MICHIGAN NEWS.

Geo. W. Pearson, a freight brakeman on the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway, fell from his train at Bancroft, and had his left foot fractured and an arm broken. He is married and his home is at Port Huron. His parents live at Jackson.

Alexander Sinclair, ex-city engineer, who disappeared from the Commercial hotel in Port Huron Saturday night is still missing. It is now supposed he has been drowned in the river.

Two boys recently found the dead body of a man in a piece of woods owned by Mr. Dibble in Howard, Cass county. Appearances indicated that he had been dead for a few weeks. At latest advices the body had not been fully identified, but it was supposed to be that of a insane tramp.

Dennis Root, an old resident of Boston township, Ionia county, died very suddenly a few days ago. He was a well known and respected farmer.

The Coldwater Courier sets forth that there has been $176,300 worth of new building done in that city this year.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Marshall poultry and pet stock association will be held at Marshall, January 11, 12, 13.

The postmaster general reports that Michigan is ninth in rank as to number of dead correspondence, 32,928,869 letters having been written and mailed during the past year; an average of 90.13 for each inhabitant.

There were shipped from Manistee this season 201,000,000 feet of lumber, 494,945,000 shingles, 16,734,000 lath, 132,730 cedar posts, 3,046 telegraph poles, 35,000 pickets, and 5,900 railroad ties.

Pierre M. Thayer fell dead of heart disease in the Bryant house at Flint. He was 33 years of age, the son of the late Artemus Thayer, was born there and unmarried.

A citizen of Castleton, Barry county, has been arrested on a charge of unlawfully retaining pension money belonging to a soldier.

Mrs. Mary Bingham, widow of the late Governor Kinsley S. Bingham, died at her home in Green ville, Livingston county, a few days ago.

Michigan school examiners met at Lansing Dec. 27th. Various papers were discussed and a resolution adopted which flatly declared that men of any teacher who uses intoxicating drinks or employs tobacco.

Fletcher, Pack & Co., lumbermen, have transported a locomotive from Alpena to their logging railway, 20 miles distant, taking it "across country" on sleighs.

The two story brick block on the corner of Fort and Buffalo streets in Port Huron, owned by L. & N. Phenix, burned recently. The loss on the block is not known, but the loss is estimated at $20,000; the block will be built.

A movement is on foot at Port Huron to secure legislative action to prevent small boys from throwing the tails of the cows they drive. This tale is not twisted—much.

William Aulis, formerly of St. Clair, has been appointed assistant city engineer at Denver, Col.

Work on the Pontiac, Oxford & Austin railway has ceased in Brandon township, and will not be resumed until next spring.

A German family at Jackson, suffering from trichinosis arising from eating bologna sausage. The sausage was home made and contained meat from a hog raised by the family.

P. Sim Simon Langley, of Huron township, Huron county, was very carelessly driving a cartridge into a revolver it exploded and the shell striking him in the eye kicked the spectacle from his face and blinded him at his first. It is feared some portion of the shell is still in the wound beyond the reach of the surgeon's probe.

The board of education of Detroit invites the National educational association to hold its meeting next summer in Detroit.

A famous child musician, aged 7 years, youngest son of Ralph Constable, died recently of diphtheria at the Arlington hotel, Petoskey.

The U. S. authorities are prosecuting, or getting ready to prosecute, the lumber firms of U. S. piers lands in Cheboygan county. Most of the cases against homesteaders.

John Mason, sexton of the village cemetery, Albion, was found dead at the mill pond, where he had been fishing.

Alex. Sinclair, ex-city engineer, Port Huron, who mysteriously disappeared a week ago, returned to that city. He can give no account of himself except that he spent one night in the woods near the city and went to Port Huron on London, Out.

Dr. Kennedy's widow of Detroit, has received a $2,000 check from the Royal templars of temperance, through the secretary of Detroit council. The council was organized four years ago, and this is its first death.

Elias Smith, a rich farmer and real estate owner of St. Louis, Gratiot county, was found dead in the woods near his home. He had been absent from home but a few hours.

Fifty three ministers and ex-ministers signed an appeal to the governor of Michigan, urging him not to offer their gentlemen callers "cup or bottle drink on New Year's day.

A Swedish employed in a lumber camp near Menominee cut a hole in the ice, took off his clothes, plunged into the water and was drowned.

The Michigan Central railway officials have forbidden their station agents to give the newspaper statements of the amount of business done in their respective stations.

Edward Barrel, aged about 60, Orion Jackson was arrested at Detroit by patrolman Whissen in the act of robbing Martin Hall, a one-legged soldier, on East Congress street.

Phares Rose, an old resident and early settler of Kewadin township, Ionia county, who lived alone nearly all his life, died at the residence of his brother, George Rose.

The "visions" given to the seventh day adventists by Mrs. Ellen G. White, of Battle Creek, are said to be of a decidedly erotic character and she works out her authority from the 12th chapter, 12th verse, to the 19th chapter, 10th verse of Revelations. Some of the dates given in the Essential of the Battle Creek community, leave little doubt that the fair place implicitly faith in her "visions."

Chas. G. Morse, the Monroe business man who recently left that city under circumstances not very favorable to him, is now in Minnesota and advertised to be auctioned to return proceed he will not be prosecuted.

A post of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be known as Wm. Sanborn Post, in honor of the late Gen. Wm. Sanborn, has been established at Port Huron. Commander, George K. Nairn.

Few weeks ago an old man named Hewitt, of Jonesville, who was a cripple and went about in a little cart, died after a few days illness at Ionia. His physical condition was such that it was supposed to be impossible for him to take out a policy of insurance on his life, and his family friends, who live at Jonesville, say it is absurd to claim that such a thing was done. Nevertheless, a man who claims an attorney for an Iowa insurance company looking up proofs of his death, and claiming that parties in Iowa held a policy for $2,000 on the cripple's life. One of the parties claims that it is a fraudulent scheme to get money.

Monroe's Last Rascal.

Chas. G. Morris, a well-known business man of Monroe, suddenly left town the other day, and his disappearance is surrounding by circumstances not very favorable to him. He was last seen there Christmas afternoon about 4 o'clock. He was a member of Judge Barrett's law firm, and has been managing that gentleman's office store for a number of years past, and of late years has been the insurance broker of the Judge and other business acquaintances have received unpleasant notices from his company, and also requests that they should look after various business interests for him. It is impossible to tell how much the shortage is, but the present indications are that it is quite large, though not sufficient enough to make the judge, who is very wealthy. Morris was a leading member of the Methodist church, fourth ward of Monroe. He has a charming wife and two children. There is not much excitement about the affair, as the relatives and friends were among people who can well afford such manifestations.

A Fiendish Tramp.

Sebe the Battle Creek Journal: **Beware of tramps.** One attempted to enter into the house of Levi Elderley in Johnstown, and on being prevented from the three little children that their parents were absent he assulted the eldest girl and committed an unmentionable crime upon her under a threat of instant death if she should tell. The parents shortly after returned, heard the story of the children, aroused the neighbors and a hunt was instituted which resulted in tracing up and capturing the guilty party, who proved to be an English tramp of some 25 years of age. He was given into custody of Constable Scott, but escaped the night escape. As soon as the fact of his having got away was made known, Deputy Sheriff Ed. Seward Hinsdale took after him and succeeded in overhauling him some three miles from Johnstown. He was subsequently taken to Hastings, where he now awaits his examination.

Caldwell's Killing.

The Saginaw Herald gives the particulars of the death of Wm. Caldwell, foreman of James Bowen's lumber camp on the Rifle: He was superintending the clearing of the banking grounds, leading to which were two driveways side by side and running parallel to one other. The logs at the bottom of the bank on Caldwell's driveway needed some attention, and Caldwell asked for a pry, and, going down, put them in order. While he was so engaged a teamster drove his load to the other driveway, and, stopping by the entry, "All right, old way!" rolled a log down the slide. The log, instead of taking the slide, however, for Caldwell, supposing the logs were to follow the regular slide, took the other, and had moved to a place beneath the other in order to get a start, when the teamster, seeing him by the legs, knocking him down and rolling over him, instantly crushing the life out of him. Caldwell was a native of Canada, 42 years of age and unmarried.

Well Named.

Dr. W. Z. Blanchard, of Lyons, was 82 years old last week. It may be of interest, to some to learn that he was father of five children bearing those remarkable names: Philip-de-Velois John Celsus; Adelia Milissa Abagail Clarissa; Rosina Rosella Phoebe Ann Eliza; Alexina Elura Elrica; Leammi Loellen Hiram Fitz Keneian. Reveille must have been sounded early in the family circle. In order to give time to call the roll and ascertain if all were present, the family prayer before breakfast was ordered.—*Ionia Sentinel.*

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1, white	$ 75	$ 96
Flour	4 65	4 75
Chickenwheat	5 75	
Corn	31	35
Oats	35	36
Clover Seed, ¶ bu	6 25	6 30
Apples, ¶ bbl	3 75	5 00
Dried Apples, ¶ lb	7½	8
Cranberries, ¶ bbl	9 00	11 00
Butter, ¶ lb	26	27
Eggs	26	27
Dressed Chickens	10	11
Dressed Turkeys	14	15
Ducks	12	14
Geese	13	14
Cheese	13	14
Potatoes, ¶ bu	55	60
Honey	19	20
Beans, picked	1 80	2 00
Beans, unpicked	1 50	1 60
Hay	18 00	19 00
Straw	8 50	9 00
Dressed Hogs, ¶ 100	5 50	6 00
Pork, family	18 00	18 75
Pork, extra mess	17 00	17 50
Wood, Beech and Maple	7 00	
Wood, Cord	6 00	
Wood, Hickory	8 00	
Coal, Egg	6 25	
Coal, Stove		6 50
Coal, Chestnut		6 75

The Lace Fichu.

A very good story, and, what is more, an authentic one is told of the wife of a well-known and respected Norfolk manufacturer who was lately with her husband in Paris, and occupied with the colossal shopping which such visits seem inevitably to entail, fell in love with a lace fichu of exquisite fineness and delicacy, which was offered her for the moderate sum of 240 francs. She would instantly have purchased it had she not been deterred by various mysterious signs from her husband, who surprised her not a little, as she knew him to be a good judge of lace, and wondered, therefore, at his lack of appreciation of this lovely fichu. However, she examined the fichu again, half doubtfully, for it was soft in texture, and beautiful in design, a very robust specimen of Brussels point lace, and, in the end, she could not withstand the pleading glance at her husband, but he was grave and inflexible; so with a sigh of resigned regret she turned away, and the tempting fichu left the shop her disappointed self. Forthwith John, why did you keep me from buying that lovely thing? And why did you? I am sure you could not think that dear 240 francs too much for me have it?" "You are quite right my dear," was the reply of the unnoticed John, "We consider that a very superb lady, and it would be a great pity for you to buy it, because it came from one of my own frames, and I can tell you that many ladies have bought and you like for fifteen shillings apiece."

Nothing Mean About Him.

At 2 o'clock yesterday morning an old woman sat in the Michigan Central station wiping the tears from her eyes. It was nobody's business in particular to inquire whether she had fallen heir to a million dollars, or had her heart broken through life with a broken heart, but one certain man stepped forward after a time and inquired the cause of her grief. He passed around among the crowd and said:

"Gentlemen, here's a poor old woom an who wants to get to Columbus to see friends. Let's take up a collection."

In the course of four or five minutes a purse was made up, but when he had counted it, the man said:

"Gentlemen, let's chip in enough more to buy her a new dress. I'm a poor man, but here's a quarter for the old lady."

The purse was now increased to nearly $7, and the man dived into his pocket and let the money when a man stepped forward and said to the collector of the purse:

"Why, Banks is this you?"

"Of course it is."

"And that woman is your own wife?"

"Well, My dear, what?" replied the man as he buttoned his coat, "it's a mighty mean man who won't chip in a quarter to buy his own wife a new dress and help her off on a visit."

The Electric Light and the Eye.

The London Lancet evidently believes that the electric light is less injurious to the eye, and suggests that before such lights are common some mode of mitigating their intensity should be devised. The Lancet thinks it says, is too hard; it needs to be softened. The waves of motion are too short, and too numerous—so to say—to join the instroke at too acute an angle. This might doubtless be obviated by employing suitable material for globes and shades. The light, it thinks, it would be to break up and scatter the rays of light by reflection. If a small convex reflector were placed immediately below the light in the centre of the globe, and one of larger dimensions above it, so as to secure a double reflection with minimal divergence forward and outward, the effect would be to cause the rays of light to fall obliquely on the objects within the immediate area of illumination. This would, perhaps, obviate the need of colored glasses, which the promoters of the electric light seem anxious to avoid. But there is a considerable sacrifice of power in the use of the opaline globe—so much more in some of the districts lighted by electricity—that through this medium do not present any obvious superiority over gas. We throw out the suggestion, says The Lancet, 'for what it is worth.' Something must be done, for, as it is, the electric light is trying to the eyes, which means that it is dangerous, perhaps, and already, there is reason to believe, mischief has been wrought by its use. For people complain of it as nothing like the light given by the old-fashioned pure was candle.'

Throw in One.

There is a grocer in a certain small town in this state who has always been called the arithmetic man in Michigan, and many stories are afloat about his breaking crackers in two and taking out half throw in one to make exact weight. It seems, however, that he has been harshly judged. A few days ago he had a lot of cranberries displayed at the door, and a lady pedestrian halted and asked:

'Are those fresh?'

'Oh, yes.'

'How much a quart?'

'Twenty cents, madam.

'That's ten cents for a pint, five cents for a pint, two and a half for half a gill, one and three—'

'Do you want a quart?

'Oh, no. I was reading that cows could be cured by binding on a split cranberry. I have two corns and one berry would answer for both. I'll give you a cent for a single berry.'

'Very well—take it along. Hold on! Let's see—let's see—yes, I can do it. I will throw in an extra berry, madam, and do both up in a parcel. I am bound to please my customers if I do not make a cent.'

'True worth is summed up in the pitiful discharge duty.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON.

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN COMMISSION.

The Spanish-American claims commission has adjourned sine die. The commission has been in existence 11 years, during which period 140 claims were considered, representing about $20,000,000. Awards were made in 28 cases, aggregating about $1,200,000. Eight cases remain in the hands of the umpire for decision. These claims aggregate $1,049,000. Barca, Spanish minister, received the congratulations of President Cleveland, his Cabinet officers and officials of the state department on the settlement of these long-drawn-out claims.

SMALL-POX AMONG SEAMEN.

A circular is being prepared by the marine hospital service, to be sent to the masters of boats plying on western waters, warning them of the prevalence of small-pox among seamen and urging the enforcement of the laws and vessels.

WHITE MEN'S INCREASING.

Indian Agent Porter, Fort Peck, Montana, telegraphs to the Indian bureau that the Milk river country is overrun with white men, slaughtering the buffalo by thousands. The Indians are becoming restless and fear that white hunters had no business on the reservation and that the secretary of war would be asked to lay them moved.

SUDDEN DEATH

At the President's reception on New Years day the Italian ambassador was being presented to the President, while passing to an adjoining room, was seized with vertigo and spasms. Medical attendance was promptly summoned, but proved of no avail, and he died shortly afterwards.

CONGRESS.

SENATE—Dec 27—Resolutions were adopted directing the postmaster general to report the amount of money paid subsidy and compensation for transportation of mail to foreign countries since 1891, with information in regard to the Danish American steamship line; requesting the secretary of the interior to report the number of homestead entries made since their details. Debate was resumed on the tariff of congress to establish government employes from contributing money for political purposes. The civil service reform bill, after undergoing various amendments, was ordered among which was one offered by Mr. Blair relating to the right of ex-union soldiers and government employes, passed by a vote of 38 to 5.

HOUSE—Dec 27—A few minor bills were passed, when a call showing the absence of a quorum adjourned until Saturday.

SENATE—Dec 28—At the close of the morning hour the Senate, on motion of Mr Edmunds, took up the bill reported by him from the committee on the judiciary, to define the terms of officers and employes collecting from or paying to the United States money belonging to others. After various attempts to vote the bill down were made, it was passed by a vote of 47 to 5. The John Porter case was taken up and Mr. Beck made a speech in his favor. No final action was taken.

SENATE—December 29—Mr. Pendleton presented a memorial of the common council of cincinnati, favoring the passage of the act for that district proposed by the pending bill for standard time. Also the joint resolution appropriating $100,000 for the erection of a monument to Major Pierre L'Enfant, at Washington, the resolution was taken up and led to a brief debate. Mr. Hear made a speech explanatory of the provisions, and Mr. Morgan made a speech against the bill. Mr. Morgan spoke against the bill, and Mr. Harris in favor of it. The case of John Fitz John Porter bill then came up as unfinished business, and the pending question was when Logan began his address thereon. He said he knew it was hard for senators to be required to listen to protracted speeches on a question of law, but he deemed it his duty to oppose the bill because it was a direct violation of the law. Hear made a speech explanatory of the provisions, and