

CONVENTION MEETS

National Republican Gathering Called to Order.

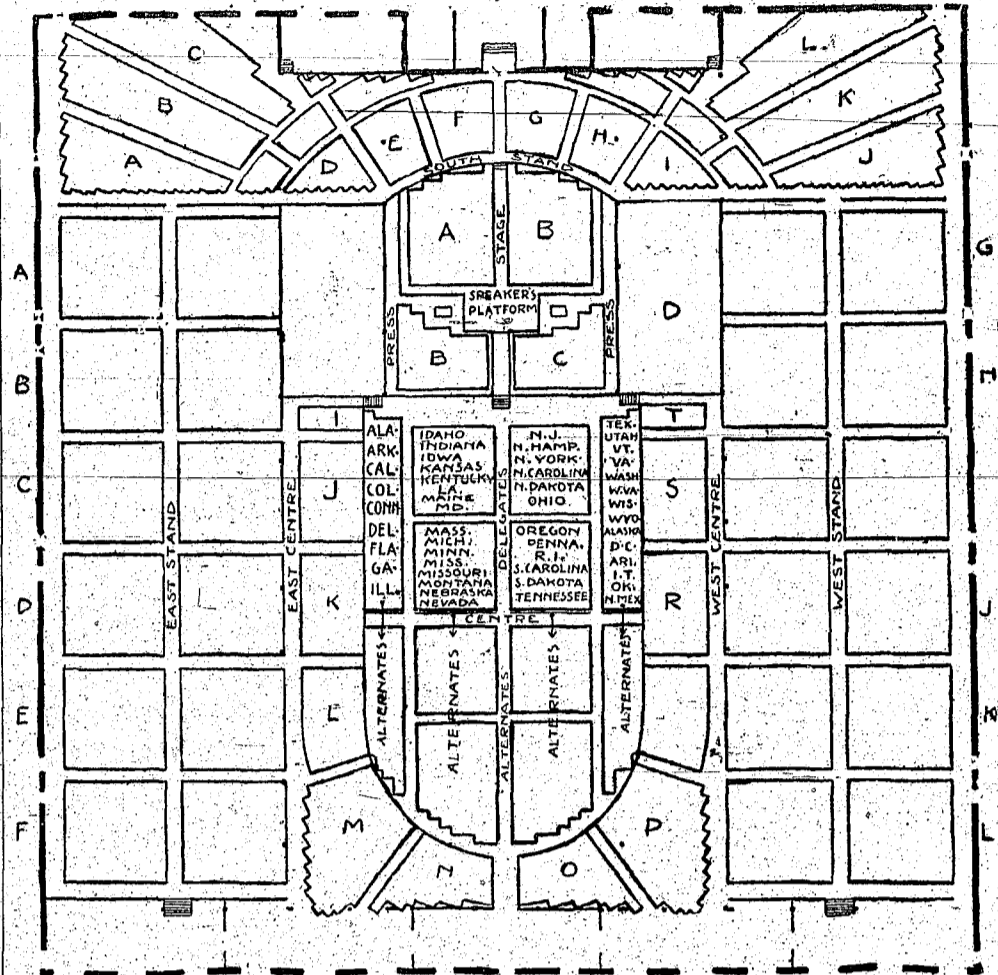
BIG CROWD PRESENT.

Senator Wolcott of Colorado Made Temporary Chairman.

Senator Hanna Wields the Gavel at the Opening of the First Session—Brilliant Scenes in the Great Hall—Lodge of Massachusetts Permanent Chairman—Credentials Committee Reports—Platform Adopted.

Philadelphia correspondence: Shortly after noon Tuesday the twelfth national nominating convention of the Republican party was called to order in Philadelphia, the same city in which the first one met forty-four years ago. Of these twelve conventions Philadelphia has had three, Chicago five and Baltimore, Cincinnati, Minneapolis and St. Louis one each.

Tuesday's proceedings were of a purely perfunctory character. Senator Hanna, chairman of the national committee, called the convention to order. A surprised clergyman read a lengthy prayer in a silence which was truly remarkable in so vast an audience. Then Secretary Dick read the call. The delegates answered to their names and Senator Wolcott was installed as temporary chairman and made a speech, after which the committee on credentials, organization, resolutions, and rules were selected and retired for deliberation.



Seating Plan of the Auditorium of the Republican National Convention Hall, Showing the Location of All the State and Territorial Delegations.

gan to congest with the crowds during the early hours. The cars added hundreds every minute, and as the outer gates were not opened until 10 o'clock, the early arrivals were massed on the walks and streets awaiting the signal to get in. The street vendors did a thriving business in buttons and badges and a lively trade was carried on in seats for the convention.

While these scenes were being enacted about the convention hall, the political managers and the delegates were holding their final conferences and caucus and preparing for the work before them. Illinois, Ohio and a number of other delegations held morning meetings for organization, and felt the pulse of the convention in the vice-presidential situation. Most of the State delegations arranged to go to the hall as bodies, many of them being escorted through the streets by their marching clubs with bands and banners.

ney of the Fremont Association. Senators Hanna and Cullum met the distinguished veterans of Republicanism, and leading them forward to Chairman Wolcott's side, waved their arms as a signal for applause. The convention cheered, delegates arose and waved their hats and the faded flag was kept in sight of the demonstrative spectators while the band played "America." This was the signal for renewed enthusiasm. The banner bore the legend "National Fremont Association of Republican Clubs of Pittsburg."

TICKET IS NAMED.

McKinley and Roosevelt the G. O. P. Standard-Bearers.

CHOSEN BY ACCLAM.

Vote of the Convention Unanimously Cast for Both Candidates.

Foraker Presents the Name of the President to Succeed Himself, and Late Young of Iowa Nominates Governor Roosevelt—Philadelphia Assembling Completes Its Work Amid Great Demonstrations.

Philadelphia correspondence: McKinley and Roosevelt is the Republican ticket as named by the national convention Thursday. The nominations were unanimous. The official announcements of Chairman Lodge were followed by a scene seldom witnessed, and in point of enthusiasm never surpassed by any national gathering of the party. The demonstrations bore all the details of stampedes, with waving standards of States and a procession of delegates, which were repeated in all their exciting details, and for over fifteen minutes reigned a tumult of the wildest character.

It was nearly forty minutes after the scheduled time for beginning when Senator Lodge asked for quiet while Archbishop Ryan invoked divine blessing on the convention. After the full report of the committee on rules was adopted, Chairman Lodge announced that the next order of business was the nomination for President, and called on Alabama. This State yielded to Ohio, and Senator Foraker



PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

ker placed Mr. McKinley's name before the convention in a speech which was one of the greatest oratorical efforts that well-known speaker has ever made. He was repeatedly interrupted by the plaudits of his audience and at the conclusion of his address there was a wave of applause that required ten minutes to subside. Gov. Roosevelt, the choice for vice president, seconded the nomination in an oratorical effort, which captured the convention. Senator Foraker was also followed by John W. Felton of Kentucky, George Knight of California and Gov. Mount of Indiana. Then the delegates became restive and responding to the vociferous demands Senator Lodge ordered the roll-call, which resulted in every vote being cast for McKinley.

Gov. Roosevelt Named. Then came the call for nomination for Vice-President and Col. Late Young of Iowa advanced to the platform. He withdrew the name of Doolittle and in a ringing speech placed Gov. Roosevelt's

name before the convention. The scenes attending the re-nomination of President McKinley were re-enacted with equal enthusiasm. Gov. Roosevelt announced that the nomination was so spontaneous he could not decline, and he in a brief statement accepted the nomination for Vice-President.

President McKinley received the entire 926 votes, while Roosevelt lacked only one of that number and that because he himself refused to have his ballot recorded. Committees were appointed to notify the nominees, and at 2:15 o'clock the convention of 1900 adjourned sine die.

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WHEAT PRICES BOOM.

ADVANCE OF 16 CENTS A BUSHEL IN TWO WEEKS.

Heavy Demand for the Cereal by Shoppers and Speculators—Northwest Reports Continue Fall—Predictions that the Price Will Reach \$1.

Wheat advanced with giant strides on the grain exchanges of the country Wednesday. On the Chicago Board of Trade prices advanced nearly 4 cents, and the July delivery touched the high point at the close, 81 1/2 cents, and later sold up to 83 cents. The close showed a jump of 10 cents in two weeks. At Minneapolis prices advanced 4 1/2 cents. There was only 8 1/2 cents advance in Chicago and in Liverpool, while the cost of shipping and selling is 10 cents. Frantic efforts on the part of those who were short to purchase the advancing cereal and a marked increase in the number of buying orders received from the country were phases of Board of Trade dealings.

There has been no such excitement on the Board of Trade in two years, says a dispatch. The pit was the scene of a struggling mass of shouting humanity yesterday, so crowded that it was difficult to get in. It became so large a market that individual operations cut no figure, and the big traders were lost sight of. Hot, dry weather in the Northwest, temperatures in some places being reported at 100, is seriously affecting the spring wheat crop in the Dakotas and Minnesota, and well-posted men, who two weeks ago estimated the yield of the three States at 100,000,000 bushels, now say that there will not be over 75,000,000 bushels. This makes the large holders more confident of their position, and they are talking \$1 wheat with much concern. Minneapolis and Duluth experienced a rising market and the daily crop reports from the Dakotas and Minnesota showed that the conditions were worse even than former bulletins had reported. Correspondents in those regions said that instead of half a crop there was a strong probability that the yield would be less than one-third. Flour felt the influence of the advance in wheat and sold in Chicago at \$4.40 a barrel. Conservative men who have studied the crop bulletins carefully did not hesitate to say that they would not be surprised to soon see dollar wheat.

NOTICE OF AMNESTY.

Filipinos Have Ninety Days to Accept United States Sovereignty.

The War Department has made public the notice of amnesty which was issued by Gen. MacArthur at Manila. The declaration of the President, Military Governor MacArthur announces amnesty, with complete immunity for the past and absolute immunity for the future to all persons who are now or at any time since Feb. 4, 1899, have been in insurrection against the United States in either a military or a civil capacity and who shall within a period of ninety days formally renounce all connection with such insurrection and subscribe to a declaration acknowledging and accepting the sovereignty and authority of the United States in and over the Philippine Islands. The privilege is extended to all concerned without any reservation whatever, excepting that persons who have violated the rules of war during the period of active hostilities are not embraced within the scope of the amnesty.

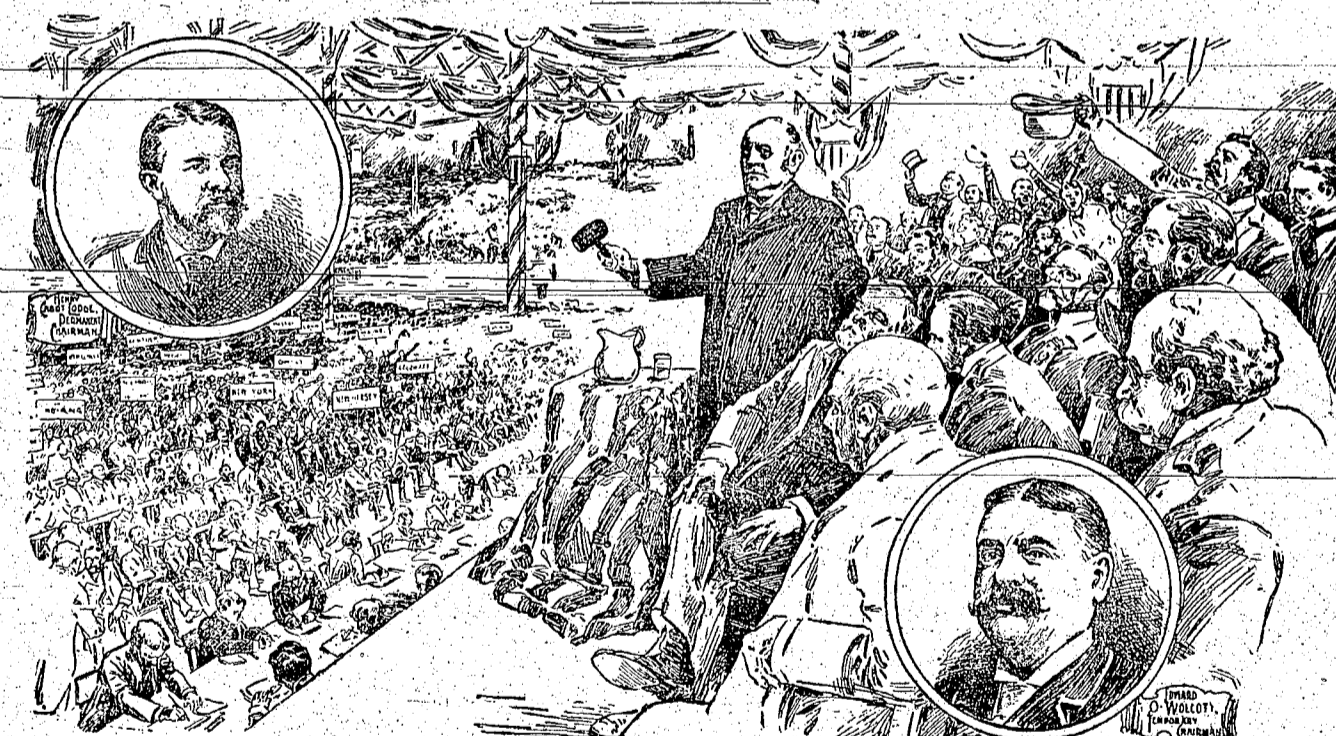
SOCIETY MEETINGS.

- M. E. CHURCH—Rev. O. W. Willst, Pastor. Services at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. G. L. Highard, Pastor. Regular Services every 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12 o'clock and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening.
- DANISH EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH—Rev. A. P. W. Bekker, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. and every Wednesday at 7 p. m. A lecture in school-room 12 m.
- METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH—Rev. J. J. Whitst, Pastor. Services every Sunday at 7:00 p. m. except the third Sunday each month. Sunday-school at 1 p. m.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—Father H. Weheler. Regular services the 2nd Sunday in each month.
- GRAYLING LODGE, No. 355, F. & A. M., meets in regular communication on Thursday evening on or before the full of the moon. J. C. HANSON, Adjutant. J. K. MERZ, W. M.
- MARVIN POST, No. 240, G. A. R., meets the second and fourth Saturdays in each month. J. C. HANSON, Adjutant. A. L. FOND, Post Com.
- WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS, No. 162, meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. J. M. JONES, President. JULIA FORNBERG, Sec.
- GRAYLING CHAPTER, R. A. M., No. 123—Meets every third Tuesday in each month. J. K. MERZ, H. P. A. TAYLOR, Sec.
- GRAYLING LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 137—Meets every Tuesday evening. JOSEPH PATTERSON, N. G. C. O. McCULLOUGH, Sec.
- BUTLER POST, No. 21, Union Lite Guards, meet every first and third Saturday evenings in W. R. C. hall. H. DOUGHERTY, Captain. P. D. BRUNS, Adjutant.
- CRAWFORD TENT, K. O. T. M., No. 102—Meets every Saturday evening. T. NOLAN, R. E. J. COLLIN, Com.
- GRAYLING CHAPTER, ORDER OF EAST-ERN STAR, No. 88, meets Wednesday evening on or before the full of the moon. Mrs. A. GROUPEFF, W. M. Mrs. FRED NARIN, Sec.
- COURT GRAYLING, I. O. E. No. 706—Meets second and last Wednesday of each month. J. WOODBURN, G. R. E. WIENER, R. S.
- GRAYLING HIVE, No. 54, L. O. T. M.—Meets every first and third Wednesday of each month. Mrs. W. WALDE, Record Keeper.
- REGULAR CONVOCATION OF CASTLE LODGE, No. 141, K. of P., meets in Castle Hall the first and third Wednesday of each month. H. A. FOND, K. of R. S. L. T. WRIGHT, C. O.
- GRAYLING COUNCIL, No. 1, R. & S. M., will hold their regular convocation on Friday, on or before the full of the moon. JULIUS K. MERZ, T. J. M. F. L. MICHELSON, Sec.
- GARFIELD CIRCLE, No. 16, Ladies of the G. A. R. meet the second and fourth Friday evening in each month. ROSE E. FONES, President. ELVA MCINTYRE, Secretary.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Crawford County Exchange Bank. N. MICHELSON & R. HANSON, PROPRIETORS, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN. Money to loan. Deposits of \$1.00 and upward received, subject to check on demand, and exchange sold. Interest paid on certificates of deposit. Collections promptly attended to. We guarantee every accommodation consistent with good banking. HENRY BAUMAN, Cashier. S. N. INSLEY, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, Office over Fournier's Drug Store. Office hours: 9 to 11 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 evenings. Reside here, first door north of Avalanche office. GEO. L. ALEXANDER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ETC. Fine Lands Bought and Sold on Commission. Non-Residents' Lands Looked After. GRAYLING, MICH. JOSEPH PATTERSON, Attorney and Counselor at Law, AND NOTARY PUBLIC. Prosecuting Attorney for Crawford County. FIRE INSURANCE. Office at Court House, GRAYLING, MICH. O. PALMER, Attorney at Law and Notary. FIRE INSURANCE. Collections, conveyancing, payment of taxes and purchase and sale of real estate promptly attended to. Office on Northern avenue, opposite the Court House, GRAYLING, MICH. It Beats All. Why some business men can't see the value of the local newspaper as an advertising medium. Persons who do see the value of it, however, advertise their wares year in and year out—AND THEY'RE THE ONES WHO DO THE MOST BUSINESS!

OPENING OF THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN PHILADELPHIA.



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G. PALMER, Editor & Proprietor

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1900.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Hogs sold in Nebraska at \$2.85 per cwt. in 1899. This year they sold at \$1.95. Yet farmers there are to be asked to vote for a Democratic President and a Democratic Congress again, so as to get back to the old \$2.85 price.

One of the new Democratic Senators from Louisiana has announced that he stands for a Protective Tariff, and the other one says he is against the 16 to 1 fallacy. There are Democrats, and there are Democrats.—Des Moines "State-Register".

"I shall never drop the silver question until the little coterie of English financiers cease to meet in secret and plan the laws of this country." That is what Bryan told the people at Wichita, Kansas. In the meantime the English manufacturers are begging for mercy, and only a few days ago Americans subscribed for several millions of the British war bonds. That old bugaboo about the Rothschilds has long since ceased to be effective.—Des Moines (Ia.) "State-Register".

What shall be said of the contentions of American Free-Traders that trusts and combines are creatures of a Protective Tariff and cannot exist under Free-Trade conditions? Great Britain has no Protective Tariff and, by this rule should have no trusts. It appears, however, that trusts are the order of the day in Great Britain, even more than in the United States; that they already exist over there in large numbers, and that according to the "Financial News" of London, "more issues are promised." There must be a mistake somewhere.

The Gold Democrats have spoken. They are not in love with Bryan, and in order to secure their support he must do several things that would naturally lose him the support of the silver Democrats. The gold Democrats say he must publicly disavow the Chicago platform, admit the silver issue is a delusion and a snare and false, irrelevant and immaterial; and he must also admit that he was a false prophet when he predicted that disaster would follow the enactment of a gold standard law. Should Billy concede all what is asked of him by the gold boys, what will the silver fellows do to him?—Sag. Cour. Herald.

The war department has begun the work of getting the 31,000 volunteers now serving in the Philippines to their homes by July 1 of next year and replacing them by a sufficient number of regulars to prevent the prestige of the United States from suffering. It is proposed to maintain an army of 40,000 regulars in the Philippines as long as required, and to do this it will be necessary to draw upon the troops now in the United States and Cuba to the extent of 9,000. All the volunteers are to be brought home and mustered out at the place of enlistment June 30, 1901, and in order to accomplish this with certainty and with the least embarrassment the homeward movement will begin early in November next.

One of the mysteries to Europeans is the fact that America is able to market the products of her manufacturers at a price which commands the markets of the world and yet the standard of wages in this country remains higher than in Europe. The tin-plate industry, for instance, offers a good example of the case just mentioned and the benefits of protection. Tin-plate manufacture was for many years a standing joke with free traders and in 1890 we manufactured no tin-plate to speak of. Yet to-day we make all that our own market uses and in addition have a surplus to export. We have completely taken away our own market from Wales as yet we are paying our tin-plate artisans the highest wages. The official organ of the tin-plate manufacturers of Wales, in the latest issue to reach this country, asserts that the passage of the Wilson tariff bill caused a reduction in the wages of American tin-plate makers, but after the passage of the Dingley tariff bill there was an increase, so that in 1891 American tin-plate makers received \$9.99 per ton, whereas to-day those same makers receive \$11.68. The tin-plate makers of Wales receive very much less than this, and yet as far as the United States is concerned the once great Welsh industry is extinct. To-day the doctrine of protection is more important than ever before, because upon it depends the great growth of our foreign markets and the future which is certainly before them.—Grand Rapids Herald.

In a severe arraignment of trusts

The Rev. Thomas J. Ducey of New York said: "The barons of monopoly, trusts and syndicates, are truly the murders of their brethren. No Baron or lord of monopoly layeth down his life for his brethren, but they lay down the lives of countless thousands by their oppression and their greed. In the winter they chill them to death by their corners on coal, and throw them into the arms of pneumonia and consumption. In summer now they contribute with the elements to heat them to death by making it almost impossible for the poor and struggling 'to get the cooling agency of ice.'"

Dr. Ducey has stated the case with great force. The paragraph of his sermon which roasts the Tammany ice trust will be useful during the campaign when democratic orators owned by Croker's trust lift their voices in support of the anti-trust plank of the Kansas City platform.

Charles Dick, Chairman of the Republican National Committee

evidently believes that young America has some show in the strenuous political life. In the Philadelphia North American he says: "This is the era of the young man in important affairs of life. I am not one of those who would discourage the young man in politics. Politics is as promising a field to the young man as any other. Nor am I one of those who believe that men in professional or business life should eschew politics. Every man owes it as a duty to his government to devote as much time and thought to public affairs as possible. I believe in organization and it is a good plan for the beginner to early identify himself with some party organization."

From the figures at hand it appears

that more than 1400,000,000 worth of products were exported by the South during the last twelve months. In other words, the south has supplied a third of the entire enormous amount of goods exported by the whole country. This has been done under the Protective system, the system which has given life and vigor to Southern industries. Free Trade has never had any such result to show. It has it ever had any result to show except that which tells of the hardship of hard times. Is the South ready to sacrifice this prosperity, witherto unequalled, for a political tradition; or is it ready to break the shackles of traditional political allegiance and throw its electoral votes for the system to which it owes its prosperity? That is the question which the South must decide this fall when it decides between Free-Trade and Protection.

Essay on the State of Michigan.

(The following is not one of the essays of our graduating class, but is from a juvenile in one of our county schools.)

Michigan was admitted to the union in Jan. 26th, 1837. It was first explored by Father Marquette a priest who started a mission and named several places such as Sault St. Mary. He was a Frenchman and this is why the names are so hard to spell. Michigan is one of the most prosperous states of the union. The southern portion of the map of Michigan looks like what the girls give the boys when they request their company. It is surrounded by the greatest fresh water lakes of the world. This is why the Michiganders are so fresh. It also has the most extensive iron mines in the world, and its copper mines can not be surpassed. This is why we have more coppers than dollars. Michigan has also a system of free schools and no one needs to grow up in ignorance that wants to have an education. We should feel proud of our noble state its Wolverines, Michiganders and pretty schoolmams.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss.
County of Crawford.

At a Session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate Office in said County, on Saturday the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred.

Present, JOHN J. COVENTRY, JUDGE or PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of William W. Sherman, deceased, Benjamin F. Sherman, Administrator of said estate, comes into court and represents that he is now prepared to render final account as such Administrator.

Thereupon he it ordered, that Saturday the twenty-first day of July next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the examining and allowing of said account and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said court, to be held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling in said County and show cause, if any there be, why the said account should not be allowed.

And, it is further ordered, that said Benjamin F. Sherman, administrator, give notice to the persons interested in said estate, of the pendency of said account, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, at least seven consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

(SEAL) JOHN J. COVENTRY, JUDGE OF PROBATE.

Additional Local Matter.

Republican County Convention.

The Republican County Convention last Saturday, was called to order by R. D. Conline, Chairman of the Co. Committee, who called C. F. Kelley to the Chair. W. F. Benke was elected Secretary, and J. Medical and Wm. Woodfield, Tellers, and following committees appointed: On Resolutions J. A. Coventry; H. A. Graham and J. J. Niederer; Credentials, H. A. Bauman, Jas. Smith, and J. C. Hanson; Permanent Organization and Order of Business, D. Waldron, W. S. Chalker, and John Failing.

The temporary officers were made permanent, delegations all filled and the committee on resolutions presented the following report which was enthusiastically received and adopted with cheers.

Your committee on resolutions most respectfully report as follows: We offer congratulations to this harmonious gathering, while the necessary qualifications in the ranks of the Republicans are not slanted, and while we have our individual preferences, let us acquiesce to the will of the majority—pledging our good will and loyalty to the outcome of the different Republican conventions to be held.

And as we view the era of prosperity and confidence and progressiveness during the past few years, and the bright prospects of the future appear, plainly in sight—being brought about by the far seeing wisdom of those in power,

RESOLVED, that we hail with delight the renomination of our gallant leader Wm. McKinley, one who has rescued our land from prostrate industries, quickened its power with new life, and presented to us (under his wise guidance) a new life with unprecedented prosperity, but with all this, it is no more than can be expected from one who has always been true and faithful to American interests and progress. And with the added contingencies brought about by the cruel necessities of war, thereby enlarging his duties and responsibilities, we can confidently look to him as being equal to all emergencies that may arise.

And we would not forget the wisdom of our delegates at the National Convention, in Philadelphia, in selecting that honorable, upright, conscientious, citizen-soldier, of New York, for Vice-President. One who being no San Juan or El Caney to bring him into prominence before the people, but one who, in the old days of Tammany corruption, stepped forward in the path of right and honor and the people admired Theodore Roosevelt.

We affirm and adhere to the principles as embraced in our National Republican Platform.

We firmly and honestly believe that the burdens incidental to the management of our State, County, Town and School institutions should be equally distributed, and the management and discharge of the duties connected therewith should be displayed with business abilities, care and economy, resulting in not only equal taxation but justifiable taxation.

That we most heartily endorse the candidacy of Dr. Oscar Palmer for the office of State Land Commissioner, as a man at once both clean and capable. Further that the delegates to the State Convention be instructed to vote for him and use every honorable means to secure his nomination.

J. J. COVENTRY,
H. A. GRAHAM,
JOHN J. NIEDERER.

Quick Relief for Asthma.

Miss Maude Dickens, Parsons, Kan., writes: "I suffered eight years with asthma in its worst form. I had several attacks during the last year and was not expected to live through them. I began using Foley's Kidney and Urinary Pills and it has never failed to give immediate relief." L. Fournier.

NOTICE.

Whereas my wife, Alice Mongeau, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, this is to warn all persons against harboring or trusting her on my account, as I will pay no debt of her contracting after this date.

Dated, June 23d., 1900.
JUN 24 W SOLOMON MONGEAU.

Mortgage Sale.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage bearing date of the 27th day of October 1898, and executed by William H. Stever of Grayling, Mich., to Philip Mosher of Flint, Michigan, and recorded on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1898, in Liber 2 of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan; And Whereas the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage, for principal and interest, at the date of this notice is the sum of \$87.64, and no proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the same or any part thereof; therefore,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on Saturday, the first DAY OF SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1900, at one o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the Court-House in the Village of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court of the County of Crawford is held), by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, there will be sold to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, or a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, together with costs, charges and expenses allowed by law, including an attorney fee of fifteen dollars, namely: The south east quarter of the north west quarter, and the north east quarter of the south west quarter of Section Thirty, (30) Township twenty-seven, (27) North of Range three (3) West.

Dated, June 11th, A. D. 1900.
PHILIP MOSHER,
MORTGAGEE.
O. PALMER,
Attorney for Mortgagee, July 13

No instructions were given further than the above, but Messrs. Hanson and Carney each asserted in speeches which followed their election, their adherence to the candidacy of Col. Bliss for Governor.

Cycling has its ups and downs. After the down use Banner Salve if you're cut or bruised. It heals the hurt quickly. L. Fournier.

Wheat will not be more than half a crop in this county this year, but hay is coming on in fine shape. A little more rain please.

A fatal polio is to neglect a backache or other sign of kidney trouble. Foley's Kidney Cure is a sure remedy for Bright's disease, diabetes and gravel. L. Fournier.

M. A. Bates and daughter attended the graduation exercises at Gaylord, last week, in honor of his niece, Miss Nellie Hoyt, who was one of the sweet girl graduates.

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Miss Woodburn, of Grayling, is the guest of her friend, Miss Maud Tuttle and attended the Commencement exercises last night, and saw Maud graduate with high honors.—Otsego Herald.

For two years Ira W. Kelley of Mansfield, Pa., was in poor health on account of kidney trouble. He consulted several physicians and spent considerable money for medicines without obtaining relief until he tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and now writes: "I desire to add my testimony that it may be the cause of aiding others." L. Fournier.

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Mortgage Sale.

Mortgage sale under the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, Charles Denier and Wealthy E. Denier, his wife, are the mortgagors, and William M. Bradley and Sarah Bradley mortgagees. The mortgage bears date November 21, 1898, was recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Crawford county, Michigan, on November 30th, 1898, in Liber D of mortgages, page 607. On December 13, 1898, said mortgage was assigned by said William M. and Sarah Bradley to Elvora F. Haspel; said assignment was recorded in the office of the register of deeds of said Crawford county on December 28, 1898, in Liber D of mortgages on page 608. The assignee of the mortgage does not declare the principal sum as now due, and there is due at the date of this notice on said mortgage the sum of three hundred and six dollars and twenty-five cents. The mortgaged premises are situated in the township of South Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan, and described as follows: The south one-half of the north-west fractional quarter of section thirty, in town twenty-five north of range west. This land will be sold at public auction at the front door of the Court House in the Village of Grayling, Crawford county, Michigan, on the 4th day of August, 1900 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, costs and expenses of said sale. Dated, May 19th, 1900.

COMMERCIAL SAVING'S BANK COMPANY, Assignee of Mortgage.

JOSEPH PATTERSON, Attorney for Assignee, May 10-13th

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The Avalanche.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1900.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Trumble are spending the week at Lewiston.

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For a Rambler, Ideal or Hudson Bicycle go to A. Kraus.

Miss Stella Willis is home from Detroit for her summer vacation.

Headquarters for fishing tackle at Fournier's Drug Store.

O. Palmer started for Grand Rapids Monday morning, to be ready for State Convention.

FOR SALE—The house and lots known as the Metcalf property, one block north of the school house.

Chas. Douglas got a severe thump from a flying stove, one day last week at the mill.

Crescent Bicycles.
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Advertised Letters—Roy Jenkins, John Stark, Frank Price, Frank Quinsbank.

It will pay you to see our new line of fishing tackle before buying. Fournier's Drug Store.

Last Sunday the thermometer registered over ninety degrees in the shade. Corn weather.

Peninsular Stoves and Ranges guaranteed the best. Sold by A. KRAUS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Anderson, of Burlington, Iowa, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sparkes.

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FOUND—Last week at the children's Picnic Grounds, a sleeve button. Owner call at the office.

Read all about "Black Death." Selling, Hanson & Co., will tell you all about it.

Selling, Hanson & Co.'s Band will give another of their popular concerts, on the Court House grounds, Saturday.

Invest a few dollars in fertilizer and see the result. Phosphate and Potato Grower at Selling, Hanson & Co.

Remember the Literary and Musical Entertainment, under the auspices of the Epworth League, June 29. Admission only 10 cents.

Albert Kraus has just received a full line of fishing tackle which he sells at reasonable prices. The only tackle that catches the fish.

Deputy Tresspass Agent King, of Cheboygan County, was in town a couple of days last week. He makes it hot for timber thieves.

J. W. Sorenson is agent for the sale of the best Sewing Machines in the market. Machines guaranteed. Call and examine machines, and get prices.

Andrew Peterson has completely remodeled the interior of his jewelry store, and now has one of the most attractive rooms in the state, and a fine stock of goods.

J. J. Stapleton, of Judges, got a bad cut in his foot with an axe, last Thursday. He came near bleeding to death before the arrival of Dr. Insley.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and of all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

The Cheboygan Tribune has entered upon the 26th year of its existence, and Brother Ramsay may well be proud of his success. The paper is among the best in the state, and an honor to Northern Michigan. Long may it float.

We are indebted to J. K. Bates for a basket of the finest strawberries we ever saw, from his farm in Maple Forest. The berries averaged over an inch in diameter, and their flavor was perfection. We hope the patch will bear all summer.

The Michigan Supreme Court has handed down a decision that a ball game played on Sunday is such an illegal proceeding as to require the active attention of the sheriff. He must stop it even if he has to arrest the whole outfit, and it is his duty to be present and stop the game if he knows of it without being asked to do it or ordered to do it.

Muresco!

We are headquarters for Muresco. The painters claim this is the best wall finish, so it must be so. Try a package! Selling, Hanson & Co.

BORN—June 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peterson, a daughter.

FOUND—Near the school house a pair of steel bow, nose glasses. Enquire here.

BORN—June 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dorchers (nee Minnie Aebli), a son; weight eight pounds.

Wagons have advanced in price, but we have received another carload and CAN DIVIDE THE ADVANCE ON THAT ACCOUNT.

R. Hanson, T. A. Carney, H. Graham and R. P. Forbes, started for Grand Rapids, Tuesday, to attend the Republican State Convention.

Mrs. P. W. Stephan celebrated her 64th birthday, last Monday. Her numerous children and grand-children gave the old lady a surprise party in the evening.

Lulu Rouse, Katie Bates, Eleanor Woodfield, Grant Canfield, Lily Hansberger, Anna Jensen, Metha Hornbeck, were neither absent nor tardy for the whole school year. Good for them.

Len Phillips, a Richfield township, Roscommon Co. farmer was fatally shot by William Hubbard, a deputy sheriff. The bullet is in his groin. The assault was unprovoked. Hubbard is in Jail.

At the Great Camp, K. O. T. M., held in Grand Rapids last week, Major Boynton won out in the election for Great Commander, after a bitter fight between himself and De Vere Hall of Bay City.

We were glad to see Thos. Wakely in town last Friday, as he came up to the casaca, looking in better health than for the past year. He reports the farm looking well, but suffering some what for drought.

John A. Johnson's horse was frightened by the cars and ran a way, throwing him from the wagon, fracturing his shoulder, and giving him a general shaking up. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, at Saginaw.

One of our citizens, coming home from his work one evening last week, found his little boy crying in the street, and investigation proved that the mother had deserted the home, taking a part of the furniture, and another man with her.

R. McElroy has received a copy of a photograph of one his comrades who starved with him in Andersonville. It is as sad a sight as the pictures of any of the starving in India, and will bring tears to the eyes of any sensitive man who views it.

There will be a Literary and Musical Entertainment given at the Methodist Church on Friday evening of this week. It promises to be a local event of unusual interest. Miss Florence Smith, of the Kafe Jacobs Conservatory of Music of Detroit, will delight all lovers of that instrument. Miss Nettie Wiley, pupil of Prof. Page, will assist with the mandolin. Prof. Martin will render a beautiful Cornet Solo, accompanied by the piano. Several of the best singers in Grayling will loan their voices to complete the best musical program that Grayling has enjoyed in at least two years. In addition Miss May Anderson, a gifted elocutionist, who has made for herself an enviable reputation, in other parts of the state, will recite several selections. Only ten cents admission to a dollars worth of pleasure.

Republican Caucus.
The liveliest caucus ever held in Grayling, occurred last Friday evening. One hundred and six votes were polled which is more than double the usual number. The Stearns and Bliss forces were marshalled in Battle array, but the best feeling prevailed, and when it was found that the Bliss men were largely in the majority, the Stearns men yielded gracefully to the inevitable, and the entire Bliss slate of delegates were elected. The caucus was called to order by the Chairman W. Blausban, and M. A. Bates called to the chair, H. A. Graham was elected secretary, and Messrs Jerome, Matson and Connie were appointed tellers. The canvass had been a lively one for two weeks previous, but it is hoped all differences in the party are settled, and that all will work together for the fall campaign.

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If you want to paint your house this summer, use the **Shorwin Williams Paint.** Why not use the best paint? It only cost you a few cents more than poor paint, and it will give you satisfaction. Nothing is better than **Shorwin Williams Paint.** Sold by S. H. & Co.

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Late Pupils.

The following pupils were late last week:

High School—None.
Grade 6 and 7—Two.
Grade 5—One.
Grade 4—None.
Grade 3—Two.
Grade 2—None.
Grade 1—Five.

Glorious News

Comes from Dr. D. B. Cargille, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Electric Bitters—has cured Mrs. Brower of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face and the best doctors could give no help; but now her health is excellent." Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Only 50c. Sold by L. Fournier, Druggist. Guaranteed.

Democratic County Convention.

On Saturday, July 14th, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the Democrats of Crawford county will meet in convention at the Court House in the village of Grayling, for the purpose of electing delegates to the state, congressional, senatorial and representative conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

The several townships will be entitled to delegates as follows: Beaver Creek, five; South Branch, four; Frederic, five; Maple Forest, five; Grayling, eighteen. By Order of Committee.

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A Life and Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble which ended in consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery which wholly cured me. Hundreds have used it on my advice and all say it never fails to cure throat, chest and lung troubles." Regular size 50c and 1.00. Trial bottles free at L. Fournier's drug store.

Commencement is past. Last Thursday evening at the Opera House, Miss Astrid Bekker and Oscar Hanson received their diplomas, from the hands of the Moderator, Joseph Patterson, who justly congratulated them on having completed the prescribed course, in our school, in a highly creditable manner. The address of Prof. Bailey, of Gaylord, on the subject of citizenship, was full of subject-matter for thought and received earnest attention. The music was furnished by the Ladies' Quartette, and as usual was beyond criticism. The stage was prettily decorated with ferns and flowers, and the class colors, red and white, above which hung their class motto, "Not Finished But Begun." Prof. Graham and his excellent corps of teachers, are to be congratulated.

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Mortgage Sale.

MORTGAGE sale under the power of sale contained in mortgage. Mary Shultz is the mortgagee and Standard Savings and Loan Association, of Detroit, Michigan, is the mortgagee. The mortgage bears date April 28th, 1894, and was recorded May 2, 1894, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan. Interest on this mortgage is due at this date on said mortgage One hundred five and 1/10 Dollars. The mortgage premises are situated in the village of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, viz:—The premises situate in W. 1/2 of Lot Four (4), Block Four (4), Martha M. Brink's Addition to the Village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, on Friday the 27th day of July, 1900, at twelve o'clock noon, local time, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, costs and expenses of said sale, and the attorney fee provided for in mortgage and by law. Dated May 28, 1900.

STANDARD SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, Mortgagees.

BARON & W. S. BROWN, Attorneys for Mortgagee, may 28-1900, 30 Buhl Block, Detroit, Michigan.

Sealed Bids for Painting.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, until June 30th, 1900, for painting (two coats) the Grayling school building; material to be furnished by the board, and work completed on or before Aug. 20th. Specifications may be seen at the office of the director. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

By order of School Board,

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SECRET DEBATE FOR INDEPENDENCE

The great independence debate was held with closed doors and was kept secret because it was felt that in case of the capture of any one of the members of the body that King George would have him strung up speedily in case there was written evidence that he had spoken against the supremacy of the crown.



Webster, the others were born in the colonies. Not of the same occupation, either, for 21 lawyers, 14 farmers, 9 merchants, 4 physicians, 1 gospel minister and 1 manufacturer were there. Not representing the interest of a single State, but of thirteen separate little governments, torn by longings, fears and dissensions.

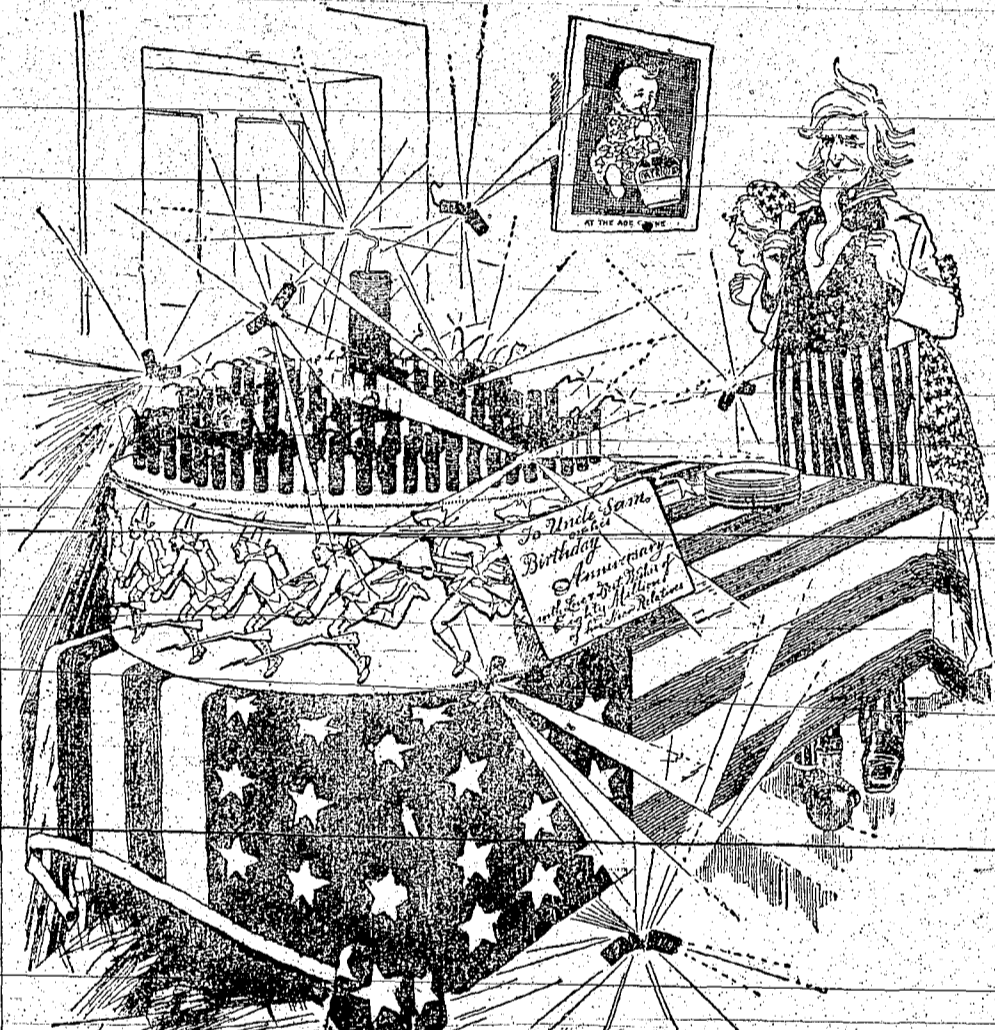
Secretary Thomas wrote and announced to the assembled Congress the final decision and set down. Suddenly the chamber, but now so full of words, of gestures, of flashing eyes and of impassioned figures, is hushed, and those with it motionless, almost the rapid heart-beats can be heard. Then, in a photographical order, the members signed the paper.

The big bell that had been pulled to toll on the passing of the stamp act (which the people declared was the "death knell of liberty") now rang the joyous proclamation of "liberty throughout the world, unto all the inhabitants thereof." So plain July 4 came to be the great Fourth of July. And though the event took place a little late in the day for a celebration, yet good use was made of the hours that remained, and of several days that followed, too, for joyful recognition of the independence day.

Up to 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that Fourth of July, 1776, American independence hung in the balance. How eyes and thoughts were turned that summer day to the old statehouse at Philadelphia! Would the body of men gathered there take the step? Would they dare to do it?

OUR FLAG.

Strawlike we lord our starry flag, and stand beneath its folds, as wide unrolled it waves for you and me. Strawlike, with lips that smile, men tried to keep the flag of hope from flying to the flag that ever seemed to us far less of earth than sky.



WORLD-WIDE FESTIVITIES.

The glorious Fourth is celebrated over the whole world. The glorious Fourth is celebrated the world over. It is not confined to the United States, by any means. It is often said that the sun never sets upon the British empire. It is equally true that it never sets upon the American Empire of July.

pleasure out of the day as sailors, as one of the time-honored traditions of the day is, a long parade, which is anything but pleasurable in the hot July weather, especially when, as is often the case, the paraders have to stand for long periods and listen to the words of the orators, before taking up the hot, dusty, wearisome march homeward.

but I am feelin' that I kin down yo' both, Yere's a level spot, with soft sile to fall on, and I'm gwine to tack'le yo'.

honour," a great and genuine cheer goes forth. To the accompaniment of the church organ, which is on the platform, the choir sings patriotic songs, and all sing. Then the orator, whose soul would not swell within him in this patriotic environment? If he is from the official life of the city, the genuineness of the occasion must move him to genuine pleasure and his soul flies to his lips. He surprises himself with the true eloquence that moves him. It is called a "great speech." The man who could not make a great speech under such influences is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils.

SAM'S MISTAKE.

He wanted to know how big his Pa was. "We was on our way down to Bristol," said the old man as we sat smoking on a log at the door. "When my son Sam turns to me and sez:

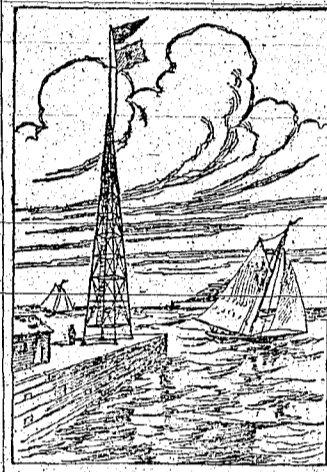
Fourth of July in the city is matter of sport and sound-and-fury. Your town Fourth is celebrated in the smaller towns. The Declaration of Independence is not a "back number" in the village celebration. It is listened to devoutly. When the school teacher or the protestant girl or the young man of the town, the "present King of Great Britain" the old patriotic thrill goes through the hearts of the old men and the women and the children. To them it is still an axiom that "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

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It will indicate that there is a storm coming from an easterly direction and when the red and white are both turned on the storm is approaching from a westerly point. Prof. Cox says that although the two lights are placed ten feet apart they will appear to occupy a distance beyond five miles. Consequently the light signals can be of no value when observed so far away.

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Natives of Our Sister Republic Seldom Emigrate to the States. By the last census taken in 1895, the population of Mexico was 12,278,000, by the last census of Canada, taken in 1896, it was 5,425,000.

The most frequent explanation given for the scarcity of Mexican residents in the United States is found in the differences of climate. But this explanation is not the true one, as is shown by the figures in Mississippi, a State whose climate more nearly, perhaps, than any other, with the exception of Texas, resembles that of Mexico; there were only thirty-one Mexicans in Mississippi returned by the last census, in Alabama twenty-seven, while in the North Atlantic States there were 650.

YOKE THAT LINCOLN MADE.

Now in the Agricultural Museum of the University of Illinois. A recent rearrangement of relics in the Agricultural Museum of the University of Illinois brought to light the old ox yoke made by Abraham Lincoln and presented to the university in the early '70s. By orders of President Draper the yoke was inclosed in a glass-topped case, made of boards from the old Lincoln home at Springfield.

Yoke Made by Lincoln.

The yoke was made by Lincoln when he was on a farm near Decatur. For several years it was in service about the Lincoln homestead. The yoke is of black walnut, and shows evidence of much use. The workmanship is rough, the iron parts being especially crude, indicating that they were made at a country blacksmith shop.

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FLASHES OF FUN.

When Otis said the war was over, perhaps he meant it was all over Luzon.—Chicago Record.

"You seem to like his attentions. Why don't you marry him?" "Because I like his attentions."—Brooklyn Life.

Slopy—I don't seem to get any better, doctor. Dr. Kraft—You worry too much; that's what's the matter. Spissy—Maud—Well, summer is really here, isn't it? Nellie—No—Well, I've only been engaged three times so far.—New York World.

Jack—"A penny for your thoughts." Nell—"But I dare not tell them to you." Jack—"Why not?" Nell—"Because this isn't ten pence's worth of money."—Philadelphia Record.

As she glanced out of the library window—My mind to me a kingdom is. She—Well, it isn't one of the great powers. "My pretty sure."—Detroit Free Press.

"Did you read about that poor man who expired while laughing?" "Yes, Well, it is a terrible strain to have to laugh at some stories you hear."—Chicago Record.

Their only chance: "Do you believe that the black snail inherits the earth?" "Well, it stands to reason they never get it unless by inheritance."—Troy Times.

"I hear that dear Mrs. Brown, your mother-in-law, is dead. Has the burial taken place yet?" "I shall have her cremated." "You're wise. It's safer."—New York World.

Young mother (proudly)—Everybody says the baby looks like me. Bachelor brother (amazed)—The spiteful things don't say that to your face, do they?—New York Weekly.

Sunday-school teacher (finishing the narration)—"And that is the story of Jonah and the whale." Johnny—"Isn't it strange they knew what a Jonah was that long ago?"—Harlem Life.

"These cigars," said the pompous individual, "were sent from Havana." "So?" queried the matter-of-fact person. "People there wouldn't smoke em, eh?"—Philadelphia Record.

"Oh, I don't think I do." Dr. Kraft—Ah, but I think you do. Now, there's that last year's bill of mine. Don't you think you'd better put it up if you had that six year's bill?—Philadelphia Press.

"It's a badly managed world, I reckon," said Little Wiltforce. "Nights Mr. Brownjohn comes I've got to go to bed—and nights he doesn't come—well, there isn't no special fun in sitting up!"—Aly Sloper.

Mrs. Crimonsbank—Did you see that Miss Deccollet was the best-dressed woman at the opera? Mr. Crimonsbank—No, I didn't see exactly that. What I did see was the one striped all the others.—Yonkers Statesman.

Many a young girl makes the mistake of thinking that because she would die for a man she truly loves him. In this restless, throbbing age it is necessary for her to take herself in all seriousness. "Would I ask in washing for him?"—Detroit Journal.

Mother—Was your aunt glad to see you and Tommy and Frankie and Fred? Johnny—Yes, ma'am. Mother—Did she have you to call again? Johnny—Yes, and she told us to bring you and papa and Sisie and the dog next time.—Harlem Life.

Mother—So you have been at the jam again, Adolphus? Son—The board door came open of itself, mother, and I thought—Mother—Why didn't you say—"Get thee behind me, Satan?" Son—So I did, mother, and he went and pushed me right in.—Brooklyn Life.

Her Little Brother: Featherstone—What keeps your sister so long, Willie? Her Little Brother—She's putting on the finest clothes she has. Featherstone—What's that for? Her Little Brother—She said she was going to had you tonight, if it could be done.—The Bits.

"Let's arrive at a mutual understanding," said the Englishman after the heat of the argument had subsided; "I don't want you to think I'm a liar." "Ay, course not," replied the fishman. "An' Oi don't want ye to think Oi think ye're a liar. But ye are."—Philadelphia Press.

Missionary—Was it liquor that brought you to this? Imprisoned Burglar—No, sir; it was house cleanin'—spring house cleanin', sir. Missionary—Eh? House cleanin'? Burglar—Yes, sir; the woman had been house cleanin', and th' stair carpet was up, an' th' folks heard me.—New York Weekly.

An honest young man, who had escaped a great peril by an act of heroism, was much complimented for his bravery. One lady said: "I wish I could have seen your feat." Whereupon he blushed and stammered, and finally pointing to his pedal extremities said: "Well, here they be, mum."—Exchange.

A God Excuse: "Now, madam," said the ecclesiastical judge, who had been annoyed by the digressions of previous female witnesses, "we want no hearsay evidence. Tell only what you know. Your name, please?" "Marry Jones," replied the witness. "Your age?" "Well, er—I only have hearsay evidence on that point, so I won't say."—Collier's Weekly.

Bridge (reading laboriously)—"Hev you reg'arded that? It sez here—that when a man loses war at his senses, his other senses get more developed. For instance, a blind man gets more sense of hearin' an' touch." "Pat—Shure, an' it's quite true, O'iv nae'ted it meself. When a man has wan' tick shorter than the other leg—the other leg's longer, isn't it, now?"

According to official reports the strength of the Swiss Army on Jan. 1, 1900, was as follows: (1) "Auszug" men from 20 to 52 years of age, 150,870 men, comprising 133,617 infantry, 4,531 cavalry, 29,422 artillery, 5,588 engineers, 4,928 in the sanitary corps, and 1,757 in other departments. (2) "Landwehr" men from 33 to 45 years of age, 87,364 men—a well-trained and well-drilled militia, making with the Auszug a total of 238,234 men.

Running a newspaper is a good deal like umpiring a base-ball game.



Sermons of the Week

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A church society in Brooklyn discussed at a recent meeting the question, "Which is more demoralizing, fashion or tobacco?" The total number of men available for military duty in the United States, but unorganized, is 10,333,150, and the aggregate organized strength is 1,061,329. Russia, it is said, will fall to pieces after one great defeat in battle. None of her critics seem inclined, however, to teach her the lesson of a great defeat. The State Superintendent of Schools in Iowa says that the Iowa school-teachers are paid lower salaries than in any other of the States of the Middle West, excepting Ohio. The farmers of India are very slow to adopt new ideas. An English plow recently sent a steam plow at heavy expense all over the country, but did not succeed in selling a single implement. There is no demand for foreign advisers to the Korean government. Although two Americans who held such positions have recently died, their places have been filled and there is no further demand for assistance of that kind. near Bilbao, Spain, are to be utilized for the generation of 2,800 horse-power to be employed in operating a railway thirty-seven miles long, to be built between the towns of Zumaraga and Yumaga. Old Spain is waking up. The higher classes of machinery and tools used in Russia are from Great Britain and the United States. At present there is more demand for common tools. The finer sorts are used in bicycle factories, marine machine shops, etc. A Vermont girl is making an excellent living in New York City by teaching other girls how to make bread. Now, if the girls taught will only continue to make bread after they become matrons the benefit will have been mutual. It is said in London that twenty-one newspaper correspondents have either died by disease or been killed in South Africa since the war began, and that as many more are disabled as the result of wounds or sickness. News from the firing line costs life as well as money. American coin does not circulate in China. Silver dollars sell by weight as bulk silver, and gold dollars are bought by jewelers at the metal value. Banks pay less owing to risk in shipping the coin to America. Greenbacks bring a higher price at the banks than gold, owing to less cost of transportation. The waterfalls of the River Leizuran, West Virginia is one of the most active States in railroad building this year. There are now some twenty roads building, and the mileage under construction amounts to 500 miles. About 2,244 miles of railroads are in operation, of which \$33 have been added in the last nine years. It was observed at the first performance of Sousa's band in the American section of the Paris Exposition that the enthusiasm of the great audience of Americans that gathered to hear it did not break all bounds until the "cake walk" and other rag-time pieces were played. Then the American soloists became delirious. They danced and whooped and demanded encores until the band was exhausted. The Frenchmen present could not understand it. Glasgow, Scotland, has erected a municipal lunatic asylum of 120 rooms at a cost of \$85,000 for the accommodation of motherless families or for small children whose mothers go out to daily labor and must leave their dependent offspring at home. It is not an orphanage, not a charity at all in the strict sense of the word, since the working people who avail themselves of its privileges pay a small sum for what they receive. In a recent article in the New York Herald Dr. James J. Walsh of the city makes the assertion that the widespread use of automobiles as substitutes for horse-drawn vehicles will injure to the general health of the city. Much contagion is spread, he says, by the blowing about of dry manure, which in its moist state is used by all sorts of insects as a receptacle for their eggs. The bacilli of tetanus is often carried to cities in hay, which is the basis of all equine food. Numerous other disease-bearing microbes were traced by the wealthy doctor directly to the erstwhile "best friend of man." The Juvenile Court of Chicago, during its nine months of operation, has considered the cases of 1,235 delinquent children, 765 of whom have been paroled and placed in charge of probation officers. To give a boy another chance in his own home, to help him begin again a normal boy's life is the work of a probation officer. To this end the officer seeks to establish cordial relations with the parents of the paroled boy, to slip into the position of a family friend, to check the recurrence of lawlessness on the part of the boy with as little exercise as possible of the authority which the court confers. By a decision of the Hawaiian Supreme Court the Queen's museum in Honolulu, founded by the late Queen Emma, loses practically all its endowment. The case turned on the meaning of issue. Queen Emma's father, an Englishman, left her a large fortune with the condition that if she died without issue the estate should revert to his nephew in England. Emma had a son, but the child died before the mother. Yet this was regarded as fulfilling the provisions of the will. Now the Court holds that the testator meant living issue at the time of Queen Emma's death and

DAINTY NEW DRESSES

USE OF HEAVY LACES IS STILL IN FAVOR.

Accepted Yoke Designs Hold Their Popularity—Summer Gowns Mostly of Familiar Materials Made Up to Put a Novel Side Outside.

New York correspondence: O far as fashions are concerned, summer has come on with a rush. Already the resort to summery dresses has taken on a July swing. July and August are the months for summer toggery, though there may be quite as much call for it during most of September. The new dresses are very dainty, and though fluff and feathering are favorite features, there are endless varieties of gowns built for simplicity. The use of heavy laces, the tendency to washableness as a charm in the summer dress all tend to make for simplicity in outline. Cluny lace in all grades and tints, which is, after all, a phase of lace, and various laces that till they appear under fanciful new names are associated with curtains and ties, are

White it is still a bit early to take up the no-collar bodice for outdoor wear, it is moving toward popularity. It is well established for dressy gowns and house frocks, and doubtless a few venturesome women will display the fashion on the street. Just now and until the cut becomes more general it is desirable to



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GOWNS OF LACE AND GINGHAM ALIKE FOR SIMPLE OUTLINES.

ly new, but this is probably the first time that it has been proposed to a church of the character and standing of St. Mark's. Philadelphia Bulletin. Free Prisons in France. The legislative free pass is still universal in France. Every member of the Chamber of Deputies has free travel on any railroad in the country. It is furnished with a metal of identification to make sure that he gets his privileges. In the matter of pay they are better off than the British members of Parliament, though their indemnity of \$5 a day is small beside the \$5,000 a year of the United States Congressmen.

of snow and fragments of rock and bark, made Jimmy think it would be dangerous to attempt to go out. But the April sun would swing around the western slope that afternoon, and so soften the snow that the masses above him would inevitably fall. Now or never he must get out. He crept along, crushing the snow down with his shoulders, until his head had struck a cold, taut wire running diagonally from the oak branches up along the wall. The wire! It recalled the construction train! Had it left Elwood? Around the great base of the hill and into Van Dorn's cut it might be speeding, with the ninety men of the outfit, to be huddled over the bank into the river or dashed against the rocky wall. The slide had come just where the sharp curve hid the track ahead, and there could be no warning before the train dashed into the barricade of logs, snow and boulders. The lineman may face down, thinking of the jovial, red-shirted crew who had welcomed him kindly and considerately when he came, a "tenderfoot," into Van Dorn's rough camp. He must try to save those men. Jimmy tried to crawl back, thinking dizzily that he might find an outlet and flag them if not too late. A mass of snow fell heavily into his former resting place, and he dug his way up over it until he struck the telegraph wire again, and attempted to tear it away from his kit and snatched it off, and then a new idea flashed through his mind. Was the wire still intact beyond the avalanche? Which way did it lead from his dim tomb? If it was unbroken and free from contact with everything except the dry snow, he might use it to avert evil. Jimmy took the little relay from his case, and pressing out the snow about him, quickly wound the loose end of the wire around the connecting post of the instrument. Then he connected the section of wire he had cut off to the other brass post, and buried the tree end in the ground underneath the snow, knowing that to ground the current beyond his relay would complete the circuit with any station on the line. Then the sharp metallic clicking of the keys came, with such startling swiftness that Jimmy shrank back in the darkness with an awed cry. "Train due Elwood 1:45. Through, there to Van Dorn's without stop, as instructed before. What's the matter, Van Dorn's? Nothing from there since snow-plow arrived?" It was the man at the last station beyond Elwood who was talking. "The operator at Elwood began to reply, but Jimmy Wardwell, with a cry, as if the instrument could voice his impotent protest, seized the relay with trembling fingers on the keys and broke in: "Flag that train! Hold that train! Slide on the track in cut. This is Van Dorn's—Wardwell. Flag that train unless too late—too late!" Then the clicking sounder brought Elwood's message: "What's that? What's the matter with you? Train coming in past siding now." He evidently did not understand. Jimmy dashed back one more, desperate appeal: "Slide in cut. Track destroyed. Flag train, quick, get out!" "No answer came, and in the darkness the lineman hammered unintelligibly on the keys. "Hell! do it, he'll save 'em!" he muttered, deliriously; and the man beyond Elwood began to ask what it was all about, as he had not interpreted all of Jimmy's messages. Then Elwood clicked back the glad news that he had held the train, and an excited demand for an explanation was coupled thereto. Ten minutes later the operator rushed out to the engine, where the gang foreman and the engineer were arguing whether the high bit of work ahead was through brown sandstone or just ordinary limestone. "Great Scott!" he cried. "There's been a slide somewhere in the cut, and that pink checked-boy at Van Dorn's swears that he's telegraphing to me from under the top of the whole blamed hill. I don't understand what he's driving at, but you'd better run in slowly and see what's up." The ninety men of the construction gang spent the rest of the afternoon in finding what was "up," or rather down. When they had traced Jimmy's hiding place, by means of the wire, and had carried him back to the station, it was commonly agreed that the troubleman at Van Dorn's had undergone an experience interesting and unusual in a lineman's first year.—Youth's Companion.

The Trouble at Van Dorn's.

BY C. T. JACKSON.

The "troubleman" sat on the wash-bench on the sunny side of the operator's shack at Van Dorn's listening to the drip of water from great drifts of snow that crested the cabin and gazing over the valley and all the country, which, buried by the four days' April blizzard, glared in white splendor that pained the troubleman's eyes. Van Dorn's camp was the temporary terminus of the new railroad. Since the close of tracklaying in the previous November, the operator and Jimmy Wardwell, lineman and general man in charge of the newly-constructed line, had hibernated together in the blizzards. The last-mile-of-the-line was a cut around the base of a mighty hill, and the cut made a curving terrace, with the Root river below on the one side and the rocky wall on the other. The distance to the last station was four miles, if one went straight over the high ridge that the track skirted. Today the tucker had forsook the two men and the engine and snow-plow had pushed through the cut and to the siding at Van Dorn's, where the expectant men greeted the crew with a cheer and a boiler of hot coffee. A construction train, with men and material, was due in a few hours, and the train-dispatcher had wired instructions to hold the snow-plow at Van Dorn's until the construction train should have arrived. The instrument on the table was still clicking merrily some further message, but the tucker suddenly stopped, and no assuring response flashed back. The operator watched the sounder, tested the instrument carefully, and then whistled to Jim and the snow-plow crew, who sat around the stove. "Trouble on the line, Jim, somewhere—line is dead. Now what do you suppose is up? Circuit's broken between here and Elwood. Something more about the work train he wanted to say. Jimmy, had here's your first job this season—trouble, trouble, and the troubleman must hunt it up." Now Jimmy was a young lineman on his first season, and at the announcement of "trouble," he was in a fever to be up and doing, as a lineman must. "Troubleman" is the term applied to the men on each division who hasten to repair the wires wherever trouble occurs. Although Jimmy was division superintendent as well as lineman, trouble at Van Dorn's was scarce, and there had not been enough to take the boy one hundred yards from camp all winter. By way of pastime, he had improved himself in the art of clicking keys, although he had been a fair operator before. "You can't do much with it, lad, if it's a break," said the operator, "but just locate the trouble, and when the crew gets in, there'll be help to raise the wires through those drifts. No need to worry, for the train will have a clear run from Elwood." So Jimmy tramped gaily down the cut with his lineman's kit and a pocket relay, which linemen seldom carry, as few of them understand telegraphy or have need to tap the wires. Halfway around the curve, where the rock wall rose almost to the top of the pole, the young man found his trouble. A branch of a gnarled oak on the hillside had split from the trunk and had borne the wire down into the cut and buried it in the snow. "I can't do much with that," said Jimmy, "but I'll climb the pole and look over the country." While he was strapping the steel spurs around his ankles, he noticed that the hillside snow frequently overhung the rock wall, and was dropping in sudden masses into the cut. When he had climbed to the cross arms of the pole and glanced up at the shining fields of the hilltop, four hundred feet above him, a small cottonwood tree halfway up the slope cracked sharply in the silence, and crows flew cawing from the leafless branches. "It looks queer!" said the lineman. "I do believe the whole hill is coming down!" Far up the dazzling bluff beat a white surf of heavy snow. It grew swiftly to a crumpled, rolling wall, with the tangled brush and timber disappearing beneath it. Along the wall about Jimmy great drifts were falling suddenly into the cut; but it was not until the rushing snow was sweeping about his pole that the lineman dropped from his perch, to be buried beneath the dirty avalanche which ended his wild career on the leeward river below. All traces of the railroad track were obliterated. The young lineman was senseless for a little while. When he recovered consciousness, he perceived nothing but vague darkness about him. His body was numb by the pressure of the snow, but his arms and head were free. He had struck the trunk of a tree when he struggled to sit up, and all about him the tangled branches had backed the snow until he could drag his numbed body along the side of the trunk, where he saw dimly that the brush and timber had fallen to form the narrow crevice which had saved his life. As stealthy creaking and settling of the mass, with occasional slight falls

TO AVOID DANGER. HE. Would you love me, my darling, my sweetheart, Would you love me as dearly as I now, If the fortune I have were to divide, Or slip through my fingers somehow— If the millions my grandfather left me— Would you love me, my sweetheart, my darling, With the love that you give me to-day? O, I'd love you as dearly as ever, If you had't a dollar to claim; But why not get rid of all danger, By putting your wealth in my name? I'd love you, I know, just as fondly, If I had to be put to the test— But, dearest, suppose that I carry The pocketbook—that'll be best!

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