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## SOME REASONS WHY ADVERTISERS

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With one move of the Plumed Knight, the entire aspect of the political chessboard is changed. The withdrawal of Mr. Blaine's name from the consideration of the convention promises a varied contest at Minneapolis. What ever may be the true reasons for the Secretary's present determination, his desire for the honor of the presidency once led him to wage a hard and bitter battle for it. And now a contest would be assured of a much more happy outcome, Republicans generally will regret the circumstances which makes it impossible for them to bestow the highest office upon the brilliant leader. The Plaindealer and Afro-Americans generally are disposed to put upon Mr. Blaine a large part of the responsibility for the failure of all measures looking towards the amelioration of the Afro-American's condition and for the protection of his citizenship. So that while sharing every Republican's admiration for the brilliant services rendered to his party, they will have little real regret that the powers of the executive will not be his.

Were it not for the growth of the one term idea, stimulated no doubt by the clamor of various "Favorite sons," whose eligibility extends through scarcely a generation, there would be little or no opposition to President Harrison's renomination. In spite of the peculiar relation sustained by Mr. Blaine to the party the demand for his renomination has been strong and the retirement of the Premier will give it an additional impetus. His administration has been satisfactory and his adherence to fundamental Republican principles in the face of the opposition of the silver idolaters whose blind worship of false gods brought so much disaster in 1890, has won the warm approval of "old fashioned" Republicans. That he will be renominated seems most probable but it will not be without a vigorous contest with several very able and well generated booms. All the old "Favorites" and plenty of new ones, including Governor McKinley, Senator Cullom, and Minister Lincoln will go to the Minneapolis convention with a band of fighters prepared for a square fight on a fair field where "precedence" and "good record" will not be expected to cut any figure.

The experience of the Alger adherents in the last struggle will give them some advantage this time as he will no longer "have to be introduced" as his contestants tauntingly expressed it. Michigan's enthusiastic support of his candidacy made a deep impression upon the delegates to the Chicago convention many of whom will be returned to Minneapolis. The same fire may be kindling anew, perhaps this time to

sweep the country. Be the outcome as it may the party will be all the better for a lively and an enthusiastic convention.

The "Star Specialty Company" formerly the "Democratic Party" under a new management has entered its third month's run at the capitol. The management announces a complete change of bill at every performance with the exception of the ever popular and renowned "bear dance." It also calls attention to the unrivaled numbers of its "specialties." There is Bland in his "Free Silver" act; Springer in "Free wool" performances; Whiting in "Free salt;" Mills, the Ante Arispite; Bynum, the contortionist; Halman, the great objector and general manipulator of the economies; The Oriental Gold Bug chorus and an uproarious piece "a party in a pickle."

Fresh peanuts are served daily by David B. Hill and tickets are refunded if through the unexpected demise of a member, the performance is not up to the usual standard. Music is furnished by the opposition and really one of the best features is the Rules Committee dance to Czar Reed's Fiddle.

The sympathy of The Plaindealer is extended to the editor of the American Citizen whose home was destroyed by fire last week.

The position of Judge Tourgee as a champion of human rights makes him a target for various criticisms as well as queries. Those who have essayed to run up against him, however, have found that he is heavily loaded.

The lotteryites of Louisiana are becoming desperate, they are not only openly importing arms to terrorize Afro-Americans but they are attempting to bulldoze the other wing of the old line bourbons. Last week a committee waited on Governor Nichols to know what he intended to do toward giving the lottery a fair show, his reply was that he would do as McEnery had done. It will be remembered that McEnery proposed that the laws be suspended that the election might be carried for the bourbons. Thus Gov. Nichols gives candidate McEnery and his lottery followers a dose of their own bulldozing medicine and it is going to be mighty hard for them to swallow. One of New Orleans contemporaries gives this laconic quotations apropos to the situation, "Those who sow the wind must reap the whirlwind."

It is gratifying to read the weekly reports from all over our land, of the marks Afro-Americans are making in every avenue of life and every branch of business. There is no gainsaying the fact that we are getting there as individuals and since by the social laws of the land an Afro-American can scarce rise higher than his race, we are getting there as a people. We have ever contended that merit will win in the end as against mere prejudice. What an interesting work, "The Conquest of American Prejudice" will be for the next generation.

The American Citizen should take Plaindealer editorials as they read, and not extract sentences for the purpose of garbling a point. The Plaindealer repeats for the Citizen's benefit that it has advocated for the Afro-Americans of the South division of their votes, if by such division life could be made bearable. It has advocated that they accept the new issues as they come along, and identify themselves with the interests of their neighbors in order to create a division of the white vote. The Plaindealer was moved to do this because the Republican party leaders were either unable or unwilling to protect either them or white Republicans in the right of citizenship. While advocating such a policy The Plaindealer would never forget its dignity or self-respect as to advise any one to accept such conditions as are imposed upon the Afro-Americans by the Democratic State Executive Committee of South Carolina.

The power of an earnest protest was never more fully illustrated than in the case of the Hon. Frederick Douglass and the depot restaurant of the Pennsylvania railroad company of Washington, D. C. This has been one of the very few first-class restaurants where an Afro-American could be served, but the Washington managers of the restaurant determined on shutting off even this privilege and carried the offensive rule so far as to fence Mr. Douglass and his wife "off from the rest of the dining-room by

a screen. Mr. Douglass protested, whereupon he was shown the order to exclude Afro-Americans from the privileges of the place. Not content with this decision Mr. Douglass appealed to the president of the road with the result that the offensive order was overruled. What Mr. Douglass has done might have been done and can yet be done by others whose protest will be heard because of their position. Instead, many of our prominent men have swallowed insults of this kind without uttering a word.

That public sentiment in the North does not warrant such meanness on the part of any public place is freely in which all classes of men seek to do Mr. Douglass honor. There is scarcely a large Northern city where he has not been a welcome guest at the private residences of the best families. Yet such an obnoxious rule as adapted by this depot restaurant would, and did in this case, apply to him as well as the dirtiest, lowest man in the city. We have much to fight for and we must continue the warfare.

More than at any time, in its history will the Republican party in the coming national campaign have to consider the wishes of the Afro-American element in its ranks. Feeling against party bosses in several close states is deep-seated, and any man who is likely to receive his nomination because of them is very apt to receive only luke-warm support. Revolt stares the party in the face, and only some strong movement on its part, such as the appointment of an Afro-American to the appellate bench, can overcome the disaffection, weld the element into a harmonious whole, and create an enthusiasm for party and the nominees that will carry every close Northern state.

If the disaffection in New York state, among Afro-Americans is as strong as is claimed against the bossism of ex-Senator Platt, then man who through his machination may become the presidential nominee, will not be very likely to secure enthusiastic support from them in that state, since success will not be any advantage to them.

Secretary Blaine has astonished the country by his letter to Chairman Clarkson, announcing that he is not a candidate for the presidential nomination, and in view of this action, numerous candidates are springing up. Michigan wants her favorite son, R. A. Alger; Wisconsin, Jerry Rusk; Iowa, J. S. Clarkson; Illinois, Senator Cullom, and Gresham, Reed, McKinley and others have their warm adherents, and it is very likely that that excellent man, who as an exponent of the principles of his party has no superior, whose ability is unquestioned, President Harrison, will have severe opposition to secure renomination.

If the rumor be true of what is said concerning an after-dinner speech made by Secretary Blaine concerning the recent Chilian affair in contrast with the New Orleans massacre, the Plaindealer will entertain greater respect for the man, whose great intellectual abilities commands the admiration of friend and enemy alike. No one at all conversant with the two affairs can doubt but what the massacre of New Orleans in its cold-bloodedness was the greater offense, and that the finding of the grand jury was far more biased and prejudiced than the finding of the Chilian court. To demand satisfaction from others with the mouths of cannon and the points of bayonets, and refusing it to others, because committed in one of the elster hood of states, lawless beyond measure, where crime goes unpunished to uphold its dignity, and to satisfy a few fanatics imbued with race animosities, does not reflect any credit upon the Republic.

The "markets of the world" about which free traders and revenue reformers talked so glibly, are being secured, not by removing our tariff walls, and endangering American enterprises by competition with the lower paid labor of Europe, but by reciprocity. Reciprocity is one of the great American Republic's triumphs of the last decade of the nineteenth century.

The principles of the Afro-American league, as outlined at Chicago, its methods proposed for the elevating of the people in an industrial, moral and material sense are grander than any that has been proposed before or since. The object proposed by the Citizens Rights Association, The Constitutional Union and others are con-

at some future time the people may see and appreciate all this, and casting off their lethargy may seize hold upon it to gain better opportunities, and to secure the result that come of harmonious actions. The Plaindealer's criticism of the conventions at Chicago and Knoxville, is that men were not appointed to guide its destinies, who had plenty of means, were large hearted so that the means could be on hand to put and keep the League idea before the people. With all this their willingness, and earnestness, the men who have been chosen have not been able to do this, and as the local leagues have failed to support the Afro-American League as they should, the cause of the people still suffers, and iniquitous class laws are being established, proposed and talked about, to make their condition more miserable.

The Richmond Planet is urging the formation of Afro-American Leagues in every county throughout the state of Virginia so that a united and solid front can be opposed to the separate car legislation. Kentucky should do likewise, so should the other states of the South that are threatened by such legislation, as well as those states wherein such laws have been enacted. Organize to make your peaceful protests against injustice more effective. Organize to promote your material welfare! Organize to elevate the moral and industrial needs of the people!

The lawlessness of the state of Louisiana, its utter contempt of the will of the people, and the practices it has resorted to to destroy a Republican form of government, has been brought home more closer to the American people by the shipment to that state of a cargo of Winchester rifles for one faction of the Democratic party to use against an other, than by numerous massacres of Afro-Americans. It is bourbon against bourbon. It is the natural result of an imperious domination, of utter regard for law. Stand off. Let them fight, kill and slay each other. Louisiana and the nation will be the better off because of it.

### The Study Chair.

Great good must result from the Parliament of Religions, which is being projected to convene during the world's fair. We saw the benefits of such a congress in embryo in the last Ecumenical conference of Methodism. There was a stronger trend toward united effort in this conference than in any gathering of religionists during the century. Yet the good results which would follow a union of the branches of Methodism is not to be compared with the results which would follow a union of the forces of the diverging branches of religion.

The Negro wants to constantly reiterate the fact for the benefit of fossils that he has come to stay. 1. He will not move en masse to unoccupied government territory, even though the government should become generous enough to make him a present of the land. 2. He will not settle in black colonies, ambitious as he may be for power, and chafed as he may be under restraint. 3. He will not emigrate to Africa, in spite of the glowing descriptions of that fair land.

Large-minded women are not content to be limited to the domestic circle alone, and large-minded men do not thus circumscribe them. Yet all must grant that the domestic is her best sphere. No office of woman is so noble as that of wife and mother.

Two of the first seven circuit judges appointed by the President are Democrats. Granting their fitness, which is now seriously questioned on the part of one of them at least, this action should not be criticised, since the object of the judgeship is to conserve the interests of justice rather than partisanship. But this charitable concession does not bar the fact that a large Afro-American constituency of the Republican party, having in it men in every way qualified for this office have a right to expect equal recognition with their Democratic brethren.

Paper has been given adamantness and put to valuable uses in the mechanical arts. It is now found that milk may be converted by chemical process into solid forms which will admit of the same uses as bone, ivory and celluloid.

The data of sociology is rapidly accumulating, and soon it will have a place among the sciences. Human action is so variable that data for a philosophy of history or sociology is difficult to determine.

The World's Fair commissioners are being flooded with petitions not to open the Fair on Sunday. In the face of such a protest it would be difficult for them to find arguments which would justify the avoidable desecration of our Sabbath.

We are nearing an amicable solution of the difficulty with Chill, which is gratifying to the better element of our citizens. War is sometimes a necessity to redress aggravated wrongs, but it is never coveted by the most thoughtful. We are glad that Chill's oversight has been better than her foresight.

James M. Henderson.

Rev. Joseph Cook write to the Boston Republican as follows.

I hear with distress and shame that the color line is kept in bold position on the maps of many places of business, even in Boston.

No colored young man or woman can apply for a position as a clerk in ordinary shops without being told, in many places, that white labor objects to working side by side with black labor.

This position of affairs is a part of the barbarism inherited from slavery.

Wouldn't it be a capital idea and a great stroke of policy if the New York Age, Indianapolis Freeman, Richmond Planet and Detroit Plaindealer could consolidate and be run at some central point, with all the brains they represent retained and kept busy producing great ideas and one great paper?—Star of Zion.

We urge upon our people in this State to begin at once to organize Afro-American Leagues. The object of this is to furnish a basis of action as against proscriptive legislation, unlawful assault, and a denial of rights guaranteed us by law.

We should have one league in every county of the Commonwealth. Let us begin right. These organizations will serve to bring about a respect for the law and tend to place our people in a true light before the liberal minded white men of our mother State.

Let us begin the work at once and secure a large number of Afro-American Leagues in order that they may send representatives and organize a State League. Let us go to work, Planet.

No man has a right to crush another for his opinion, in supporting the candidate of his choice. The average freeman in this country is getting very tired of bossism.—Watchman.

Poor Prof. Gresham of Kansas City is now impaled on the lances of a score of colored knights of the press, for speaking out in meeting and exposing the paucity of the average colored newspaper, and as he is likely to be a target for some time yet, we would like to throw him a crumb of comfort by reminding him that he is not the first, nor will he be the last, to suffer martyrdom for the truth—Courant.

Any league intended for the benefit of our people, not directed against the evils of intemperance, prodigality, ignorance, superstition, and kindred vices, in which their real troubles all have firm root, is sure to prove unsatisfactory and disappointing. New South.

Prof. Gresham, of Kansas City, is like Balaam's ass. He is unable to go further as a brilliant educational light, and should be relegated to the rear. The lash should not be so vociferously applied by the Afro-American press. He is a blooming theorist. Brother Alphabetical Taylor, take charge of him, and assign him to his proper sphere. He will make a good mate for Negro Cooper.—Ava

### Important to You.

A large number of subscriptions to The Plaindealer expire with this issue. Some have been subscribers for a year or longer, some for six or three months. Of all these we desire to ask: Have you ever had cause to regret that you sent us your subscription to The Plaindealer? Has not the paper been all and more than we promised it should be—all that you could wish or desire? Have you not been repaid many times over for the small expenditure—in entertainment and instruction and in the useful hints and helps you have found in our columns? We can hardly see how it can be otherwise for we have a consciousness of giving to the public a very great return for the money we ask of them.

If the paper has pleased and benefited you in the past will you not subscribe again for 1892? Isn't it worth the trifling sum of One Dollar to insure the regular weekly visits of this paper to your home for an entire year to come? Considering the great value we give for the money, can you afford to be without it? If you will get friends to join you in subscribing, we will send you a handsome premium. Write us.

We hope that not one of our present subscribers will fail to renew for the new year. The Plaindealer for 1892 will be better and more interesting than ever before. We are continually adding new contributors to our columns and introducing new features, our constant aim being to make each issue more interesting, instructive and valuable than its predecessor. We endeavor to make our paper the best in existence.

Please send in your subscription as soon as possible. Do not put it off, do not neglect it.

The sheriff, with a posse, pursued Odem but found no traces until Monday night, when he was discovered in the woods, near Maree Station. He resisted arrest and fired on the officers. The fire was returned, and Odem fell dead.

Oreville, Ga., is a growing community. Three ladies who reside not over three-quarters of a mile apart recently made their husbands present of two babies each. Two of the ladies are sisters.

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## MERE MENTION.

The Plaindealer office is now permanently located on the second floor of the building formerly occupied by the Tribune Printing Company, 13-17 Rowland street.

## Plaindealer Readers

Should remember to patronize those merchants who seem to desire your patronage and invite your trade.

One of the best evidences of such a desire is an advertisement placed in the columns of the newspaper which is published in your interests. An advertisement is an invitation. An advertisement in The Plaindealer is evidence that that firm at least solicits your trade. You get the best service at such places. Help those who help you. Trade with our advertisers.

Willing Workers' Fourth annual entertainment, Friday, Feb. 19.

Master S. Goosely has accepted a position with Dr. Rice, of Lafayette avenue, dental parlors.

Among those who took the Civil Service examination, Saturday, were Messrs. Woods, Bush, Dempsey, Tines, Griffin and Johnson, and Miss J. Owens.

Mr. H. Williams, of Chicago, was in the city last week.

Prof. Finney's full orchestra will furnish music for the Minutette's 9th annual on the 26th.

E. T. Shewcraft, of this city and a student who received "honorable mention" at the Detroit Museum of Art in 1890, has just returned from Louisville, Ky., where he has been living the past year. Mr. Shewcraft, while he continued his studies and practice as an artist, has been studying medicine and surgery at Louisville, and at the same time he taught drawing and painting there. He expects to remain in Detroit permanently, and has already in hand several bust portraits which he may publicly exhibit hereafter.

Mrs. Lavina Lee and Miss Theodora Lee, of Chicago, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Mrs. Williams, of Calhoun street, left this week for Chillicothe, O., where she expects to reside.

The Willing Workers will give their annual entertainment this year for the benefit of St. Matthew's, Bethel, and the Second Baptist churches. The attraction offered is the "Dairy Maid Festival" and drill. Mr. F. J. Rickard has charge of the drill.

Attend the Dairy Maid's Festival, Friday, Feb. 19th.

Mrs. Simons, of Dresden, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Johnson, of Alfred street.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson was buried last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wells, of Brewster street, entertained the ladies of the Willing Workers society and other friends last Thursday.

The next regular meeting of the Willing Workers society will be held at the residence of Mrs. Beasley, of Adelaide street.

Miss Taylor has returned from her vacation in London.

Mr. P. A. Shaw came in from the university to attend the Detroit Social Club party, and was the guest of Mr. Chas. Mirault.

Miss Bessie Johnson, of Adelaide street, was pleasantly surprised by a number of her young friends last Friday evening, the occasion being the thirteenth anniversary of her birthday.

Mr. Richard Taska, of Brewster street, will receive his long looked for pension from the United States government.

Mr. Frank Rickards has been appointed lay reader of St. Matthew's church, by Bishop Davies.

The eleventh annual Sunday School Convocation and Teachers' Institute of the Episcopal church, will be held next week. On Sunday, Feb. 14th, the annual Service of Song will be held for the officers and teachers, at Christ church. The Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, of St. James' church, Chicago, will address the meeting. Other interesting meetings will be held Monday evening, Tuesday morning, afternoon and evening, at Christ church and church house.

Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Bell were called, last week, to the bedside of their cousin, Mrs. Henry Smith, of Ann Arbor, who is very ill.

The second annual reception of the Detroit Social Club was given at Clawson's hall on Wednesday evening. About 40 couples indulged in the delights of Finney's incomparable music.

Furnished room to rent for two gentlemen. John M. Doney, 148 Madison avenue.

WANTED—A good barber. Will pay \$12 per week or \$7 clear of board. Must have good references. Will advance fare if wanted. Apply A. R. Richey, Houghton, Mich.

## A Valentine Party.

A St. Valentine social party was given by the "Home Excelsior," of Ebenezer church, last Tuesday evening, at the parsonage, 61 Calhoun street. As each lady and gentleman entered, a button-hole bouquet was pinned on each; every gentleman's bouquet that corresponded with that of a lady, he had to take to supper. On the supper table, "Cupid's" bows and arrows, made of silver, were laid at each plate, with the name of the club and the date of the entertainment written on the back; as each left the table the bow and arrow were taken with them. A tray was handed in at the front door, laden with valentines in various sizes, shapes and colors, addressed to each one present, tied with pink and white ribbon, each bearing a short verse, which was afterwards read aloud. Music and evening amusements were afterwards indulged in until a late hour, after which the company dispersed, after having spent a delightful evening. Proceeds were for the benefit of the church carpet.

## A Superintendent Resigns.

Mr. Campbell, superintendent of the Second Baptist Sunday school, tendered his resignation last Sunday, saying that what he had done for the Sunday school was with the good will of God, and everything he done was opposed by the teachers, and for him to control and superintend the school was impossible where there was opposition. Mr. Campbell then asked for a reply, whereupon Mr. R. H. Toliver, formerly superintendent, said Sunday school was not the proper place for a superintendent to resign; that a meeting should be called of the teachers, and then come to a decided understanding. Superintendent Campbell then said that the last meeting was appointed at his residence, he leaving his place of business an hour previous to his time, and not a teacher put in an appearance, and whether his resignation was accepted or not, he would not act as superintendent. After several speaking, he withdrew under the condition that immediately after school the teachers would remain and have a meeting, as to whether he should retain the superintendency and control the school, or select another. After singing school was dismissed, with the exception of teachers and older members. Mr. Smith, one of the older members, made a motion to have his resignation lay on the table for a week, which was seconded by Miss F. Cole, with the understanding that by that time teachers will hold a meeting to consider, and render a final decision.

## To Aid a Church.

At the meeting of the Bethel Helping Hand society, Tuesday evening, plans for the increasing the influences the usefulness of the society were discussed, and at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. Henderson, steps were taken for the organization of two new societies. Mrs. Evans and Miss Pauline Smith were appointed presidents pro tem of the new divisions, which will be known as the Bethel Aid, and the Ready Workers, and will be formally organized as soon as a number of names are enrolled. This arrangement will, no doubt, prove a happy one if properly worked up, as it gives every one the greatest latitude in choosing their field of work, and while the different divisions will work in unison, the efforts of each to raise the largest amount of money will assure better results than one society could accomplish.

## The Pythagoras Concert.

Wait for the grand entertainment to be given by Pythagoras Lodge, No. 13, F. and A. M., at Fraternity hall, on Thursday eve., Feb. 25th.

For this occasion Dr. C. W. Burrows has been secured to give his popular and interesting lecture on the Holy Land. Dr. Burrows has traveled extensively through this portion of the old world, making researches, and brings to Detroit the largest collection of pictures ever seen here. A portion of these, illustrating his lecture, will be shown through a stereopticon. His presentation of the subject has all the charms of novelty. Local talent will assist.

## A Lost Child.

The following letter was received at the Detroit post office and sent to the Plaindealer by Mr. J. Frank Rickards to whom replies may be addressed.

Bucyrus, Ohio, Jan. 27th, 1892.  
Dear Sir: Will you kindly assist me in my search for a little colored girl about 7 to 10 years of age, slightly lame, who lives in your city with an aged grandmother whose first name I cannot find out. The child was for a few weeks in a Cleveland Orphan asylum several years ago. Her mother's family name was Mabra and her father's Smith. Any information regarding them would be gratefully received.  
Respectfully,  
Dr. Georgia Merriman.

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## Prof. Straker at Adrian.

The Adrian Times and Expositor of Jan. 28th, says of our fellow-townman, D. Augustus Straker.

Hon. D. Augustus Straker, the eminent colored lawyer of Detroit and one of the first men of his race in America, addressed a small audience at Crosswells Opera House last evening on the subject of "Our Civil Rights and Duties." Mr. C. E. Weaver introduced the speaker, and stated that he considered it one of the greatest of honors to be permitted to present a colored man who had reached such a degree of intelligence in America.

On the stage with Mr. Weaver and the speaker was Rev. Mr. Brown of the A. M. E. church.

The speaker began his remarks by thanking the people of the city for the cordiality that had been extended to him during the day. He then for an hour spoke of the black man's inheritance in American history, of the work he had been doing, and the success he was attaining after so many years waiting.

In calling attention to the outrages in the South in deteriorating colored education, the speaker left no room for doubt as to his opinions regarding where their friends were. And there was little consolation for the Southern Democrat in his arraignment of their position towards the colored race. His eloquent passages were really fine, and he has again demonstrated that he is among the leaders of his people. In 1876 he was elected to the South Carolina legislature and rejected, and twice after that was again elected, and in the same manner expelled by fraud, and then "threw up the sponge," as he puts it. He is enjoying a good law practice in Detroit, and is one of the honored members of the Michigan bar.

## Ann Arbor Notes.

Ann Arbor, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Julia Combs, of St. Paul, Minn., is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henderson, of Beakes street.

A mock trial, under the auspices of the Ann Arbor debating club, will be held next week, Friday night, Feb. 12, at the A. M. E. church. It is to be a criminal case, Ballard vs. Woodlin. Attorneys for plaintiff, S. T. Wiggins and W. C. Swan; attorneys for defendant, M. A. Mardis and B. F. Lester; Judge, W. V. Jefferson; clerk of court, E. A. Watson.

The Bee Hive will give their first entertainment in the lecture room of the Second Baptist church, Feb. 19.

Grover Cleveland speaks at University hall, Washington's birthday.

Mrs. Edward Mulch, who was convalescent, has had a relapse.

Mr. W. C. Swan led the praise meeting, last Sunday; Mr. Brown leads it next Sunday.

Sick List—Messdames Frances Smith, and Carson, Messrs Graves, Green, Rev. Cotman, and Miss Georgia Cox.

Mr. Jerome Freeman found a genuine diamond ring in a box of tea not long ago. He is generally very lucky.

A good many complaints are made because of the non-arrival of the paper before Monday morning. Colla.

Niles, Mich., Feb. 8.—The Rev. Ager will preach in the Second Baptist church, Sunday morning.

Mrs. H. E. Wilson has been appointed secretary of the Home Mission society of the Chain Lake association, and will visit every church of the association, to organize societies, in the near future. We hope our people will take hold of the mission work, for it is greatly needed among our people.

The Rev. Wm. Collins has closed his revival meeting with great success.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrod died last week of a grippe.

Sick List—Isiah Rivers, Mr. and Mrs. Turner, and Miss Lulu Hill.

Miss Nellie Gault spent Sunday in Howard township.

Mrs. Mary Steward spent Sunday in Chain Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis had a family reunion, Sunday, there being fourteen present.

Mr. Levi Waldron passed through the city, en route to Kalamazoo.

"The cry for news!" No one can expect to get it from your neighbor, and as it is so cheap, any one could subscribe for it, and read the news themselves.  
M. B.

Mr. Arthur A. Anderson, Kansas City's favorite tragedian contemplates returning to England about the middle of February to join his family there.



**SOME PEOPLE WHISTLE**  
TO KEEP UP THEIR COURAGE,  
**OTHER PEOPLE WHISTLE**  
WHEN THEY ARE ASTONISHED,  
**MANY PEOPLE WHISTLE**  
FOR AMUSEMENT (TO OTHERS?),  
**BUT WE ARE WHISTLING**  
FOR YOUR TRADE IN FOOTWEAR,  
SHALL WE HAVE IT?  
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### Adrian News.

Adrian, Feb. 8.—The local lodge of Good Samaritans gave a very fine musical and literary entertainment at their hall Feb. 3d. Their programme embraced 12 numbers, each of which was creditably rendered. Special mention is due the Jackson family, composed of Mr. B. F. Jackson and three children, who rendered several selections upon the guitar and mandolin in magnificent style, also Mrs. Hattie Reid and Mrs. Emma Washington, soloists. There were over 225 people present. After the entertainment refreshments were served. The order cleared about \$35. It is a worthy one and has now a membership of 50.

Miss Emma Taylor arrived home last Saturday from Toledo, where she has been for the past five months. Mrs. Ella Proctor came with her, and they will be the guests of Mrs. John Taylor for the next week.

Mrs. Martha Gaskins, of Devil Lake, is in the city for an indefinite stay. She is helping in the care of her mother, Mrs. John Howard, and also her sister, Mrs. Ella Brown, who are very sick.

There was a pound social given at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, for the benefit of the minister and family. Quite a large box was made up, for which the elder wishes to return his thanks. There was also a social given at the same church Friday night, by the "men folks." About \$3.50 was realized.

Miss Cora Clanton entertained a few friends Saturday evening, in honor of Mr. Albert Wilson, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson, for the past 10 weeks. Cards, games and refreshments were the amusements, and everybody enjoyed themselves. Mr. Wilson left for Duluth, Minn., Friday evening, and his many friends unite in wishing him "Bon Voyage."

Rev. J. D. Underwood preached a very able and eloquent sermon at the Methodist church, Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Brown, is expected back from Ft. Wayne, Ind., this week.

Mr. Finney Johnson, of Chicago, has entered the employ of A. Luedvall, merchant tailoring establishment.

Miss Gay Lewis has received circulars from the president, Albion W. Tourgee, of the National Citizens' Rights Association, and is distributing them and also soliciting names for members. Have you given in your name yet? If not, do so at once.

Miss E. May Craig, leaves for Battle Creek, for an indefinite stay. Boys, what's the matter? All the girls are leaving us.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wilson received the sad news of the death of their sister, Miss Mary Lewis, of Detroit, last week. Mrs. Wilson went to Detroit last Thursday to attend the obsequies.

Miss Nettie Alexander entertained a large company of friends last Friday evening, and various games, amusements and refreshments served to make the time pass very pleasantly until a very late hour. The hostess has the best wishes of a host of friends.

Next week! valentine party.

The time is fast approaching when the mischievous youngster and love-sick youth will alike send emblems wherewith to express their malice or affection, upon either a hideous sheet or upon a delicate combination of fancy paper, or upon an elegant satin cushion. Who is going to send one? Are you? I've not got the complaint, so I can't.

The item in this column, noting the trip of Miss Dora Grayson, of Tecumseh, to Chicago, was incorrect. It should have read, Miss Grayson's sister, Mrs. Montgomery, went to Chicago.

Battle Creek, Feb. 8.—Our social circles are very quiet just now, and in consequence, local news is scarce.

Rev. Hill will continue his revival meetings this week. There seems to be some interest manifested.

Miss Carrie Jones, who has been sick all winter, is fast falling and her recovery is extremely doubtful.

Mrs. Nathan Vestal is very ill with sciatic rheumatism. She has been a patient sufferer.

Rev. W. O. Allen preached at the Marshall street Baptist church, Sunday.

Little Johnny Shafer and his little white friend, George Scott, got quite indignant last Friday, because they could not go skating, and made up their minds that they would leave this small place and seek their fortune in the great Western metropolis. They boarded a train and started for Chicago, but before reaching their destination the way became hard, and the boys thought that home was not so very bad after all. So they set about to retrace their steps, reaching home in time for church. Johnny says all he had to eat during the trip was one cookie.

### THE SAGINAW VALLEY.

Saginaw, Feb. 8.—Yesterday was missionary Sunday, and we are very sorry there was no program prepared, it being the first Sabbath for some time that there were no exercises, but owing to sickness we were obliged to postpone the exercises.

We were very glad to see some of our members who have been somewhat indifferent, at the evening service on Sunday. It certainly manifests good judgment.

Mr. G. T. Thurman, the gospel singer of Jackson, is expected in the city on Wednesday to assist Elder Hill in his revival meeting.

Mr. Adams, Mrs. Reno's brother, is in the city, very ill. He is not expect-

ed to recover, and on Sunday we were very glad to learn that he had embraced religion.

Quite a number of our citizens are very ill. The grip is raging in Saginaw, and the following are afflicted with it: Miss Carrie Hartwell, Mrs. Joseph Green, Mr. Manuel Vandyke, and a great number of others that space will not allow us to mention, Miss Eva Redmond, who has been very ill with lung fever, is convalescent.

Mrs. Thurman, of Jackson, is in the city, visiting her daughters, Mrs. Joseph Green and Mrs. C. F. Hill.

Mr. Thomas Hewson, of Orchard Lake, is home very ill.

We are proud the young people are waking up. They have started a church aid society, and a choir will be organized, which is very much needed in our city.

Mr. Toney Walters has purchased a fine house and lot on Jefferson avenue, and Miss Alice Butler has purchased a lot on Fourteenth street, so you can see we are not all dead.

Elder Hill is considerable better. He was able to attend church on Sunday.

A very mysterious robbery was committed at Mrs. Dorsey's on the 3rd inst. Mr. Dorsey is out of the city and Mrs. Dorsey had come down town, when it appears that some person who had a key that corresponded with the one Mrs. Dorsey carried, entered the residence and took a splendid overcoat and a pair of pants. This is the second time this winter the house has been burglarized, and several valuable articles have been taken. It seems a great pity indeed the mysterious burglar can't be captured.

Friends, please have the money for the paper on Saturday evening, and those who are yet in arrears, please pay up, as your humble correspondent always wishes to remit on Monday evening.

Cassopolis, Mich., Feb. 8.—On the 26th of January John Bennett and Axum Anderson had some trouble and Bennett shot Anderson three times with a revolver and once with a shot-gun. Axum is picking shot out of his neck, the other wounds being not serious. Bennett is bound over to the Circuit court.

Fred Rabb, Ed Smelling, Fred and Rob Byrd have a rabbit to sell. They shot it on the 7th inst. It cost them \$8.60 apiece or \$34.40. A clear case of trespass.

Rev. Collins of Marcellus, is conducting revival at the A. M. E. church this week.

Rev. Thomas Henderson of Detroit, has in our midst the past week visiting and performing the duties of presiding elder in various churches.

Miss Lenora Vaughn is entertaining Miss Dora James of South Bend this week.

U. G. Waldon returned from Arcadia, Ind., on the 4th. He was called there two weeks ago on account of his brother being sick.

On Feb. 5th in the evening, while doing chores, John Bennett dropped dead in the barn. This will end the Bennett and Anderson case mentioned above.

### CAUSE AND EFFECT.

A New Yorker, who was seriously ill with the grip, received a notice from the tax department, charging him with being possessed of \$5,000 worth of personal property. As his earthly belongings were not worth more than \$300, he became so worried that he was thrown into a violent perspiration, which drove away the fever and cured him.

A Missouri man contracted with a hotel keeper to furnish a wagon load of frogs a week. He appeared on the appointed day with three little frogs. "Where are the rest of them?" inquired the landlord. "That's all there were in the pond," the man meekly said. "But they made so much noise that I thought there was a million of 'em."

Dr. Lyman Abbott, while talking to some Harvard divinity students the other day, offered this distinction between conservatism and radicalism: "The radical says: 'Break the shell and let the contents out.' The conservative says: 'Don't do it; you'll only have a broken egg and a dead bird.' The radical replies: 'If you keep the shell whole, you'll only have a dead bird and an addled egg.'"

A Maine woman who had an irreligious husband kept driving at him until she finally got him to go to church. Now mark how she was rewarded. Instead of following the service he looked at the congregation and noticed how much more handsomely the other women were dressed than his wife. This fact pricked him to the heart as no words of the minister could, and the next day he gave his wife \$500 and told her to go and buy some clothes.

### MECHANICAL DEVICES.

Files are now sharpened by electricity. They are immersed in a liquid and the current turned on for twenty minutes, at the end of which time they come out as good as new.

Judge Gilmore of Columbus, O., has a very fine watch. It is known as the Eclectic, and is the only watch of that name ever made. Everything about the watch is hand made and full jeweled. The timepiece was made in Switzerland by special order and cost \$900. The judge has carried it twenty-five years and it never varies.

Swedish papers describe a novel kind of construction, termed a locomotive steamboat, built at Kristanstad, for the navigation of a chain of small lakes, separated by falls, the boat being fitted for this purpose with wheels fitting a track, and power may be applied to either the propeller or the driving wheels of the locomotive part of the track; the latter is three feet six inches gauge, with grades of one in thirty-three, and having curves of a radius of one hundred metres.

### ONLY A CLOUD.

But Death and Destruction are Hidden Therein.

As you stand here on this hill and look down into the valley, your eyes never rested on a more peaceful scene. It is five miles down to where you see the shimmer of the waters of the lake under this afternoon sun. It is a mile from this hill across to the side of the wooded mountain.

How quiet everything is! The smoke curls lazily up from half a dozen farm house chimneys; you see cattle and horses grazing in the fields; now and then you catch sight of a farmer moving about. Down there in that grove is a school house, and a dozen or more children have just been called in from recess. Heaven never created a more perfect June day. It would be hard to find in all the world a more beautiful spot. Every tree in that valley is in full leaf; every rose bush is in full bloom. There is just a faint stir of air now and then: it brings up to us the odor of flowers and blossoms.

What's that! We face down the valley with a start of surprise. No one has shouted. No one is near. There was no sound. And yet there is something to alarm. The bluebird has ceased her song, the chirping of the cricket beside the great rock is heard no more. You can almost feel something like a shudder in these trees, up which the wild grape vines are climbing in such profusion. There is no change down in the valley. No shadow of danger has crept into the open door of the school house to give warning.

Down beyond the lake a cloud suddenly appears in the blue afternoon sky. It seems at first as if one of the tree-tops had suddenly been thrust upward, but it rapidly enlarges. Once before you saw a similar cloud, and the recollection makes you chill. Its center is a blue black, its edges are frayed and ragged and tangled. As you gaze at it, your breath coming faster and your pulses throbbing, it seems as if a giant hand, holding a giant pen, was thrust forward to write the word "Death!" in letters of fire across the face of the cloud.

"Beware! Beware!"

You look down into the valley and cry out, but in vain; your voice is lost before it reaches the fields and farm houses. Old men sleep on; young men whistle as they work. With that blue sky overhead and that glad sunshine bathing the earth, even the boom of a great cannon would not startle man or beast.

It is coming! Scarcely a minute has passed since you saw the cloud. It seemed hanging like a balloon in a still sky at first. Now it is moving—whirling about like a great wheel—advancing up the valley. There is a distant moaning—nearer—nearer—and now Death himself bounds over the treetops hiding the lake and strikes into the valley with a mad shriek to sound the alarm.

It is over before you could count twenty. A cannon ball could scarcely have kept pace with it. And now you look down into the valley again. It is still a valley, shut in by the rugged ranges which have defied the wrath of heaven for centuries; but what of the houses, trees—those who slept and those who worked? Wreck—ruin—death! There are a few wounded, there are many dead. Not a house, tree nor fence is left standing. Even the headboards marking the graves in the little cemetery have been rent and riven and carried afar.

The plague or fire or sword would have wrought less destruction, declares the New York World. The wrath of the cyclone is the wrath of Creator.

### Romance of the Diamond.

Scene 1.—A squalid African hut; a white overseer is compelling a naked Kafir prisoner to go through grotesquely degrading antics; a dirty little white stone, only useful to be strung like an ornamental bead, drops from the poor black carcass; overseer triumphantly pounces on the discovery.

Scene 2.—Six thousand miles distant; a London ball room with all the accessories of civilized splendor; the stone reappears cut and in the shape of a brilliant enhancing the charms of some young loveliness, and prompting the instinct which bids us worship and honor her beauty as though it were something divine.—Blackwood's Magazine.

### A Fiendish Revenge.

Clara (fiercely)—Yes. Tom Trydler has broken faith with me and broken my heart. But he little dreams how I shall be revenged!

Carrie—Heavens! Will you poison him, or what?

Clara—Neither. But cousin Carrie and I have secured matinee seats right in front of Tom and his new flame, and we two will wear our very largest hats.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

### An Ancient Game.

Games of chance were prohibited by Mahomet, and in the Koran were placed as sins in the same category as wine drinking. Heodotus tells us that the Egyptians were dicers, but whether they were gamblers is not stated. Their favorite game was played with draughts, and there is good evidence to believe that this is, if not the most ancient game, at least one of the most ancient.

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And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date thereof said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in The Detroit Plaindealer, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County once in each week for six weeks in succession.

(Signed) GEORGE GARTNER, Circuit Judge.

D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER, Complainant's Solicitor. Dated November 20th, 1901, Detroit, Mich.

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## Strange Apparitions.

PEOPLE ARE FREQUENTLY WARNED BY SPIRITS.

More Remarkable Stories from the London Review—Love's Warning—An Apparition Prevents a Man from Meeting a Disgraceful Death.

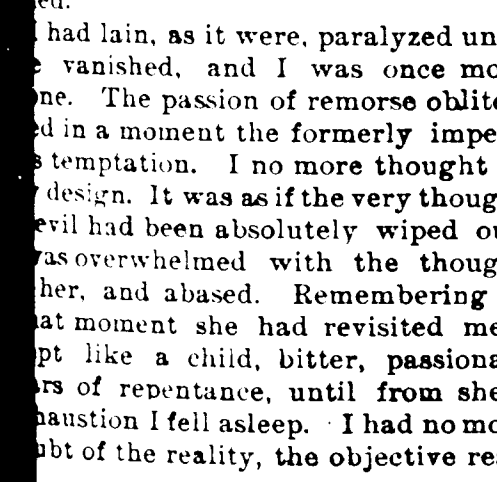
The following three ghost stories have been selected from the series now appearing in the London Review, all of which are vouched for by affidavits: A short time ago, writes Mr. Stead, a realistic friend of high standing and reputation, whom I had met abroad, and who had visited me in London, and whom I had never seen a ghost, he replied, "An unusual gravity, that a ghost had appeared to him, and that he had spoken lightly on the subject. The story, which he told me with evident emotion and intense conviction, was remarkable, even if, as is probable, it should regard the apparition as a purely subjective."

It was many years ago, he said, when he was younger, and when the temptations of youth had not become memories of the past. I was alone in a



country hotel, and one night I had decided to carry out a project which I will remember with shame. At 10 o'clock I retired to my room to wait until the hotel was quiet, in order to carry out my design and enter an adjoining room chamber. I lay in my bed watching the moonlight which streamed into the room, counting the moments till all was still. After I had waited there for some time I was conscious of a presence in the room, and looking toward the window I saw a familiar form of the woman whose death, three years before, had darkened my existence. I had loved her with my whole soul, as I had never loved any one before. She was my ideal of womanhood, my whole life had been entwined with hers, and her death was the cruellest blow ever dealt me by fate.

In the three years that had elapsed since her death I had striven to escape from the gnawing agony of the memory of my loss in scenes where she could least have sought me. Time, travel, dissipation had so dulled my mind that of late I had never thought of her, nor was I thinking of her when suddenly I saw her standing by the window. Her face was in the shadow, but there was no mistaking that queenly figure, those stately shoulders and familiar dress. She wore no hat or ornament, but was as she had been in her drawing room, thousands of miles away. She was standing in the moonlight, looking at me. Then she slowly moved toward me and approaching the window, fixing her gaze full on my face, she, without saying a word, she vanished, as it were, paralyzed until she vanished, and I was once more alone. The passion of remorse obliterated in a moment the formerly imperious temptation. I no more thought of my design. It was as if the very thought of evil had been absolutely wiped out, and I was overwhelmed with the thought of her, and abased. Remembering at that moment she had revisited me I felt like a child, bitter, passionate, and repentant, until from sheer exhaustion I fell asleep. I had no more doubt of the reality, the objective real-



of my visitor than I have of the objective reality of yourself or any one whom I may meet in the street. This conviction was deepened when, the following day, I learned to my surprise that if I had carried out my design and had entered the next room I would have been knifed on the spot. The chamber I had intended to enter was occupied by a reckless young bravo, who would certainly have had no more compunction in planting his stilette in the heart of an unarmed intruder than you would

of killing a rat. Between me, therefore, that night and a bloody and shameful death, there was but an unlocked door and the watchful love of one who in this simple but supernatural way intervened to save me from myself and the doom that otherwise would have overtaken me."

A striking incident, which, taken in connection with the foregoing and others of a similar nature, gives some basis for the supposition of the existence of an invisible camera obscura which the Theosophists describe as astral light, is the following:

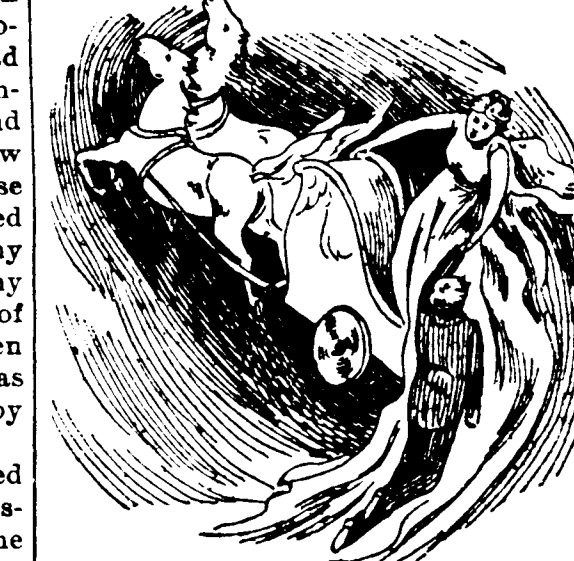
The father of a son who had sailed in the Strathmore, an emigrant ship outward bound from the Clyde, saw one night the ship foundering amid the waves, and saw that his son, with some others, had escaped safely to a desert island near which the wreck had taken place.

He was so much impressed by this vision that he wrote to the owner of the Strathmore, telling him what he had seen. His information was scouted; but after awhile the Strathmore was overdue and the owner got uneasy.

Day followed day, and still no tidings of the missing ship. Then, like Pharaoh's butler, the owner remembered his sins one day and hunted for the letter describing the vision. It supplied at least a theory to account for the vessel's disappearance.

All outward bound ships were requested to look out for any survivors on the island indicated in the vision. These orders being obeyed, the survivors of the Strathmore were found exactly where the father had seen them.

In one paper submitted to the Psychological Research Society, there is an account of a remarkable series of dreams which occurred to Mr. J. W. Skelton, a railroad engineer, which were first published in Chicago in 1886. Six times his locomotive had been upset at high speed, and each time he had dreamed of it two nights before, and each time he had seen exactly the place and the side on which the engine turned over. The odd thing in his reminiscences is that on one occasion he dreamed that after he had been thrown off the line a person in white came down from the sky with a span of white horses and a black chariot, who picked him off the engine and drove him up to the sky in a southeasterly direction. In telling the story he says that every point was fulfilled excepting that—and he seems



to regard it quite as a grievance—the chariot of his vision never arrived. On one occasion only his dream was not fulfilled, and in that case he believed the accident was averted solely through extra precaution that he used in consequence of his vision.

Two Seared Indians. Two Indians from the La Pointe Reservation arrived in Bayfield, Wis., a few days ago, paralyzed with fear. They told a wonderful story of adventure. They had started on a hunt on Madeline Island, and intended to visit some friends. They camped on a spot about four miles from the village. At midnight the Indians were aroused by a fearful struggle. Before them were two men and a woman battling, the contestants being covered with blood. The Indians say the forms disappeared afterward, but the sounds and groans were kept up all night. People in that vicinity claim there has been a terrible murder committed on the island some time in the past, and that the "ghosts" of the parties were seen by the Indians.

A Relic of Gettysburg. Comrade John Dachan, of post No. 415, Mechanicsburg, has had in his possession for twenty-two years a shell which was picked up by D. W. Frame, now of South Bend, Ind., in the wheat field near the scene of Gen. Pickett's charge on the afternoon of Sept. 13, 1863. It was kept intact until last March, when it was opened during an encampment at Mechanicsburg. A large quantity of powder in excellent condition was found in the shell, which was removed. It contained sixty-three grape shot.

Red table cloths and napkins lose their fresh, red color soon unless carefully handled. They should be soaked for half an hour in cold water, then put quickly through lukewarm suds, rinsed in salt water and hung up immediately.

To prevent blue from fading add an ounce of sugar of lead to a pail of water, and soak the material in the solution for two hours, then let it dry before being washed and ironed. This is good for all shades of blue.

In the Austrian army suicides average 10,000 a year. This does not include failed attempts and it represents 20 per cent of the general mortality among Austrian soldiers.

## RAILWAY INTERESTS REVIVING.

The Best Indication of Increasing Prosperity.

Business throughout the United States is rather sluggish; not one in a thousand knows the secret of it; not one in ten would believe it, if told, because political and other notions obstruct clear judgment. The fact is that the demonization of silver throughout the world, laid the foundation for the present world-wide depression, and it will continue until that mistake is corrected, regardless of what politicians, political economists, college professors, and half-informed magazine writers say.

The business of the world has grown so rapidly within the past ten or twenty years that it is simply impossible to do it, and do it as quick as it has to be done on a narrow gold basis.

The monetary basis must be broadened, and the only thing to do it with is silver; this does not mean free coinage, of course, but it means more money than we have. The New York bankers are stuffed with money because people are afraid to borrow it. A good deal of enlightenment is needed in this question, and it may take another panic or two to bring it.

A tunnel is to be built on the river Thames, two hundred feet in diameter.

New Orleans exports of grain doubled last year.

Trains are to be taken across Long Island sound from New London, Conn., on big ferry boats, and reach New York by way of Long Island.

Wheat has declined 16 cents a bushel since harvesting. We have exported 150 millions.

The true and abiding prosperity of the country depends more on what has been termed an equitable disposition of wealth among its producers, than on the magnitude of traffic or dividends, or surplus reserves.

If the country to-day is on a stronger foundation than five or ten years ago, it is because this equity of division has been more widely established. A number of agencies have been silently at work for years to make it possible for the producer to get nearer the theoretical justice than in our earlier history.

These agencies have in a sense, created themselves and work out their own results. In this respect, a transition from old to new conditions is taking place, and things are now being done almost without our knowing, which, a few years ago, it was thought could only be accomplished by legislation, if accomplished at all.

This movement, if such it may be called, has no head, is not managed, but it goes of its own inherent power.

The outcome of it, as it now appears, is greater industrial opportunity more, nearer and better markets, steadier values, and a reliance on more permanent conditions, fewer panics and depressions, and less tendency thereto, more money and more stable financial values, fewer middlemen exactions and less tyranny from corporate power.

There are other advantages secured, not so easily defined, but which, nevertheless, made more solid and safe the footing of every business man in the land. These favorable influences will continue to work, and they will do ten-fold more than legislation ever could accomplish.

As stated above, one of the effects of these agencies is, to give to each producer more, and to leave less for toil on the world's highway.

The very struggle of late years of corporate and other interests to combine for greater protection and greater or more permanent profit has resulted already, and soon will more fully result, in greater security to the individual.

Rapid as is the growth of corporate power, and accustomed as we are to denunciations of its threatening power the individual is stronger to-day than ever, and there is a wider field for individual enterprise.

Without drifting towards the essay style, it is desired to particularly emphasize this tendency and force, acting beneath the surface of business and trade for their good.

There is to-day in the face of a vaster productive capacity than the world ever knew, a less tendency to over-production or to high prices. Combinations have been ostensibly fighting against these results, but, in reality they have been serving the interests of the masses of consumers.

Profits were never as narrow, and yet the country was never more solvent.

The twelve months partial rest the country has taken, has made recuperation possible, but it will be preceded by stronger land values in the strictly agricultural states.

Commercial agencies report stronger conditions all over the West, not due to good crops but to the deeper and more silent influences growing out of the assimilating of industries.

The manufacturing interests are prosperous in a moderate degree. Raw material is even in price.

Iron and steel production is under control, and the best informed, regard stronger prices as a not remote contingency.

Lumber manufacturers report more favorable conditions.

Coal producers predict an increased output this year over last year.

Textile goods manufacturers do not regard an advance in prices as likely to occur.

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The increasing capacity of paper mills seems to argue favorably for that industry, though most of the increase is in localities where power can be had at lower cost.

There is quite a stir among the small shops and factories of the West engaged in the furnishing of equipments for farm purposes and small machine shop requirements.

The controlling motive that will underlie the business of 1892, be it great or small, will be to let demand control supply rather than to rashly crowd production upon the markets of the country, regardless of conditions.

Toledo Sayings. Toledo, O., Feb. 8.—Miss Emma Taylor and Mrs. F. Proctor, of Missouri street, left Saturday evening to visit friends in Adrian, Mich.

Mrs. Woods, of Ontario street, is on the sick list. Her son, Cris Woods and Harry Woods, are here for a short stay until she is better.

The concert given by Mr. A. King, was a success. Quite a large sum was cleared. The church was crowded.

The baptizing of the Third Baptist church took place last Sunday evening. There were five baptized, and the house could not hold all the people.

Rev. O. P. Ross of the A. M. E. church, is improving very rapidly. Mr. John Crawford, of the Boody house is also on the sick list.

Mrs. K. M. Speed, Indiana avenue, is improving. Mrs. Cox has gone to Adrian, where she will spend a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Maggie Harris.

Miss Bessie Cox is on the sick list. South Bend, Ind., Feb. 7.—Miss C. Coker, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Squire Powell is very low with contraction of the nerves and her recovery is doubtful.

Rufus Adams is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Huggart. He is prospecting for a farm and will probably reside here permanently.

Fred. Huggart of Milan spent Sunday in the city. Mr. Al. Powell is elated over the presence of a 16 pound boy in his home and has named the embryonic young politician James G. Blaine.

Herbert Jeffries has returned from a pleasant visit to Lansing, Mich. The special services at the A. M. E. church are still in progress. So far there are 12 conversions.

Mr. Levi Walden has returned from a pleasant visit to Kalamazoo. Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins are on the sick list.

G. W. Johnson, the popular young barber, is still in Mr. Bond's employ.

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