pioneer brewer of Ontonagon, is also here. Mr. V. was for some time in Utah interested in silver mines, but he did not hold enough trumps, lost the game and came back. Since then you can't talk silver to Nicholas. Mr. John Welch is manufacturing Post, and we are glad to learn quite successful.

It is near this city that the New York mine is situated, under the superintendance of Mr. Wm. E. Dickinson. The mine has curtailed its working force but little this winter and expects to ship fully as much ore the coming season as last. The mine appears to be economically and systematically worked, and producing some very fine ore. Mr. Dickinson and family still look toward Ontonogan as the "Land of Promise," and he expresses his faith in its great mineral resources. At the present time iron matters do not look very encouraging and none but the best mines are making any effort to ship very large amounts of ore. The price of iron will undoubtedly rule low and consequently the shipment will fall off greatly for the year 1874.

NEGAUNEE.

A visit to the city of Negaunee surprised us on account of its rapid growth within the past two years, and although the general business is dull the merchants seem hopeful. The *Iron Herald* newspaper establishment is a well furnished office and we ...Mr. Griffey—that its prospects are good. The paper is well patronized by the people, while the job office has all that it can possibly do with its present force and facilities.

Mr. Jacob Voelker, an Ontonagon raised boy, has a very fine store here, and also at Ishpeming, which is the name of his partner could be remembered, would be more familiar. Gitzikowsky is more than we can master in one breath. Their stores are well filled with a neat stock of watches, clocks, jewelry, plated ware and musical instruments, and their business satisfactory.

We called on Senator Isham and found him still an invalid, but able to be out. He will leave in a few days for Lansing to attend to his Senatorial duties; he will be accompanied by his attending physician—Dr. McKenzie. We called his attention to the facts connected with our Swamp Land Road to L'Anse, and he will use his influence to have the contract let this spring. Rev. Edward Seymour is also located here, but not doing ministerial duty, being debarred from such work by a disease of the throat. He, too, looks with a longing eye to the "Land of Promise."

We also inspected the beautiful steam fire engine lately purchased by the city. It is a magnificent machine, but we fear rather an expensive toy or luxury. As far as our examinations have gone there is nothing better suited to the wants of the Upper Peninsula than the Babcock engines. Under all ordinary circumstances, if our towns were provided with one or two of the Babcock engines and a dozen or so of the hand ...Extinguishers, our fires could be put out.

IN MARQUETTE

the court is still in session here and will probably not get through for ten days or two weeks. Mr. Beardsley, our prosecuting attorney, is stenographic reporter for the Connt. He is very popular with the members of the bar, and deservedly so, for he is a hard worker, prompt and obliging, and coming in contact with all the members of the bar at the different courts in this circuit enables him to profit from their arguments and decisions rendered, and the large experience gained thereby mark him out as one of the best read lawyers of the Upper Peninsula.

We are glad to learn that Capt. Spalding, Mr. Thurber and others, who have just returned from a visit to the Ontonagon silver mines, express themselves well satisfied with what they saw. Now that the money ...take hold and ...we hope our Marquette ...silver ...interested.

Mr. J. H. Chandler, of Houghton, will ...has been nominated for the office of Collector of Customs for the District of Superior, ...has been in town the past few days investigating the duties of the office. We have not learned whether Mr. Chandler will accept the office; up to the present time his nomination has not been confirmed. Mr. Chandler is one of the most promising of the rising men of the STATE OF SUPERIOR, and will make his mark in our future history.

Mr. Fillans, the agent of Ward's line of Lake Superior steamers, has been in the city this week on business connected with the line. Mr. Fillans informs us that the line will be put on the route on the opening of navigation fully prepared to do the business of the lake. Several boats will be added to the line and commanded by popular officers. Capt. Shepard will retain command of the Keweenaw, Ontonagon's favorite, while Capt Stewart will probably take command of the St. Paul.

We are glad to find people here who appreciate the importance of the Swamp Land road from L'Anse to Ontonagon, and are willing to aid us in an effort to open up the important highway. There has been letters sent from here to the Governor asking him to give his consent to the immediate construction of the road. Let every citizen of Ontonagon county do the same and our influence will tell. We must show some enterprise and a desire to have the work commenced at once, or we cannot expect others to take an interest in matters that are of such vital importance to us. We would suggest that a petition be circulated and sent on to the Board of Control, setting ...Your ...ing the Board, as an act ...us, that they advertise the ...for bids at once so that the road can be put under construction this coming summer. Live, responsible and practical road builders are willing to take the contract and build the road, and build it, too, in a decent manner. Will some of our citizens attend to this matter at once?

We leave in a day or two for L'Anse and will work up the matter there, and we know that they will act.

A. M.

FROM CALIFORNIA.

Letter from an Old Lake Superior Explorer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4, 1874.

ED. MINER:—I certainly should have given attention to my promised letter ere this, but it has been about impossible for me to find time and ...to do it, and also in consequence of ...ffer from the city. On receipt of your last I made up my mind that time or no time I would make it for the fulfillment of my promise, so here it is.

You do not know what feelings arise in my mind as I throw it over the grand mineral range bordering Lake Superior, and address my letter to Ontonagon where about twenty-nine years ago I labored and helped to christen the first habitation. If my memory serves me right I was built by Jim Paul, (no relation of mine), and was completed the very night "our" party turned their Mackinaw craft into the Ontonagon for a night's camp. I saw Copper Harbor when only a military post and a single boarding house ...Eagle ...Eagle River with ...from there to T... ...the one ...time down by dozens.

...a panoramic view of cities and towns, with their towering steeples, grand edifices, and above all, school houses, no doubt now presented. To visit you I would be lost in wonderment, and fancy the past more a dream than a reality. No steamer was then on the lake, only a sailor which was soon lost. To cut a long story short, I spent about two years on Lake Superior, most of the time exploring, mainly on the Point, though wandering up as high as the Ontonagon and Iron Rivers. We found plenty of copper, and even masses of silver, though not "in place." The largest piece of solid silver I saw at this time weighed 14 pounds. Silver intermixed with copper was frequently found, as I presume it is now.

Silver, then, was not the grand road to fortune, though I think if we had found a lead of it we would probably have looked after it. The idea has ever since been stored up in my mind that Lake Superior will some day develop one of the greatest silver producing countries on the face of the globe, and I believe it to day, and were I not a fixture on this coast you would find me backing my views with my presence.

But I don't want to get on to the mineral question yet; I must finish my story first. It was on Lake Superior that the first idea of California's gold was first sent forth, and the information I there received, which on the arrival of the news of the discovery of it, caused me *instanter* to prepare for California, and as it is an untold tale I will here relate it.

As superintendant of the Massachusetts location, on the Point, was an English gentleman by the name of Capt. Cleaning who was an old Brazilian gold miner. In the dreary lonesome winter of 1845-46 he frequently came over to our (the Boston) location, between Copper and Agate Harbor. I then was greatly impressed with the idea of gold mining, and had a vast longing to know all about it, as I fancied that some day I would be a gold miner.

One idea followed another on the question, when one day the Captain spoke of California and wished he could go. He could not, but could go to Boston, from there ...ROUND THE HORN" to California, and well do I remember the tracing on the map of our contemplated explorations up the Rio de las Americanus, Yuba and Plumas rivers, all streams up which I have since traveled many times. This party was to consist of Jos. Childs, then at the Copper Falls mine, Wm. Bernard, and a gentlemen from Green Bay whose name has escaped me, and your humble servant. Our plans were all frustrated by the breaking out of the Mexican war.

I realized my dream, however, and for twenty-five years I have been a gold and silver miner, and had a howl full and a cupfull of both. Yet it is my pleasure, and I may say a mining spirit inaugurated on Lake Superior has culminated in what experience teaches me as a grand step in gold and silver mining for all the world.

To give a little more of my identity with Lake Superior, I will say that two of us young chaps, Ward, of St. Louis, and myself, bought a birch-bark canoe, hired a half-breed as pilot, and struck out for home, St. Louis, via the *Bois Brulas* and St. Croix rivers, packing our canoe across the portage on our backs; we had but little else to pack as a lot of "bad injins" had robbed us of about all our provisions. Launching our craft in the St. Croix, and sending the half-breed, we "paddled our own canoe" on down the St. Croix to the Mississippi, and down the Mississippi till we overhauled a steamer which we boarded, having as personal property only two double-barrel shot-guns and $8 in coin. It was enough. We had sowed some "wild oats" and were satisfied for the time being, and now you ...I have seen years before me interested those steps to use how the "wild oat" fields were cleared to give place to all those grand features which go to make up a higher civilization; the change from the wild life of the savage to the refined gentleman and lady.

I could tell a great many interesting tales of these by-gone days, some of which make one smile as they come forth from the secret chambers of memory which have not been unlocked for more than twenty years, at least. We will leave the past, however, and review the present of your great silver wealth in my next.

Yours, ALMARIN B. PAUL.

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And, The said committee having been duly informed the duty assigned them, their report;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HORN J. BAGLEY, Governor of Michigan, by virtue of the powers in the Constitution, do hereby direct the members of the State convene in extraordinary session at the Capitol, in the city of Lansing, on the third day of March next, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of considering said report and the Constitution reported by said committee, to consider and act upon the same, as submitted by special message.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Great Seal of State. Done at the City of Lansing, this twenty-second day of January, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-eighth.

By the Governor: JOHN J. BAGLEY.

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Do you want any kind of job printing, plain or in colors, hope your orders at the MINER office.

DID you get a Valentine?

NEVER ask a simple or a fight.

A COLDspell again Thursday night.

NOW look out for Trichina Spinalis.

OLD friends are said to be like old boots.

THE days are getting perceptibly longer.

THE harvesting around here is under way.

NOT as many fish in the market this week as heretofore.

PEOPLE will soon be able to begin to talk about gardening.

LAST year 3,392 trotting races were reported in the United States.

THE thermometer went down to 30 degrees below zero the week.

LAST Saturday night and Sunday about six inches of snow fell.

BUTTER is a scarce article in our market. Good butter is scarcer.

IN the United States there are $29,000,000 currency in circulation.

VALENTINE'S day is past but still Valentines are going their rounds.

A FACT.—No theft in or out of Congress has a good opinion of newspapers.

BEWARE of counterfeit greenbacks, large numbers are in circulation below.

LENT has commenced and quietness will reign supreme for forty successive days.

YOU can get as many onions as you want now. It's Lent, and there will be no parties.

NEXT summer we shall have a small steam yacht running daily between here and Iron River.

[illegible] Southern States. No comparison will be made.

DUELLO is great on foot and skating races. No very heavy amounts are bet, the largest being $10.

A WORD are said to make better postmasters than others. They have more tongue for licking purposes.

THOSE who don't pay their subscription just now [illegible] be kind enough to remember us in their wills.

[illegible] Houghton county on his way [illegible] not likely be home by the end of [illegible]

HEYWOOD, one of the first eastern [illegible] Franklin mine, died recently.

[illegible] Capt Norris, who ran the Lotty last year will command the Manistee [illegible] season.

WE'RE that sorry in this town who made good resolutions at the beginning of the year, have already broken them.

OUR JACKSON will no doubt have a big rush of strangers and speculators next summer which will make a good hotel business.

THE weather through the week has been pleasant and mild but not quite as much sunshine as we have been accustomed to.

THE roads are all getting out up on account of the heavy load of wood that have constantly been driven over them all winter.

[illegible] are glad to learn that Mrs. Hadrick, who recently broke her arm is doing well and hopes are entertained of a quick recovery.

THOSE parties who have proposed to furnish wood on back accounts will confers a favor by fulfilling their agreements immediately.

ACCORDING to the *Press*: Ashland will be producing a quantity of iron ore next summer. This ought to make times lively up there.

WE are requested to ask those who promised wood for the Episcopal Sunday school to fulfill their promise, as the wood is running short.

In the lower part of the State they are beginning to enforce the liquor law. We here are also doing all in our power to get liquor out of the way.

WE publish in another column a letter from A. B. Paul, of San Francisco, which all our readers ought to read. In our next we shall publish another one.

THE juveniles of Ontonagon passed a very pleasant evening at their host's [illegible] last Tuesday.

Wholesale [illegible] too to their [illegible]

[illegible] Entertainment at Rockland [illegible] benefit of the German school, at which we hope he will meet with success.

[illegible] offered that the reason American girls refuse to enter domestic service is that they object to anything approaching menial employment—what they seek is hymenial.

CANOT some of the young men in town start a string band? There are sufficient instruments in town to do so and it is a very pleasant way to pass a few evenings every week.

THE Ashland mail carrier generally brings a load of fish from Bayfield with him to Ontonagon, but last saturday had to dispose of them to Mr. Stoddard at Iron River, as his dogs had given out.

A PARTY of Rocklanders paid a visit to Ontonagon last Sunday, and after regaling themselves at the Paul House, started back for their respective homes towards evening. All evidently in high glee.

DELUTE editors have uncovered the who hatched again. The *Herald* calls the *Mountaineer* editor a "Rotten Beef editor." The sooner they bury the hatchet again the better it will be for the community.

CROWS and Blue Jays are the only feathered warblers we have now-a-days, but Ontonagon can boast of a large quantity of warblers minus feathers which make up for the scanty of the plumed ones.

IT was a brilliant Fond du Lac boy who, seeing a dog with a muzzle on for the first time, exclaimed: "Mamma, mamma, I bet five cents the dogs are going wear loop skirts; there goes a cog with one on a nose."

THE army is to be reduced 5,000 men, and the final estimate of the war department calling for appropriation of $38,881,618—some four million the appropriation last year—was cut down by our 40 Congressmen.

A Chance for Some Lake Superior Boy.

There will be in Big Rapids, Michigan, on Tuesday, March 31, 1874, a competitive examination of applicants residing in the Ninth Congressional District of Michigan, who may desire the appointment as cadet to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Applicants must be less that 17 nor more than 22 years of age at the date of their appointment, and notless than five feet in height, but any one who has served honorably and faithfully not less than one year, either as a volunteer or in the regular service, in the late civil war for the suppression of the Rebellion, is eligible up to the age of 24 years.

Applicants must also possess a sound physical constitution, and must be able to read and write the English language correctly, and to perform with facility and accuracy the various operations of the four ground rules of arithmetic, of reduction, of simple and compound proportion, and vulgar and decimal fractions, and have a knowledge of the elements of English grammar, of descriptive geography of the United States, of the outlines of American of the history of the United States and of the general outlines of history, as taught in our grammar schools."

An examining board will be convened at Big Rapids for the above purpose on the day named, at 10 o'clock A. M., and the successful applicant will be required to report at West Point as early as May 25, 1874.

JAY A. HUBBELL,
M. C. Ninth District, Michigan.

AN HOUR AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Negaunee Items.

From the Iron Herald.

The West End mine of the Cascade Co. is now being fully worked. Nearly 200 tons had been carried on Saturday for the first shipment. Other operations of the company are being commenced. A trench is being dug through the low ground opposite the mine with a view of making new openings.

Alfred Jones, while chopping alone in the woods some two or three miles southeast of this city, on Tuesday, fell forward in a fit and was smothered by the snow before assistance came. Jones was an Irishman, 22 years of age, and unmarried. He had been in Negaunee about one year, and at the time of his death was making it his home with Mr. Courtney, on Jackson st. Being destitute of money, he was buried at the expense of the city.

Some devil taking advantage of the intoxication of Patrick Tool the other night, struck him with a sharp instrument inflicting a gash extending from the left nostril to the corner of the right eye, severing the bone and all. Dr. Swain sewed it up.

We are reliably informed that the Cascade Company have made arrangements by which their money will be redeemed at the rate of ninth thirty days.

Julius Michaels, a Polish Jew, well known in this county, committed suicide in Eagle Harbor a few days since. Family trouble is assigned as the cause.

Pit No. 7 of the Jackson mine has been converted into a respectable skating rink since work suspended some three or four weeks ago.

A man whose name we did not learn, who claimed to have been knocked down on Iron street by some unknown person on Sunday night, had his lip sewed up the following morning at the hospital.

Charles Bennett, an employee at the Pioneer Furnace, was quite severely burned on the face by a flame of gas one day last week. It will be apt to lay him up for some time.

Houghton Items.

From the Gazette.

Last night near 11 o'clock a fire was discovered in the back part of the building of Huron street occupied by William Maher as a saloon and dwelling, and before the firemen arrived on the ground a good portion of the interior of the same was burned including household effects. The origin of the fire is attributed to the careless handling or placing of a lamp, by a boarder in the house, in the kitchen.

The Allouez mine stamp mill "mortar," a mammoth casting weighing some six tons, arrived here yesterday from L'Anse on an immense sleigh drawn by ten horses, and will proceed to day or to-morrow on the Mineral Range railroad to Calumet, from which point it will be drawn by teams to its place of destination.

Hon. A. A. Douglass, who was appointed postmaster of this place during the adjournment of Congress, was confirmed by the United States Senate last month to hold his position for four years from the date of his commission.

Duluth Items.

From the Herald.

Dr. S. S. Walbank has been made a member of the State Medical Society.

Steamers Manistee and Metropolis will commence their summer business as soon as they can get out, which will probably be a month before the Sault Canal opens.

From a letter received here by Mr. Jas. T. McCallum from Capt. Morrison of Silver Islet, we learn that the shaft has been cleared of water and that work has been fully resumed.

We condense:—At Aldrich station, 20 miles from Brainard a family resided, and near them a party of Indians had pitched their wigwam. Two Indian boys were caught depredating by the son of their white neighbor and got a cuffing by the same, whereupon one of the Indians took his rifle and went and demanded money to atone for the offence, but was kicked out, and after getting a short distance from the house, fired through the window, the bullet grazing the white man's hand and passing through the head of his eldest daughter. Her brother ran out with a repeating rifle and fired twice and the Indian fell twice before he struck his camp. The Indians all took to flight, but have since been overtaken. The one who committed the murder is shot through the lungs and will undoubtedly die. His friends refuse to give him up.

DYSPEPSIA.—Prof. Anderson's Dermatoline is a certain cure for dyspepsia. The adjustors will warrant a cure in all cases where the Dermatoline is applied freely according to directions. See advertisement in another column.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE OGIMA MINING CO.,
No. 7 Pine Street, Room 4,
New York, February 8, 1874.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company, for the election of Directors and for the ensuing year, and for such other business as may come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, on Wednesday, March 11, 1874, at twelve o'clock, M.

SAMUEL COOPER, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE NONESUCH MINING CO.,
Ontonagon, Mich., January 21, 1874.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nonesuch Mining Co. will be held at the office of William A. Mercer, in the village of Ontonagon, on Friday, the third day of March, 1874, at 1 o'clock P. M.

JAMES MERCER, Sec. & Treas.
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ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE ADVENTURE COPPER CO.,
4 Exchange Court,
New York, January 26, 1874.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Adventure Copper Co., for the election of Directors and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at this office on Thursday, March 5th, proximo, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

W. HART SMITH, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE RIDGE COPPER CO.,
4 Exchange Court,
New York, January 26, 1874.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ridge Copper Co., for the election of Directors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at this office on Thursday, March 5th, proximo, at twelve o'clock, NOON.

WM. F. WARD, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE HILTON MINING CO.,
4 Exchange Court,
New York, January 26, 1874.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hilton Mining Co., for the election of Directors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at this office on Tuesday, March 10th, proximo, at twelve o'clock, NOON.

W. HART SMITH, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR MINING CO.,
4 Exchange Court,
New York, January 26, 1874.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lake Superior Mining Co., for the election of Directors, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at this office on Thursday, March 12th, proximo, at twelve o'clock, NOON.

W. HART SMITH, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING.

OFFICE OF MASSACHUSETTS COPPER LAND AND MINING CO.,
Room 5, No. 19 Nassau Street, New York.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Massachusetts Copper Land and Mining Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and such other business as may lawfully come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, (Room 5, No. 19 Nassau St., in New York city, on Tuesday, March 3d, 1874, at 12 o'clock, NOON.

E. H. RICKARD, Secretary.

SALE OF DELINQUENT STOCK.

OFFICE OF THE VICTORIA MINING CO.,
19 Dome Street, Boston, Mass.

On Wednesday, March 18th, 1874, at 3 o'clock, M., will be sold at public auction, at the office of the Victoria Mining Co., situated in the township of Rockland, Ontonagon county, Michigan, the following named stock in said Company, viz:

124	Zoharet,	10 shares,	No. 122
125	"	10 "	" 123
126	"	10 "	" 124
127	"	10 "	" 161
128	"	10 "	" 162

[illegible] Tenth Shares, no certificate.
6w97 A. T. HUBBARD, Sec. and Treas.

SALE OF DELINQUENT STOCK.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY MINING CO.,
Ontonagon Mich., Feb. 2, 1874.

Notice is hereby given that the following certificates of stock of the Secretary Mining Co., will be sold for non-payment of assessments Nos. 2, 3 & 4, at the office of William A. Mercer, in the village of Ontonagon, county of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of March, 1874, at one o'clock in the afternoon:

No. Certificate	Name.	Number.	Amount Paid.	Amount due.
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Counting One Hundred.

A Danbury man named Reubens recently saw a statement that counting one hundred when tempted to speak an angry word would save a man a great deal of trouble. His statement sounded a little singular at first, but the more he read it over the more favorably he became impressed with it and finally concluded to adopt it. Next door to Reubens lives a man who made five different attempts in the past fortnight to secure a dinner of green peas by the first of July, and every time he had been retarded by Reuben's hens. The next morning after Reubens made his resolution, this man found his fifth attempt to have miscarried. Then he called on Reubens. He said:

"What in thunder do you mean by letting your hens tear up my garden?"

Reubens was tempted to call him a mud smoot, a new name just coming into use but he remembered his resolution, put down his rage and meekly observed:

"One two, three, four, five six seven, eight—"

Then the mad neighbor, who had been eyeing this answer with a great deal of vepicion, broke in again:

"Why don't you answer my question, you fool?"

But still Reubens maintained his equanimity and went on with the test:

"Nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen—"

The mad neighbor started harder than ever.

"Seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty one—"

"You're a mean skunk" said the mad neighbor backing toward the fence.

Reubens's face flushed at this charge, but he only said:

"Twenty two, twenty three, twenty four, twenty five, twenty six—"

At this figure the neighbor got upon the fence in some haste, but suddenly thinking of his peas, he opened his mouth:

"You mean low, mean rascal, for two cents I could knock your cracked head over a barn, and I would—"

"Twenty seven, twenty eight," interrupted Reubens, "twenty nine, twenty, thirty one, thirty two, thirty three—"

Here the neighbor broke for the house, and entering it, violently slammed the door behind him, but Reubens did not dare to let up on the enumeration, and so he stood out there alone in his own checks and flashing eyes eloquently affirmed his judgement. When he got up into the eighties, his wife came to the door in some alarm.

"Why, Reubens, man, what is the matter with you?" she said. Do come into the house?"

But he didn't let up. She came out to him, and clung trembling to him, but he only looked into her eyes, and said:

"Ninety three, ninety four, ninety five ninety six ninety seven, ninety eight ninety nine, one hundred—go into the house old woman, or I'll bust ye.

And she went.

Beautiful Allegory.

Crittenden, of Kentucky, was at one time engaged in defending a man who had been indicted for a capital offense. After an elaborate and powerful defense, he closed his effort with the following striking and beautiful allegory:

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The jury, when he had finished, was drowned in tears, and against evidence, and what must have been their own convictions brought in a verdict not guilty.

Among the minor annoyances of life are the people who 'do' you out of small sums of money, in a manner which prevents your taking for it as a debt or a swindle, or those others who borrow or take some valuable articles from your table or desk, and forget to return it. One of these birds of prey had his account settled as follows: A young lawyer's clerk had suffered from the depredations of a wealthy patron of the office, who regularly 'did' him out of postage stamps, loose change for various purposes, and finally 'borrowed' and forgot to return an expensive pocket knife. Time passed on, and the lawyer's clerk had become an able practitioner; when his exasperating acquaintance confided to his care a difficult case, which was carefully worked up and gained, to the delight and profit of the client, to whom was represented a bill for $300. After paying the lawyer, the client complimented the attorney on the skill and patience with which he had managed the case, but added—

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