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CHAPTER II. A STRANGE PROCEEDING.

When Ruric came down in the at present. He had asked enough, morning, he found the monk al- he thought, upon such a subject, ready there and breakfast nearly and he made up his mind to bother ready. But little was said during himself no more about it, feeling the mealtime, for the monk seemed sure that if his boy knew anything busy with thoughts of his own, and which would be for his master's in-Ruric was too much engaged in terest to know it would be commustudying the strange man's features nicated in due season. So he apand pondering upon the various plied himself anew to his work, and doubts and surmises that had enter- at noon the pistols were finished. ed his mind. After the meal was Toward the middle of the afterover the monk accompanied the noon, just as Ruric had finished gunmaker to his shop, and there he tempering some parts of a gun lock, spent some time in examining the the back door of his shop was openquaint articles of machinery that ed, and two men entered. They were used in the manufacture of were young men, dressed in costly arms.

Ruric was engaged in finishing a good looking. The gunmaker recpair of pistols, and for some min- ognized them as the Count Conrad utes the monk had stood silently by his side watching his movements. Urzen. At length the youth stopped in his

work and laid the pistol down. "Excuse me, good father," he said rather nervously, at the same time gazing his visitor in the face. all surprised by the visit, since peo-"but I must ask you a question. Where have I seen you before ?"

"How should I know?" the monk arms. returned, with a smile. than before, and his nether lip trem-

"Why," resumed Ruric, with some hesitancy, "I knew not but that you bled. But Ruric thought that might might enlighten me. I have surely be the result of coming from the seen you somewhere."

whom you have seen in this great count's next remark was significant: city, aye, thousands, whom you might recognize as you recognize dy Rosalind Valdai?" he said. me ?"

"Ah, it may be so, but not like ginning to wonder. this. There may be a thousand "Well, sir," retu this. There may be a thousand "Well, sir," returned Damonoff, seek it from those wh faces I would recollect to have seen, with much haughtiness, "perhaps power in the matter." but not one of them would excite my business can be quickly and sateven a passing emotion in my soul. isfactorily settled. It is my desire

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have a paper here all drawn up, -sign!" and all that will be necessary is sim- "Perhaps he cannot write," sugply your signature. Here. It is gested Urzen contemptuously. only a plain, simple avowal on your "Then he may make his mark," part that you have no hopes nor rejoined the count in the same conthoughts of seeking the hand of the temptuous tone. lady in marriage.' "It might not require much more

As the count spoke he drew a pa- urging to induce me to make my per from the bosom of his marten mark in a manner not at all agree-doublet, and, having opened it, he able to you, sir," the youth returnhanded it toward the gunmaker. ed, with his teeth now set and the But Ruric took it not. He drew dark veins upon his brow starting might be so, but fear would force own, he pressed it to his lips. He back and gazed the visitor sternly more plainly out. "You have come itself in and speak in tones so loud had had a well formed speech upon in the face.

"Sir count," he uttered in a tone sought your purpose. You now full of noble indignation, "what do have your answer, and for your own you suppose I am? Do you mean sake, for my sake, I beg you to He concluded to let the matter rest, and murmur the name that sounded to tell me that Olga, duke of Tula, leave me." "Not until your name is upon

has commissioned you to obtain "Stephen," spoke the count, turn- ing the missive furiously and crumsuch a renunciation of me?"

ing to his companion, "you heard pling it in his hand. the instructions the duke gave me "Are you mad, s this morning?"

"Aye," returned Urzen, directing his speech to Ruric; "I did hear,

"I may be as much surprised as no further dealings with me. There yourself," resumed the count haugh- is my door, sir." For her sake he would have this sig- his title. nal from you."

"But how for her sake?" asked Ruric.

you not see? Rosalind in the sim- seek a quarrel with me?" plicity of her heart may think that rou-a-that you might claim her Will you sign?" love and out of pure principle grant it to you simply because you were the first claimant."

"But I never claimed her love," me! How's that?" said Ruric warmly. "If she loves As these words passed from the seek it from those who have some cape the mark upon his face, receiv-

to make the deduction, but no reasonable one could he arrive at. One mounted to her brow and temples. thought clung to him like a dim "Oh, I am glad he has come! My specter at night, which hope would prayers are surely answered. Lead make an angel and which fear would him hither, Zenobie." paint a demon. Could it be possible that Rosalind had told her love for afterward Ruric entered the aparthim and that the duke would pay some deference to it? He tried to Rosalind had arisen to her feet, and, think so. Hope whispered that it taking one of her hands in both his upon my premises, and you have that they could not be misunder- his lips when he entered the room, stood. Finally the youth resolved but 'twas gone now. He could only upon the only reasonable course. gaze into the lovely face before him so far as his own surmises were con- so sweetly to his ears. But the emocerned, until he could see Rosalind, tions of his soul became calm at and that he was determined to do as length, and then he spoke with more soon as possible.

in his mind, and then he would try

On the following morning, as he was preparing for breakfast, he saw Olga, the duke, pass by and "Lady," he said after he had tak-en his seat, "you will pardon me for this visit when you know its cause, "Are you mad, sir count? Do strike off into the Borodino road. and you will pardon me, too, if I his speech to Ruric; "I did hear, and you have stated the case plain-curl of utter contempt upon his "Now," thought he, "is the time for the visit to Rosalind." And as soon "Surely, sir"finely chiseled lip, "you need have as he had eaten his breakfast he prepared for the visit. He dressed least not forget the friendship of well, and no man in Moscow had a childhood." duke. Why he should seek this sig- monoff seemed unable to speak from was removed from his brow and alind, smiling.

"Paul," he said, entering the shop feels a warm friendship for you. based all his force of charcter upon those men calls who were here yesterday you may tell them so."

"But," returned the lad, "if they ask me any questions?"

"Answer them as you think best." "And if they should ask me if you would fight ?"

"Tell them that I hold my life as too dear to sell to such as they."

"But surely, my master, the count will challenge you."

"I think he will. And," added Ruric as an entire new thought By my soul, I think he did." "I am sure of it," said Paul.

"Let them come, and if they ing the blow lightly upon the side come, or if either of them comes, he murmured. "Speak, dearest one."

"Ruric!" uttered the fair maiden, starting up, while the rich blood

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The girl departed, and ere long ment. He walked quickly to where freedom.

"Oh, call me Ruric. Let us at

"Then I am not a lady," said Ros-

"No, Rosalind." "Ah, Ruric!"

"As we were in childhood," whis-

pered the youth. "In all but years," returned Rosa-lind in the same low tone.

"And I may wear the same im-

age in my heart?" "I cannot cast it from mine if I

would."

"The image of childhood, dear Rosalind?"

"Aye, save that it has grown to manhood, dear Ruric."

What more could he ask for love? He had not aimed at this confession so soon, but he put it not from him now. He gazed a moment into the came to his mind, "mayhap he came fair maiden's kindling eye, and as here to create a quarrel to that end. he saw the lovelit tear gathering there and the happy smile working its way about the rosy lips and A moment Ruric's frame quivered away in the joyous dimples he opened his arms and clasped the fondly loved one to his bosom.

"Oh, I am not deceived in this!" "I cannot forget the love of the happy times agone," the noble girl replied, gazing up through her hap-Paul promised, and then the gun- py tears. "Oh, how many and many maker turned away. In the hall he an hour have I prayed to God that are you, good father? What are words, and he clasped his hands to the life of a king, may, through "Beware, Stephen Urzen!" he threw on his heavy fur pelisse, and, those days might return and that you? Where have we met before? hide their tremulousness. But he royal gratitude, wield an influence. whispered to the count's companion having reached the nearest hostelry, the one true heart of earth I loved as that individual made a movement he took a horse and sledge and start- might be mine once more. Ruric, Now, all this seemed strange to as though he would come forward. ed off for Kremlin, within which why should I hide the truth or why set it aside? To me thou art all in Within one of the sumptuously all. I have no one else to love and of the Duke of Tula sat Rosalind girl who brought you hither. I can tell you no more. Happy Rurie! Happy at that moment, forgetting all else but the possessing a face of peculiar sweet- love that gleamed out upon him ness and intelligence. She was only then, he clasped the cherished ob-But the moments flew on, and at

tily, "at this strange taste of the For some moments Conrad Da- nobler look when the dust of toil nal from you I can only imagine very anger. He had surely some garb. upon his desire to call up no re- deep, anxious purpose in obtaining grets in the bosom of his fair ward. Ruric's name to that paper, and to where the boy was at work, "I may He knows that she was once inti- be thus thwarted by a common arti- be back at noon. At any rate, such mate with you and that she now san was maddening to one who is my intention, and if either of

"Aye, a consummate one."

you think me a fool?"

"Sign!" he hissed.

"Fool!" uttered Ruric, unable longer to contain himself in view of "Why," returned Damonoff, "do such stupid persistence. "Do you

"Seek? I seek what I will have.

"Once more-no!" "Then, by heavens, you shall

know what it is to thwart such as

"And are there not hundreds he was soon undeceived, for the me, she loves me from her heart. count's lips in a low, hissing whis-With the noble duke I never spoke per he aimed a blow with his fist but once, and then he came here at Ruric's head. The gunmaker for me to temper his sword. If you had not dreamed of such a dastard would marry with the lady, do so, act, and he was not prepared for with suppressed passion. Then he and if you seek help in the work it, yet he dodged it sufficiently to es- said:

> "You mistake, sir," uttered the of his head. But he stopped not to while I am gone, tell them, or him, count hotly. "I seek not power consider now. As the count drew that I am their very humble servant

But your face calls up some power- to make the Lady Rosalind my ful emotion, some startling memory wife." of the past, which bothers me. Who Was it in Spain?"

"No," said Vladimir, with a shake swer. of the head. And then, with a he added: "Let this pass now. I ed. will aot deny to you that there may be some grounds for your strange Do you not love the lady?" fancies; but I assure you most sacredly that until last night I never ask me a strange question. What came in direct companionship with you before-at any rate, not to my such a theme?" knowledge. You have acted the good Samaritan toward me, and I hope I may at some time return the favor."

youth. "If you return it, then it will be a favor no more. I have only done for you what every man should do to his neighbor, and so far from needing thanks for my services I would rather give them for the occasion, for I know of no source of joy so pure and pleasurable as that feeling in the soul which tells us we have done a good act."

The dark monk reached forth and took the youthful artisan's hand, and, with more than ordinary emotion, he said:

"You touch the harp strings of the soul with a noble hand, my son, and if any deed of kindness can give me joy it will be a deed for you. We may meet again, and until then I can only say, God bless and prosper thee."

With these words the monk turned away, and ere Ruric could command presence of mind enough to follow him he had gone from the house. The youth wished to say something, but amid the varied emotions that went leaping through his mind he could gather no connected thoughts.

After the monk was gone Ruric returned to his bench and resumed his work. He asked his boy if he had ever seen the strange man before, but Paul only shook his head and answered dubiously.

"What do you mean?" the gunmaker asked, gazing the boy in the face. "Do you think you have seen him before ?"

"I cannot tell, my master. I may have seen him before and I may not. But surely you would not suppose that my memory would serve you better than your own."

Ruric was not fully assured by this answer. He gazed into Paul's this answer. He gazed into Faul's your denial to show to Rosalind monoff, turning pale with rage. gin and lay down all the premises some show of intelligence there when he announces his decision. I "Here it is—sign! If you would live Some show of intelligence there

Ruric Nevel started at these

resolved to ask no more questions

furs and both of them stout and

Damonoff and his friend Stephen

"I think I speak with Ruric Ne-

"You do," returned Ruric, not at

The count turned a shade paler

cold into a warm place. However,

"You are acquainted with the La-

"I am," returned Ruric, now be-

vel?" said the count, moving for-

ple of all classes were in the habit of calling at his place to order

ward.

was not long debating upon an an-

"And why have you come to me more serious shade upon his face, with this information, sir?" he ask-

"You should know that already.

. "Upon my soul, sir count, you right have you to question me upon

pave the way for his own rights," you choose not to answer let it pass. "No, no!" quickly responded the I know you do love the lady, and now I ask you to renounce al'

claims to her hand." "By St. Paul, sir count, your

tongue runs into strange moods of speech! I renounce all claims to Rosalind Valdai's hand! Was't so you meant?"

"Aye, sir, precisely so."

"Perhaps you will inform me lady," Ruric returned, with some passion. "Do you refuse?" tremulousness in his tone, for the very subject was one that moved him deeply.

that I did not make myself fully senses. understood, and hence I will explain." The count spoke this as said at length. speaks a man who feels that he is and in the same tone he proceeded: "The Lady Rosalind is of noble parentage and very wealthy. My own station and wealth are equal with hers-my station, at all events. count, in speaking thus. You have She may possess the undivided right my answer." to more property than I do; but that matters not. I love her and sign this!" the count cried madly. must have her for my wife. I have been to see the noble duke, her to interfere too much against her I'll have your life!" inclinations. So a simple denial "Now your tongue runs away lady's own good. Of course you per." must be aware that the duke would "A never consent to her union with "I mean the emperor."

you, and yet he would wish to have

ence, even as a beggar, having saved like a dead ox. Will you sign the paper?"

Ruric, and he knew that there was "I am not myself now, and you are the duke resided. something behind the curtain which safest where you are."

"The right that every man has to at all. It looked dark and comthis a few moments, and he mad up his mind that he would on n account yield an atom to the

strange demand thus made upon him.

surely, "you have plainly stated trifled with." your proposition, and I will as plainly answer. I cannot sign the

"Most flatly."

For a few moments the count gazed into Ruric's face as though he "Ruric Nevel, you shall not say doubted the evidence of his own

"It is the duke's command," he strange dreams while sleeping.

doing a very condescending thing, er of command over me," was the gunmaker's calm reply.

"Beware! Once more, I say, sign this paper !"

"Never, sir!"

well, as I know, and as all must And now do you think I'll give it cerned, was law. And, again, Conknow, that she could never become up so easily? By the saints of heav- rad Damonoff was a count and reyour wife; but yet he is anxious not en, I'll have your name to this or

from you to the effect that you can with you, sir count. I have given were the same. Now, if this count never claim her hand is all that is you my answer. Be sure that only necessary. You understand me, I one man on earth can prevail upon trust. We seek this only for the fair me to place my name upon that pa-

"And who is he?"

"But you will sign it!" hissed Da-

now. I only seek a simple word back Ruric dealt him a blow upon in all things reasonable." from one who may have some influ- the brow that felled him to the floor

he was not permitted to know. He The man thus addressed viewed furnished apartments of the palace none to love me else save the noble knew the proud and stubborn duke the gunmaker a few moments, and well enough to know that he never he seemed to conclude that he had Valdai. She was a beautiful girl, would have sent such a message as better avoid a personal encounter, molded in perfect form, with the this but for some design more than for his fists relaxed and he moved full flush of health and vigor and had yet appeared. In short, he to the side of his fallen friend and could not understand the matter assisted him to his feet.

plex, and its face was in direct con- antagonist's face a few moments in ten years an orphan. Her hair was replied Damonoff sharply. "But if flict with the nature of the man silence. His face was ashen pale, of a golden hue, and the sunlight length his mind came to the subfrom whom it now appeared to have and his whole frame quivered. Up- loved to dwell amid the clustering ject of his visit. emanated. Ruric pondered upon on his forehead there was a livid curls. Her eyes, which were of a the skin was not broken.

"Sir count," he said calmly and vengeance such as mine cannot be nothing of the aristocrat in her companionship when, if he had

And with this he turned away. "Paul," said the gunmaker, turn-

"Perhaps you will inform me paper." what claims I may have upon the "Ha!" gasped Damonoff in quick gone away, "not a word of this to she knew that she was truly loved. Be she knew that she was truly loved.

CHAPTER III. LOVE.

That night Ruric Nevel had Long and deeply did he ponder upthen, a majority of his compeers loved the Lady Rosalind and had asked for her hand and the duke lind as she notice the girl hesitate. was willing he should have it, why had this extraordinary proposal

been sent to the poor gunmaker? Ruric asked this question of him-

Conrad Damonoff gazed into his 19 years of age, and she had been ject ardently to his bosom. when she was happy, and when she "Ruric Nevel," he said in a hiss- smiled the lovely dimples of her look - nothing proud, nothing haughty-but gentleness and love it not." were the true elements of her soul, and she could only be happy when he not?" She liked respect, but she spurned that respect which only aims at outward show, while the heart may be

reeking with vilest sensualism. Rosalind sat there in the apartstrange fancies while waking and ment which was hers for her own private use, and she was sad and him so?" thoughtful. One fair hand support-"The Duke of Tula holds no pow- on the strange business which had ed her pure brow, while with the salled Count Conrad to his shop, other she twisted the ends of the and in no way, under no light, could silken sash that confined her heavy he get any reason from it. Why robe. Thus she sat when the door panied by Stephen Urzen. He had he, a youth who had never spoken of her apartment was opened and a "You but waste your breath, sir with the proud duke save once on young girl entered. This newcomer hand in which I was made to say, or, common business and who was so was a small, fair creature, bright rather, by which the writer said, far down in the social scale should and quick, with that raven hair and that he dsclaimed all pretensions "By heavens, Ruric Nevel, you'll have been thus called upon to give those large dark eyes of dreamy to your hand and that he wished a virtual consent to the bestowal light which bespeak the child of not to marry you; that he freely of Rosalind Valdai's hand, was be- Moslem blood. Her name was Zeno- gave you up, meaning to seek with-"But look ye, sirrah, here is my yond his ken. He was but a poor bie, and she was now about 16 years in the sphere of his own social circle guardian, and he objects not to my whole future of life based upon my artisan; she a wealthy heiress and a of age. Rosalind's father had picksuit, but he informed me that there hopes of union with this fair girl. scion of nobility, and she was under ed her up on the battlefield from was one impediment, and that was Her guardian bids me get this pa- the legal guardianship of the duke, which the Turks had fled, and, being her love for you. He knows full per of you ere I can have her hand. whose word, so far as she was con- unable to find any claimant, he had brought her home, then almost an puted to be wealthy. To be sure, lind's attendant and companion. infant. And now she was Rosahe was somewhat dissolute; but, She loved her kind and gentle mistress and would have laid down life itself in the service. "How now, Zenobio?" asked Rosa-

"There is a gentleman below who would see you," the girl replied. "Tell him I cannot see him," said Rosalind, trembling.

"But this is Ruric Nevel, my mistress."

"Rosalind," he said, holding one spot where he had been struck, but deep, liquid blue, sparkled brightly of her fair hands in his grasp, "you know the Count Conrad Damonoff?"

"Aye," returned the maiden, with ing, maddening tone, "you will hear cheeks held the smile even after it a shudder. "He is here very often, from me! The mad spirit of a had faded from her lips. There was and he has forced himself upon my sense, he must have known I liked

"He is a suitor for your hand, is

"He was, but he is not now."

"Not now?" repeated Ruric, with surprise. "What mean you?"

"Why, simply that he has asked the duke for my hand and that he was answered in the negative."

"Did you hear the duke answer

"No; but so the duke assured me he had done. But what mean you?" "I will tell you. Yesterday the count came to my dwelling accoma paper drawn up by the duke's own

some companion when he wished. And this I was asked to sign."

"By the count ?" "Yes, by the duke's orders."

"Oh, it cannot be!" uttered the

fair girl, trembling. "And he further assured me that the duke had requested him to obtain my signature thereto, so that he might receive your hand without impediment."

[TO BE CONTINUED].

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All hands tugged the shark to the vessel's side. A huge hook of the anchor tackle was put through his faw and one eye, and the fish was then



THE SHARK WAS HAULED ON BOARD. hauled out of the water. One of the crew ripped the monster open from the head to the tail. The vital organs and entrails were thrown overboard, and then both jaws were hacked out for the sake of saving the teeth.

Nothing but the shell of the fish remained, and the shark was lowered overboard. A rush was made to the side to see him sink, but the company was astonished to see the fish make off. First he swam about fifty yards away, returned to the steamer, then went off on another tack for about thirty yards, came back to the vessel and swam astern and was still swimming when he was lost sight of.

That the fish should swim away with the whole of his interior from head to

CHANGE. TE used to hold her in his arms,

Her head upon his shoulder, And ne'er get weary in the least Nor care how much his coat was creased Or so he fondly told her.



Now when he has to hold their child He nearly falls to pieces, And many are the sighs he draws, And much he frets around because His coat is filled with creases. -Chicago Record-Herald.

Color Line In Culture.

A certain officer brought home with him from South Africa an intelligent but illiterate Kaffir as servant.

One day recently as he was reading a book the colonel caught Pete peeping over his shoulders and asked him what erty. he wanted.

"I wants ter ask yer a quesham, sir." "Well, what is it?"

"I has seen folks reading books and de like, an' I jess wants ter know which is it yer reads-de white or de black?"-London Answers.

Acid Love.

abroad to complete my musical educa- ago, and disclosed the fact that the sotion.

Mrs. Synnex-Oh, that will be so nice, dear!

Miss Uppanote-And when I come back-Mrs. Synnex-But is it positively nec-

essary that you come back, you poor, script.

None to Spare.

"Tacoma speaks up and says she is not suffering for sweet girls for brides."

"Well, there is one thing sure, and that is that none of the other cities is suffering from an overplus." - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Circumstances Alter Cases. Tess-Do you believe in long engage-

ments? Jess-It depends. Tess-Depends upon what?

Jess-Upon how much money he's got to spend on you.-Philadelphia Press.

Coal-less Desperation. Mrs. De Freeze-Why, Egbert, surely you aren't going to make ice cream! The house is freezing cold now. Egbert-That's just it. I'm going to ion to North Marquette, for instance.

Upper Peninsula.

Last Saturday Grand Marais was visited by a disastrous fire and when the flames were finally brought under control damage amounting to more than fifty thousand dollars had been done. The property destroyed comprised the following: The large saw mill of the Marais Lumber company, the village water works station and electric light plant, and several small buildings. The fire broke out shortly after noon, and fanned by a stiff breeze it spread rapidly. For a short time it was feared that a considerable portion of the town would go up in smoke, while from the start lumber worth \$200,000, piled on the docks, as well as the company's large dry kilns were in great danger. The burning of the waterworks plant rendering the firemen practically helpless. However, a fortunate shift in the dado, on which the pupils worked out wind aided materially in the work of heading off the blaze and the havoc was confined to the property above listed. The loss to the lumber company is estimated at about \$45,000, which is about 90 per cent of the insurance on its prop-

the order, James V. Barry, state commissioner of insurance, writes as follows concerning the order of Beavers which had several lodges in the upper peninsula: "Replying to your letter, I have to say that an examination of the Benevolent Protective order of Beavers was ciety was hopelessly insolvent and had defaulted its December and January benefits to beneficiaries. For this reason I directed the society to cease doing business at once, and it is now out of ex-Menominee friends are placed, I see no way in which I can be of service to you. At the time the company was examined they had a balance of less than \$100 with liabilities exceeding \$20,000.

The Mining Journal says that the plant for the year ending on the 9th will which approximately \$8,000 will be cash balance. The \$10,000 has been expended during the year in extensions, improvements, etc and is credited to "plant." The expenses of the plant beenormous, and consist of the cost of ex- | ered. tension, extra wiring and improvements. In the past year there have been extraordinary expenditures, the cost of wasn't born to be unlucky." the auxiliary belt drive and the extens-

GHE LVCK OF BLACKBOARD HANNIGAN

[Copyright, 1901, by J. W. Harrington.] Hannigan was down on his luck. ears and nose which was not pleasant. Hannigan was a wandering painter. He had once been proficient as a de- Fine Furniture, Undertaking, Upholspoiler of scenery, as many of the leg- stered goods and Steamship Tickets. ends which now adorn the Buckeye landscape and proclaim the merits of pink pellets and condition powders will testify. Rum had got the upper hand steady enough to follow the configuration of letters, even when they were chalked out by steadier fingers, but and from 7 to 8 p. m. Hannigan could still paint blackboards. There was a time when around the walls of every district school in southern Ohio there was painted a dark

their arithmetical salvation. Mr. Hannigan as he strode along the tracks was muttering to himself about the perversity of fortune. He had DR. D. N. KEE, spent nearly his last cent for material. He had been to three schoolhouses, and in each he had been confronted with slabs of smoothly polished slate which In reply to a Menominee member of covered the plastered wall. The agent of a Chicago school supply company had preceded Hannigan and had done

him much injury. At the last schoolhouse the teacher had smiled pityingly when the decorator talked of the evil which had come upon him. She had unclasped from a long chain which she wore a silver mounted rabbit's foot and Miss Uppanote - Yes, I am going made by my direction some two weeks had insisted upon the astonished painter's accepting it.

Now that Hannigan was alone again his thoughts went back to the little schoolhouse, and the more he thought about the duplicity of the trustees and the slate blackboards the more angry he became. He drew from his pocket istence. While I very much regret the the fuzzy fetich which the teacher had, foolish darling ?- Boston Evening Tran- predicament in which you and your given him and in the half darkness contemplated it with a look of fine scorn.

> ny known as the "tie pass." that fool thing?"

Hannigan heard a shrill whistle and the rumble of wheels. He stepped aside in a mechanical way just in time to

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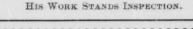


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He is the Plumber for the City of Gladstone. Shop on Central, just north of Delta avenue.





First publication March 7, 1903. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

> Department of the Interior, Land Office at Marquette, Mich., February 28, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the followingnamed settlers have filed notice of their intention to make final proof in support of their claims, and that said proof will be made before

Homestead application No. 10229 of Jackson Stephenson, for the s 1/2 of nw 1/4, section 30, township 41 north, range 22 west. And

Homestead application No. 10262 of William B. Prentiss, for the se 1/4 of section 30, township 41 north, range 22 west.

They name the following witnesses to prove their continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

Albert H. Powell of Gladstone, Mich., William H. Wellsteed, Samuel N. Cramer, Joseph A. Richards, of Brampton, Michigan, Jackson Stephenson, William B. Prentiss, of Gladstone. Mich. THOMAS SCADDEN. Register.

First publication Jan. 31, 1903. TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878-NO-TICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, MARQUETTE, MICH.

January 20, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John Britz, of Lathrop, county of Delta, State of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 734 for the purchase of the $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$ of sw $\frac{1}{4}$ and se $\frac{1}{4}$ of nw 1/4 of Section No. 12 in Township No 48 n, range No. 24 w, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Marquette, Mich., on Wednesday the 8th day of April, 1903.

He names as witnesses:

Ernest B. Fosterling, Michael Wolfe, Peter Britz, John Fosterling, all of Lathrop, Mich. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file

their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of April, 1903. THOMAS SCADDEN, Register.

First publication Feb. 14, 1903. TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.-NO-TICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office Marquette, Mich., February 10, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Peter VanValkenburg, of Escanaba, county of Delta, state of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 758, for the purchase of the sw 1/4 of section No. 2 in township No. 43 n, range No. 25 w, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the clerk of the circuit court for Delta county, Michigan, at Escanaba Michigan, on Saturday the 25th day of April,

He names as witnesses: Hans C. Jepsen, of Princeton, Mich., Charles E. Hayward, of Lathrop, Mich , Elmer F. VanValkenburg, of Escanaba, Mich., Fred Bishop, of Escanaba, Mich. Any and all persons claiming adversely the ove described lands are requested to fil claims in this office on or before said 25th day of April, 1903. THOMAS SCADDEN, Register.

Hannigan was walking on the railroad track with the measured tread common to the experienced wanderer who avails himself of that courtesy of the compa-"Luck!" muttered Hannigan. "Jim net earning of the Marquette lighting Hannigan walking the track with not a thing in his pocket but a rabbit's foot aggregate approximately \$18,000 of has a run of luck, hasn't he? Where's

Hannigan took the talisman from his pocket and threw it on the track. It do no not have to worry over the final result. dropped near a rail, where the glint from its mounting revealed its presence. Hannigan stooped as though to yond the actual operating expenses are pick it up again. Then he reconsid-

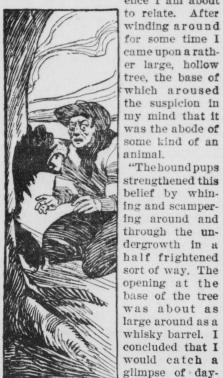
> "No," said he; "don't want it; won't have it. Let some fellow find it who

tail and jaw and one eye gone simply raised the hair of the passengers and crew, who had never seen or heard of the like before.

A Hunter's Strange Meeting With a Bear

"Speaking of bears reminds me of an experience I had on Cat island, a small chunk of land in Arkansas, and on the St. Francis river in 1878," said an old resident of Arkansas, "and it was one of the most thrilling experiences I ever had in the woods.

"I was alone, with the exception of a couple of green, untrained hound pups, who wouldn't leave my heels under any circumstances until the little experience I am about



for the tree had the evidence of being hellow all the way up. I leaned my shotgun against the trunk and shoved my head through the opening in the side of the tree. My head and face were literally covered by a shower of wood dust. There was a heavy, deep roar in the body of the tree, and as quick as a flash a big, black, ponderous something propped to the ground, and in an instant I found myself face to face with a bear.

light at the top,

"He shot his head out through the hole, showed me his teeth-teeth which seemed to me to be as sharp as daggers, and they were not short either. I found my hound pups at home. They didn't return with me, and if they had I couldn't have told just how they got back. I left a fine breechloading shotgun leaning against the tree, and it's there yet, so far as I am aware. The bear actually blew his breath in my face, and I became panic stricken, and to save my life I can't tell whether I went over or between the trees in getting out of the woods."

see if I can get as hot over it as I used to last summer.-Chicago News. made cigar.

Unlucky Opal. Nell-I know a girl who accepted an opal as an engagement ring. Belle-How unlucky! Nell-Yes, wasn't it? She found out afterward that it was only an imitation .- Philadelphia Record.

More Appropriate.

Sympathetic Caller-What class are you in at school, Bobby? Young Hopeful-I used to be in the A grammar, but since I had the hives I've been put back into the B class .-Ohio State Journal.

Wanted to Forget It.

She - Those souvenir performances are a good idea. They give one something to remember the play by. He-But I think, as a rule, I'd prefer having something to forget it by .-

His Only Refuge.

Brooklyn Life.

to run my church. Witherby-If that is really the case, the only thing for you to do is to join

my poker club.-Harper's Bazar.

Not So Dependent.



Mr. Johnsing-If I should kiss yo', Miss Vanilla, would yo' call foh assistance?

Miss Vanilla-'Sistance! Do yo' think Ah need any 'sistance to receive one stingy little kiss?-Chicago News.

Ye-es.

"Well, goodby. I'll see you at church on Sunday." "Ye-es, if my new gown is ready in

time."-Louisville Times. A High Roller.

Crawford-What saved old Rocksey from the disgrace of dying rich? Crabshaw-His son-in-law.-New York Times.

When Thus Estimated. "Pa, what's an illustrious man?" "A dead one, generally." -- Chicago Record-Herald.

The "Manistique Leader" is a union evade a train. He stood for a moment 28

The Lake Superior Retail Butchers association will hold its annual convention in Hurley, March 10 and 11. Delegates will be present from most of the towns in the Lake Superior country, and it is expected that the membership of the convention will number seventyfive. The local association is making elaborate plans for the entertainment trestle, by jing! If I had jumped, I of the visitors.

M. Blumrosen, from present indications, will have no opposition at the convention or polls for the mayorality of Jim Hannigan, you are an ungrateful resident and business man of Manistique for twenty-one years, and by hard see a crayon enlargement of Jim Hanwork, and by the exercise of correct business methods has become the largest individual taxpayer in the city.

Joseph Ruwitch a merchant of Norway, had a narrow escape from death under the wheels. He was at Quinnesec The Parson-Your wife, sir, is trying and in attempting to board a freight trrin, as it was beginning to move, was thrown between the caboose and the next car. He rolled out just in time to prevent being run over by the caboose. The Athletic club of Manistique has recently received a large consignment of athletic goods from a wellknown Chicago concern. There isn't a better equipped club room in the upper peninsula than that at Manistique, it is claim-

> Alfred Anderson of Iron Mountain while working in a mine at Metropolitan, fell down a shaft, a distance of 150 feet. He did not break any bones, but sustained serious internal injuries.

> Jos. E. Bergeron, of Iron Mountain, has 5,000,000 feet of logs banked on the Pike and expects to cut another million feet.

> The Burrell Chemical plant at Manistique was damaged by fire Thursday night of last week, the loss being about \$15,000.

nounced unsafe by the city fathers and its use denied to public gatherings.

St. Mary's church at Norway is to be enlarged and improved at an estimated James Hannigan awoke. He thought cost of \$4,000.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS TO THE NORTHWEST, WEST AND SOUTHWEST, AND COLONIST LOW RATES WEST, Via the North-Western Line. Excur- two feet of the tawny flood. Beyond sion Tickets at greatly reduced rates are on sale to the territory indicated above. Standard and Tourist Sleeping Cars, Free Reclining Chair Cars and "The a shower of fiery nodules. The ash-Best of Everything." For full particu-box was open. In the glow of the falllars apply to agents Chicago & North- ing particles Hannigan saw a gray ob-Western R'v.

Perhaps you are keeping other people awake nights too. Powell's Cough Syrup will cure it.

contemplating the two fiery eyes of red which were diminishing in front of him. Then he looked around him. "I was crossing the long trestle, and

I didn't know it," said Hannigan. "Now, by gum, that is what I call luck -crossing the trestle with no chance in the world to get off it and spikes on the sides of the track to make it uncomfortable for us hoboes; crossing the would have been drowned in twenty feet of water, and if I had stayed they would never have recognized me except for this can of sawdust cocktails. Manistique. Mr. Blumrosen has been a cuss. That rabbit's foot saved you, and you threw it away. This is where you nigan going back to find the only thing which ever brought him luck."

He went back over the ties, dodging the spikes, looking for the rabbit's foot. He could see no trace of it. He glanced up in time to see two bulging eyes of red which were growing bigger with every second. James Hannigan

jumped and shrieked. The "Cannon Ball" was backing down on him, and he was in the middle of the trestle. He threw himself on the track, rolled over. clasped the end of a tie in his arms and swung himself off just as the express whizzed over his head. Above him was the roar of the train, and beneath him the waters of the Hocking were greed ily lapping the wooden piles.

"Talk about hard luck," muttered the trembling painter of blackboards. "Queered for life by a rabbit's foot and a schoolmarm's smile."

The trestle was vibrating beneath the weight of the train. Hannigan, with his right arm within six inches of the rail over which were rushing the wheels of the "Cannon Ball," felt a shiver through every nerve of his body. He yelled curses, and the rails gave back a mocking sound. He felt the

dull pain of weariness in his arms. "Twenty feet of water below," moaned Hannigan, "and I can't swim! I couldn't draw myself up, even if the train wasn't here. Well, so long, everybody. Here is the end of James Han-The city hall at Norway has been pro- nigan, born a scenic artist, died a bum.

He dropped. The cold waters closed about the form of the knight of the road. Then a moment of silence, and he was sitting on downy cushions and around him was poured a cooling and a crystal flood. Hannigan sat bolt upright in the dark mud of the Hocking river bottom, and about him flowed were the dark depths of the stream. From the locomotive a few feet ahead on the trestle above there came

ject floating on the tide before him, He picked it up and placed it reverently in the upper pocket of his coat. JOHN WALKER MARRINGTON.

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Leaving Menominee Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 p.m. Arriving at Frankfort at 6:00 a.m. making close connections to all southern | day of March, 1903.

points For further information apply to JOHN HANCOCK, Agent at Manistique, Mich. Or A. ALLISON, Agent at Menominee, Mich

First publication March 7, 1903.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Morris Anderson and Wilhelmina Anderson, both of the City of Gladstone, Michigan, have this day formed a limited partnership under the day formed a limited partnership under the provisions of Chapter No. 159 of the Compiled Laws of Michigan, 1807, for the purpose of transacting and carrying on a retail meat mar-ket business at Gładstone, Mich., under the firm name of M. Anderson & Company. Said partnership to commence March 4, 1908, and continue until March 4, 1906. That Morris An-derson is a general partner contributing to the common stock of said firm the sum of five hun-dred dollars. Dated March 4, 1908.

First publication February 28, 1903. TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.-NO-TICE FOR PUBLICATION. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, MARQUETTE, MICH.

February 13th, 1903. Notice is hereby given that in compliance

with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3; 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon. Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892. John Payton of Lathrop, county of Delta, state of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 763, for the purchase of the ne 1/4 of se 1/4 of section No. 4 in township No. 43 n, range No. 23 w, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Marquette, Mich., on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 1903. He names as witnesses

Timothy Curran, William Rich, John Britz, Charles E. Hayward all of Lathrop, Mich. Any and all persons claiming adversely the

above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 5th day of May, 1903. THOMAS SCADDEN, Register.

First publication Jan. 10, 1903. TIMBER LAND ACT, JUNE 3, 1878.-NO-TICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Marquette, Mich., December 26, 1902.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, John L. Laing, of Gladstone, county of Delta, state (or territory) of Michigan, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 703, for the purchase of the nw 4 of se 1/4 of section No. 22 in township No. 42 n. range No. 20 west, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the clerk of the circuit court for Delta county, Michigan, at Escanaba, Michigan, on Friday the 20th day of March, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Archie Connors Charles E. Hamilton, Henry F. Bertrand, Fred. E. Darling, all of Rapid River, Mich.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 20th

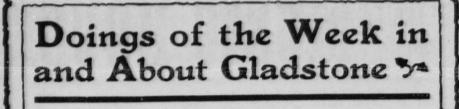
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THOMAS SCADDEN, Register.

First publication January 31, 1903. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

> Department of the Interior, Land Office at Marquette, Mich. January 14, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Delta county at Escanaba, Mich., on



News Items That Are of General Interest to Our Local Readers.

NOTICE.

NOTICE. The Delta's price for publishing notices of en-tertainments given by religious or other socie-ties, to which an admission is charged, or from which a profit is expected, is FIVE CENTS PER LINE. Resolutions of any society or or-ganization will be published at the same rate. CARDS OF THANKS WILL BE CHARGED FOR AT TEN CENTS PER LINE.

Tickets for the Opening Entertainment of the Gladstone Theater were from the mining company. placed on sale Wednesday. The price is five dollars and the directors, who need the money to finish their work, hope that they may be able to fill the house on the opening night. The play will be the best that can be procured and patrons will have something for their money besides the satisfaction of assisting in the work of providing Gladstone with a handsome and comfortable opera house. No man whose heart is in the right place and whose head is on straight, can go into the new house and see what energy and resolution have done for us without a wish to help a little in a work that a few good citizens have carried on almost unaided. A look time ago. through this large, handsome and com modious building will be all the arguhe can make no better use of a few spare village and returns every day. The event that has yet happened in Glad- the seventy-five miles he walks every stone. Every Gladstonian who has a week certainly afford him ample exerreputation to make or lose will be in cise. the opera house on the opening night. It will be an epoch in the history of the day bawled out to him that he wanted City from which will be reckoned the another sponge. "What's the matter beginning of a new order of things in with the one you have?" said P. J. "1t's this community. Not every good citi- all full of holes, and leaks so I can't use zen can buy stock; but almost every it" said the bather. A new line of good citizen can buy a ticket or two. sponges was ordered at once. Let your name appear among those who are not found wanting in patriotism and from Chicago where he has been buying

perity is the prop of their homes. years of age, died in the Delta County hospital Monday morning of typhoid and desirable articles. fever. The young man's home was at Chief Lake, Manistee county, and when tion of purchasing the first ticket to the doubtless set forth the claims of Gladis said, has been a father to young Sabin good citizens whose scruples do not pro- that he will succeed if success is possi-Owing to the fact that Mrs. Sabin is amusements. very ill in Chief Lake, Mr. McCarthy the funeral and burial take place here, with the others and will doubtless have city on a mission of so much importthe grave had been filled with the cold Should he be nominated he will make a hard earth, Mr. McCarthy changed his strong run. mind and had the grave opened and the casket prepared for shipment. He took the remains to Chief Lake Wednesday. Arthur R. Moreen, aged sixteen years, formerly of Menominee, has been ap- of the department horses crushing him pointed telegraph operator for the "Soo" railway at Faithorn Junction, Menominee county. It is thought that this youth enjoys the distinction of being the youngest man on record to hold such a responsible position in the railroad service. Henry Moreen, the young man's father, while a resident of Menominee, was ticket agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railway, but is now proprietor of a general store at Wagner, Wis. The Manistiqe, Marquette & Northern railroad company will build a side track four miles north of Manistique for the convenience of the farmers residing in that vicinity. A number of the farmers have decided to raise sugar beets for the Menominee factory and this track will dress Box 601, Gladstone, Mich. save them a long haul to Manistique. The railroad company is showing a disposition to assist the farmers along its line of road in every way possible.

The committee that is soliciting aid for the Swedish famine sufferers at Ishpeming has received \$250 from the Cleveland-Cliffs Co. The other companies have been appealed to and are expected to give as much. The committee has succeeded in securing about

\$500 in addition to the contribution About ive o'clock Sunday afternoon

while Andrew J. Swanson was crossing Central avenue on Wisconsin, he slipped on the icy incline and fcll, breaking his injuries and reports that he is doing as well as can be expected.

Proceedings have been brought before Judge Miller by the city of Iron Mountain to compel the Pabst and the Leisen and Henes brewing company to pay the \$500 license required by law. paid the license under protest, some filled. The primaries in Gladstone at

Will Weber, of Manistique, who is ten. teaching in one of the departments of ment needed to convince any man that the Thompson schools, walks to that dollars than to buy a seat for the great- round trip distance is fifteen miles, and

One of Baker's customers on Wednes-

D. McCarthy returned Monday night a proper pride in the place whose pros- goods for the variety store and since his return has been busy as a nailor unpack-Oscar Sabin, a Soo Line brakeman, 26 ing cases of goods which will fill the windows and shelves with attractive

might prove fatal and decided to have didate for re-election. He is in the field a member of the minority party in the

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican County Convention net pursuant to call in the city hall of Gladstone on Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. The convention was called to order by the Hon. C. V. R. Townsend, chairman of the republican county committee, and T. B. Davis of Nahma was unanimously chosen temporary chairman. C. W. Malloch was chosen secretary and the organization was subsequently made permanent. The necessary committees were appointed and reported immediately, and the convention proceeded to business.

P. R. Legg was renominated unanimously to be candidate for county commissioner of schools.

For county road commissioner for the full term of six years Basilio Lenzi was streets to wit: unanimously nominated and for the four year term Erick Anderson was similarly honored.

Delegates to the Republican state convention were chosen as follows: O. B. Fuller, A. P. Smith, John Cummiskey, Judd Yelland, T. B. White, I. C. leg in two places between the ankle and Jennings, Ole Erickson, George Rowe the knee. Dr. Forsyth attended to his and John Crooks. The convention sat less than an hour and though there was a full representation, there was no di-

versity of sentiment and an adjournment was taken in the best of humour. There were but few spectators of the proceedings, for little interest is taken in state politics at this season and there The Hagemeister Brewing company was no scramble for the county offices

DID THE RIGHT THING.

Monday evening the city council appropriated seventy five dollars to defray

sage of the House Bill which provides that the City of Gladstone shall send its of supervisors. Though the idea has Nays Ald. Eaton.

be said to have originated the matter this year, and is entitled to the honor

purpose; though it is larger than that which Mr. Champion at first proposed, and in any case is money well spent.

He will have the assistance of the city Frank H. Steurwald has the distinc- attorney, Counsellor Empson, and will

was afraid that the shock of a funeral stating that the city clerk is not a can-for its fair and manly course in sending Bros. be certified to the Board of Su-

City Council. March 2nd 1903. Regular meeting of the common coun-

Present, Mayor Townsend and Alderman Conkey, Eaton, Helander, Mason, Madden, Skelton and Young. Absent Ald. Gormsen.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. To the Hon. Mayor and Common Coun-

cil of the City of Gladstone, Mich. We the undersigned residents and taxpayers of the City of Gladstone respectfully petition your honorable body to cause to be gravelled the following

Seventh street from Delta avenue to Michigan avenue and Minnesota avenue from Sixth street to Eighth street and your petitioners will ever pray. Signed

by W. F. Hammel, H. C. Henke and twelve other citizens and taxpayers of the City of Gladstone.

The petition was referred to the street committee.

The report of R. Mertz was read and accepted and ordered placed on file. Moved by Ald. Madden supported by Ald. Skelton that the communication from John Hancock in regard to his taxes be referred to the Finance Com-

Carried, Yeas, Ald. Conkey, Eaton, Helander, Mason, Madden, Skelton and Young.

Moved by Ald. Madden supported by Ald. Conkey that the council appropriate \$75.00 to pay the expense of I. G. Champion while at Lansing assisting

the expenses of I. G. Champion while now pending in the House, in regard representing the city before the legisla- to making the Mayor and Assessor Exture for the purpose of urging the pas- officio members of the Board of Super-

visors, passed. Carried, Yeas, Ald. Conkey, Helandmayor and assessor to sit on the board er, Mason, Madden, Skelton and Young.

Gladstone, Mich., March 2, 1903. To the Common Council of the City of Gladstone:

The committee on claims would rehouses, if any one can be said to have spectfully recommend the following bills

> Chas. E. Mason, printing..... 13.90 Michigan Tel. Co. police alarm.... 4.50

\$19.31 Moved by Ald. Conkey supported by Ald. Helander that the report of the

Carried, Yeas, Ald. Conkey, Eaton,



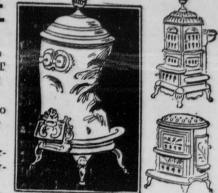
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Look over our line of Copper and Enameled Ware. We are exclusive agents for the celebrated Chrysolite Green and White Mottled Enameled Ware, pure white inside. This ware is fully guaranteed and is proof against acids, consequently is the best for cooking

H. W. BLACKWELL.



Endangers both the home and person. One may meet with a serious accident while escaping from or attempting to save something in a burning building.

least did not call out one republican in the City Attorney in having the Bill

mittee.

been extant before, Mr. Champion may

of pushing the bill through the two

such a claim. The sum appropriated for payment: seems to The Delta rather small for the Postal Tel. Cable Co., message

the news of the young man's death was opening of the Gladstone Theater. His stone to increased representation as well committee be accepted and orders sent there, Dennis McCarthy, whom it example is being followed by all the as any man in the city. It is certain drawn for the several amounts.

The Delta was in error last week in The council is much to be commended Ald. Helander that the bill of Swenson that he will omit no measure that is Young.

STILL IMPROVING.

number of large covered glass jars, in

delicatessen. It is a pleasure to look at

the food, thus plain to the sight to the

very bottom and secure from dust and

dirt. In a few days he will receive a

fine rack to hang over the counter: up-

on which will be hung the choicer

OH, WHY?

ont again? We have great confidence

SYMMES' HOLE.

Advanced by a Scientist.

Probably the oddest idea ever for a

moment entertained by a scientist was

globe. Symmes was a jurist, a scien-

According to this queer theory, these

like a nest of crockery ware, with an

open space of a few hundred miles be-

tween each. Furthermore, he believed

that both the outside and the inside

Detroit Tribune.

several spheres.

The doctors of the university are here-

meat, pigs' feet, oysters, pickles, fish and Young.

came up to take charge of the remains. hibit them from patronizing innocent ble and our people may be confident Helander, Mason, Madden, Skelton and

W. H. Patton leaves to-night for St. Paul where he will remain permanently in the employ of the Chicago & Great Western Railway. Mr. and Mrs. Pattou have made so many friends in Gladstone during their long sojourn here, that their departure will be seriously felt in the Steam Laundry for the past three among those they leave behind them. But St. Paul is not so very far away.

Tickets to the opera house opening April, 13 are selling fast. The play stone, but now of Chicago, Ohio, was in will be S. Miller Kent's "The Cowboy the city this week visiting friends and and the Lady." The play is good, the doing a little business. house fresh and handsome and the occasion the greateat. Everybody must arrived Wednesday and is visiting relahave a ticket. These tickets are to be tives and friends. She will remain a exchanged at the box office after 9 a. week or so. m., April 9, for coupon tickets.

found by experience that a whole lot of R'y. water will drain off through a small hole, the sand being porous enough to day and will be back Sunday. He, too, swallow it up in great quantities. There is buying goods. is a hint here for those whose cellars need draining.

Miss Lois Bacon has gone to Chicago week or so. and Milwankee to get the new styles in millinery and will return in about two visiting her mother, Mrs. J. Fleming. weeks with a full line of millinery and fancy art goods, which she will display monia and unable to be at his post. in the old stand on Central avenue. This season Miss Bacon conducts the returning to Marquette Monday. business alone.

At the M. E. church next Sunday evening; "A modern interpretation of the parable of the talents."

but after the ceremony was over and a strong support in the convention. ance to the city's interest.

John Loose, chief of the Manistique fire department, is laid up with three broken ribs and a painful injury to his back and hip. He was injured by one against the wall of the engine quarters. Marion Fox came down to business last Friday for the first time since he has been ill, and looks much better than might be expected after so long a siege. His friends are very glad to see him among them again.

John Hancock of Manistique called on Gladstone Thursday and caught the nine thirty for home this morning. Luke to have his place of business correspond operation for appendicitis and is still in

habit of going to market yourself, make For sale at a bargain, a new Deane a little visit to his market and see for fly-shuttle, all iron rag carpet loom and yourself.

full weaving outfit. Capacity up to 60 yards per day. Have no use for it. Ad-

Evening subject in the Presbyterian easily dealt with, is it that a student in church "Things that Count." Illness the Colgate university of Hamilton, prevented Mrs. Mahaney singing last New York, has been operated on 10 times Sunday but she will sing next Sunday for it and as far as is known has not yet yet got through having it? And what is the use of cutting it off if it will grow evening.

H. W. Blackwell returned from Chisome weeks in the great city. He is sors get time we want this explained .-much improved in health and spirits.

Thomas Venn, who has been employed years, left Saturday night for Chicago The Peculiar Theory That Was Once where he has secured employment.

William Schlafge well known to Gladthat of John Cleves Symmes concerning the condition of the interior of our

tist, or, as the French would say, a Mrs. John Hancock, of Manistique, "savant," of international reputation, an explorer "on his own hook" and an

Mr. Charles A. Cairns has been ap- originated with the king of Bedlam. Commissioner Strand has sunk the pointed general passenger and ticket He believed and lectured before learnwell at Delta and Seventh street and agent of the Chicago & Northwestern ed college societies in support of his

> five to seven hollow concentric spheres Casper Elquist went to Chicago Saturand that at the poles there is a round opening entirely through each of the

> Mr. Goldstein went to Chicago Saturspheres are placed one inside the other, day last and will be busy buying for a

Mrs. Fred. Portelance of Escanaba is

Postmaster Laing is ill with pneu-

Dr. Hudson spent Sunday in the city Born, Wednesday March 3, to Mr. and

Mrs. Dan Call, a son.

28 near Newport, Ky. "Manistique Leader."

pervisors from the Gladstone Board of Health for payment, Carried, Yeas, Ald. Conkey, Eaton,

Helander, Mason, Madden, Skelton and Martin Weinig is constantly adding Young. to the facilities or to the appearance of Moved by Ald. Young supported by his meat market. The latest touch is a Ald. Helander that the council adjourn.

Carried, Yeas, Ald. Conkey, Eaton, which is the appetizing display of mince Helander, Mason, Madden, Skelton and JOHN MCINTYRE.

Deputy City Clerk.

SUGAR BEET GROWING. Montana a Natural Habitat of Roots.

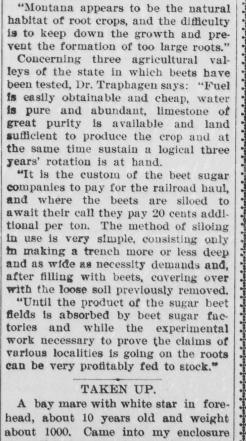
Good Results Reported.

delicacies as they come in season. Mr. Reporting upon the sugar beet situa-Weinig still maintains his reputation as tion in Montana, Dr. F. W. Traphagen, most experienced maker of fine sauage in this part of the world, and he wishes the chemist of the experiment station. expresses the confidence that "Mon-Hancock has not yet recovered from his with his reputation for handling the tana conditions are favorable to the best of everything in the line of meats production of sugar beets of high sugand delicacies. If you are not in the ar content and standard purity." Other conclusions are:

"It is clearly demonstrated that greater attention on the part of farmers to the care of the crop would be attended with marked improvements in by enquired of why, if appendicitis is so the quality of the product.

"Several localities similar in location and climate to the Gallatin valley possess all the requirements of sites for the location of beet sugar factories. "Sugar beets containing the required

amount of sugar and of sufficient puago last Saturday after a sojourn of in surgical science, but when the profes- rity cannot be grown in presence of excess of alkali.



head, about 10 years old and weight about 1000. Came into my enclosure about Feb 15. Owner will please take ARTHUR LEIGHTON Bay de Noc Township.

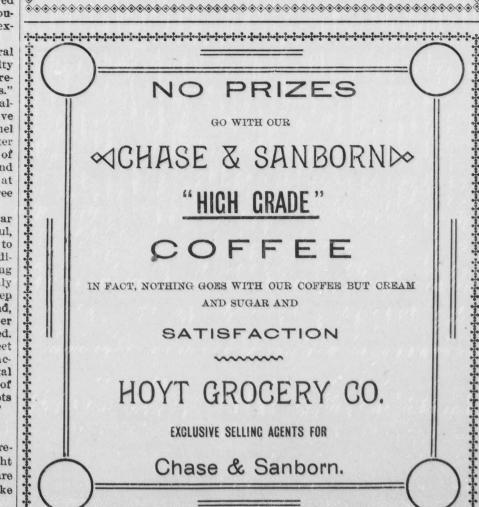
Why not be safe from pecuniary loss in either case? Carry Fire and Accident insurance and the loss will fall upon those best able to pay it. The companies I represent settle all claims promptly and are very liberal in their treatment of policy holders.

G. R. EMPSON.

**** The Butter Question

Are you eating real butter or does your grocer send you the greasy, streak of white and streak of yellow kind put up in the 'butter renovating factories" of the commission houses?

I am handling dairy and creamery butter; you can eat it with your eyes open; *====WEINIG'S.



of each of these bubblelike spheres are inhabited, which would give not less than ten and probably fourteen "thea-

ters of action" instead of the one habitable surface with which we are all acquainted to a greater or lesser de-For a fine Havana smoke try the gree. Symmes lived for many years her away.

all round man of letters, yet one would think that some of his ideas must have views that the earth consists of from

BILLSIN LEGISLATURE

One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Six Have Been Introduced.

REFORMING ELECTION LAWS

Progress Has Been Made During the Past Few Days-Bills Affecting Tax System.

Lansing, Mich., March 3 .- It is violating no confidence to say that the legislature has sufficient work on the books to keep it in session until next has made a survey and determined fall if it sees fit to consider all the where we are at. It is evident from bills that have been dumped into the this computation that the committee hopper since the session commenced. and legislature will find it necessary The public in general, however, and to do some heoric pruning if the next the taxpayers of the state in particular state tax levy is to be kept within are to be congratulated on the fact reasonable bounds inasmuch as the that many of the measures that have amount asked for by the various infound their way to the clerk's desk stitutions, etc., considerably exceeds were never intended by the introducers the total levy for the past two years, to again see daylight, having been in- and it is conceded that that was high troduced "by request," while many enough to suit the most fastidious. more are the result of a sudden and not altogether well considered impulse propriation bills shows the following to reform things, which impulse invariably dies away soon enough to state government and other miscellaneleave the revolutionary measures in ous objects, \$2,990,880; current exthe dump, where they can perform their most meritorious service. In ad. expenses of asylums, \$1,373,122.61; dition to these two classes of bills current expenses educational instituthat were simply born to die without the aid of an executioner even, there such as new buildings, repairs, etc., are a large ' number of emergency measures which have been introduced by title only, with a view of having on hand material with which to meet whatever exigency may arise, and in a great majority of these instances the necessity for using these titles, for that is all there is to these bills, is never encountered. Practically every one of the state departments has had a number of these emergency titles introduced.

Number of Bills Introduced.

When the gavel dropped at the close of the fifteenth day of the session, the limit for the introduction of bills under the constitution, a total of per year. 1,766 bills were on the calendars of the two houses. This total is 148 less table or in the committee clerks' desks

for the first time this session a day or two ago and put to sleep a bill providing that the finance and auditing committee of the board of supervisors of Ionia county might be paid a per diem for time actually spent in official duties during the time the board is not in session. The veto was based on the governor's oft repeated assertion that special acts should not be passed where a general law will apply, and he argued that if this proposed departure would be a good thing for Ionia county, it would be equally as good for the other counties of this state, there being no conditions which made it of special importance or necessity in Ionia that do not obtain in other counties. Several like bills are pending and will meet the same fate. Some Heroic Pruning.

Now that the appropriation bills are all in the ways and means committee A recapitualtion of the numerous apdemands: General expenses of the penses of prisons, \$204,000; current tions, \$1,328,356; special purposes, \$1,902,150; additional for buildings now being constructed, \$15,100; grand total, \$7,813,608.61.

Numerous bills affecting the liquor traffic have been presented, but the most unique is that of Representative Richards who would have Michigan adopt the South Carolina dispensary law. This would, of course, require the state to engage in the retail liquor business. Whenever a community desires a dispensary it could procure the articles upon the petition of a majority of its voters. This dispensary would be in charge of a state officer who would receive a salary of \$1,000

Profits Accrue to the State.

Liquor would be furnished customthan that of two years ago. The ers in sealed packages at the market senators outdid their record of 1901 price, and all profits would accrue to by 11, while the house members fell the state. The liquor would have to short by 159. Pretty much every be toted away from the dispensary besubject imaginable is covered, all the fore consumed as the law forbids the old familiar measures of recent years opening of the packages at the dispenbeing out in full force, except, possibly, sary. A board or commission of five railroad tax bills, which dropped down members, each of whom would receive a few notches, owing to the existence an annual salary of \$1,500, would be of the ad valorem tax law, which is in general charge of the state dispengenerally satisfactory. It is safe to say sary system, and this commission that not more than one in three of the would elect a state liquor commistotal number of bills introduced will sioner who would receive a salary of be seriously considered, while a great \$2,500. All liquor dispensed by the majority are as near to becoming laws state would first be chemically ananow as they peacefully slumber on the lyzed at the agricultural college with a view of insurin ist the sale of

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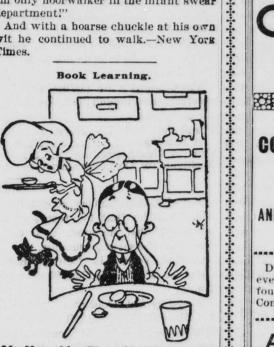
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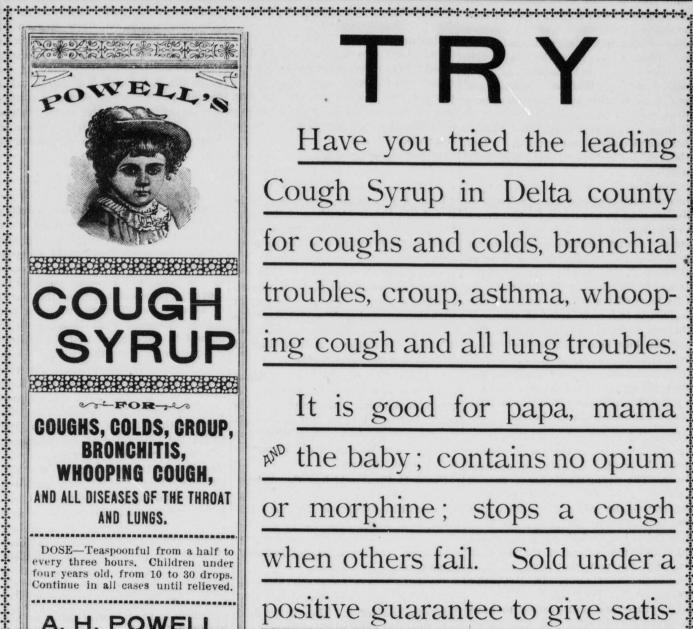
The Ups and Downs of Poor Mr. Younghusband.

"What ups and downs there are in life, even in one short twelvemonth of existence!" gloomily observed Mr. Younghusband as he climbed out of the connubial couch at midnight's chilly hour, fell over a rocking chair and then |. limpingly made his way toward a crib in which a fretful infant with sole leather lungs was wildly pawing the atmosphere and emitting hair raising howls of agony.

"Yes," he went on bitterly, reaching for the complaining bundle of humanity in the crib and cradling it on his arm; "one brief year ago I prided myself on being chief partner in the matrimenial firm. Now, hang it, I find f am only floorwalker in the infant swear department!"

wit he continued to walk .- New York Times.





as they ever will be.

plying to the entire state. At this But then it is an interesting document hearing a number of legislators and and its introducer has hopes. other citizens from various sections of acted.

Reform in the Tax System.

From the number of bills in hand affecting the tax system it is evident this movement. that a determined effort is to be made to effect some substantial reforms in been introduced. the state

To Abolish State Census.

will be killed.

There are those among the legis-

anything but the real stuff. The in-As predicted last week substantial dications are that patriotic citizens progress has been made during the who might have a yearning to serve past few days in the direction of re- the state in the capacity outlined forming the election laws. The Wayne above need not fall over each other or county primary election bill was pass- run the risk of suffering a stroke of ed by both houses, the Kent county apoplexy in their anxiety to file the bill advanced, and a general hearing applications. It will be several days given on the primary election bill ap- at least before the bill becomes a law.

The women of the state, or at least the state expressed themselves freely the representatives of a large and very and a large majority of them expressed respectable and intelligent element, themselves as unqualifiedly favoring are again seeking to have the instituthe bill. There is practically no doubt tion laws amended so as to provide that a general primary law will be en- that at least one member of each state institution in which women, girls or children are cared for shall be a wo-

man. There is much to commend in

The Divorce Question.

The divorce question continues to this direction. While the material of- keep well on the surface and numerfered in this connection is of sufficient ous bills designed to better conditions bulk to choke a rhinosceros or two, it in this connection are on the lists. is confidently expected by the prime One offered by Representative Holmes movers that a satisfactory bill can be provides that co-respondents in these formulated from it. The main effort suits which result in the breaking up will be in the direction of doing away of a family shall be prosecuted for with double taxation incident to the felony, and also makes it a felony for taxation of both the real estate and a person to resort to hypnotism in his the mortgage covering such real es- efforts to alienate the affections of a tate. Just how this will be accom- wife from her husband. It is evident plished remains to be determined. One that the alarming increase in the numof the tax bills exempts credits from ber of divorces granted in Michigan is taxation, while another provides for directing public attention to this evil. applying the stamp system to prom- Time was when no one ever seriissory notes, mortgages and deeds, the ously considered any portion of the revenue varying from the nature of upper peninsula as an agricultural the instrument. This bill also seeks possibility. Now, however, since emito reach parlor car companies, which nently satisfactory experiments have now escape taxation altogether, by been conducted in certain sections requiring them to place a one cent above the strait, a bill has been instamp upon each parlor and sleeping troduced to make an appropriation of car ticket sold, such stamps to be \$25,000 for the establishment of an purchased by the companies from the experiment farm in Alger county for auditor general. A question has been the purpose of conducting experiments raised as to the unconstitutionality of along the lines of the most effective this method of taxation, and in order methods of farming under conditions to meet the issue a joint resolution which prevail in the upper peninsula. proposing an amendment to the con- The railroad committee of the house stitution providing for this plan has will endeavor to have submitted to the Representative people a constitutional amendment Rodgers would extend this plan of that will legalize the creation of a raising revenue to the theaters and re-quire that a one cent stamp be at-posed to submit this question next tached to each theater ticket sold in month so that the necessary law can be enacted at this session

New and Deadly Bullet.

lators who believe that the expendi-In connection with the extensive certificates. The reading will be from ture of \$200,000 which it costs to take manufacture of the new bullet inand compile and publish the state cenvented for the French army several sus every ten years is wholly unwarranted inasmuch as the general gov- sets of cartridges have been stolen at 50 ernment covers this work quite as Lyons. It is thought that they have thoroughly. The taking of the next been sold to foreign powers, and vigorstate census will occur next year and ous search is being made to trace the with a view of heading it off, Senator culprits. The new bullet's propelling Barnes has offered a joint resolution power is so great as to drive the bullet in a straight course for half a mile submitting a constitutional amendment to abolish the state census. It is dol- without any of the rise and fall of the lars to doughnuts that the resolution present trajectory. This insures terrific speed and certainty of aim .- Chica-Gov. Bliss exercised the veto power go Post.

Mr. Newedde-These biscuits are awful.

Mrs. Newedde-Impossible. Why, the recipe says they are excellent. -- San Francisco Examiner.

Defending Her Age.

He-Did you say your father was in the civil war?

She-Did I say so? What a silly blunder! Why, you must think me as old as the hills. No, dear papa wasn't in the war. He was just a mere boy then.

He-Pardon me, but I thought you said your father was at Gettysburg? You were telling how hard it was for him to keep step. She-Oh, now I know! That was my

steplather .-- Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Living Versus Rooming. Stranger-How many people live in this city? Citizen-About 200,000. "So? I had thought you had a population of at least 300,000." "Oh, so we have. But only about

two-thirds of them live. The rest room and board.-Baltimore American.

ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the election to be held in the County of Delta, State of Michigan, on Monday the sixth day of April, A. D. 1903 the following county officers are to be elected, viz

County Commissioner of schools, one county road commissioner for the full term of six years and one county road commissioner to fill vacancy for the term ending the first day of May, 1907.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court for the County of Delta, at the City of Escanaba, Michigan this 26th day of February, A. D.,

[SEAL] ALFRED P. SMITH, County Clerk.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The regular teachers' examination for Delta County will be held at the court house, city of Escanaba, commeneing on Thursday, March 26, at 8:30 a. m. This examination is open to all applicants for first, second, and third grade "The Vision of Sir Launfal."

P. R. LEGG, County Com'r of Schools.

DAILY TRIPS.

The Ann Arbor boats are now making daily trips into Manistique and will continue, making that port daily during the winter months. This is the most direct sary to add more water, see that the route to southern and eastern points. water used is boiling. To fill the ket-For further information apply to John the with cold water makes the meat Hancock, agent, Manistique, Mich. tf tough.

Manufacturing Chemist, GLADSTONE, MICHIGAN.

faction or your money will be

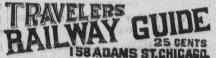
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If you have not used it ask your neighbors; the most of them have got the genuine; accept of no substitute.

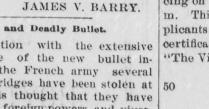
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