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TEAM FOR SALE.—I will sell my team of Clydesdale mares, coming six years old, at a very reasonable price. They are first-class draft horses and a very desirable team. Call and see them, 1¼ miles east of Skidmore's corners in Troy, or address C. A. Kelley, Birmingham, Mich 44 1mp

FOR SALE.—House and lot in Birmingham, situated on Martin street. House is a two story dwelling and has seven rooms, all comfortable for living; good cistern, apples, cherries and grapes are on the premises. A good barn 18x36 goes with the place. Price, $800. Barn cost $175. This is a bargain and someone is going to get it quick, as the owner has more real estate in Birmingham than he wishes. For further particulars inquire of Whitehead and Mitchell or of the owner, Robert G. Reynolds, Birmingham, Mich.

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HOUSE AND LOTS for sale.—I offer my house and four lots on the corner of Pierce and Fremont streets, in the village of Birmingham, for sale on very reasonable terms and a low price. Fine lot of bearing trees, small fruits, etc. Good house and barn, well and cistern. Inquire on the premises or address Edson James, Birmingham, Mich. 41 1m

NEW MILCH COWS for sale.—Four new milch cows and fifteen springers, all fine and cheap. Inquire at L. Stanley's farm, ¾ mile south of Birmingham, James Todd. 41 3t p

SHORT HORN BULL for sale.—I offer for sale for will trade for young stock, my young short horn bull, "General Kelly," two years old this coming spring, a thoroughbred animal and eligible for registration. Will be registered free of cost to purchaser. John Allen, jr., Birmingham, Mich. 41 1m

FARM FOR SALE—Situated 2¾ miles north-west of Birmingham and 5 miles south of Milford, containing 30 acres 20 acres timbered. Good stone house and stone barn, a frame barn, good well and cistern, good orchard. For further particulars call on or address Clark Vaughn, Birmingham, Mich 40 6tp

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Mrs. Furman sells newspapers and magazines and would like to increase her subscription list; also sells Seaside and Franklin Square publications.

Long plumes from $1 to $2, reduced from $1.50 and $3. Feathers and tips very cheap. Mrs. Furman.

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To make your screen door and window frames, and we will sell you such widths OF

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In order to make room for spring stock we shall sell for the next 60 days

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Six quarters all wool dress flannels at 95 cents, worth $1.10.
All wool shirting flannels at 28 cents, worth 40 cents.
All wool shirting flannels at 35 cents, worth 45 cents
All wool scarlet flannels at 20 cents, worth 28 cents.
All wool scarlet flannels at 25 cents, worth 35 cents.
All wool five quarters Broadhead dress goods at 60 cents, worth 80 cents.
All wool four quarters Cashmere dress goods at 15 cents, worth 20 cents
All wool basket flannels at 40 cents, worth 60 cents.

Our entire line of skirts, shawls, blankets,

Hoods and hosiery at cost,

As we must close them out.

Our stock of yarns at 75 cents and $1.00 per pound.

Our line of underwear marked way down.

Gent's scarlet shirts and drawers at 75 cents, former price $1.00.
Gent's scarlet shirts and drawers at 85 cents, former price $1.25.
Gent's scarlet shirts and drawers at $1.25, former price $1 50.
Gent's scarlet shirts and drawers at $1.50, former price $2.00.
Gent's merino shirts and drawers at 60 cents, former price 75 cents.
Gent's merino shirts and drawers at 40 cents, former price 50 cents.
Gent's merino shirts and drawers at 25 cents, former price 40 cents.
Ladies' scarlet vest and pants at $1.00, former price $1.25.
Ladies' scarlet vest and pants at 80 cents, former price $1.00.
Ladies' merino vests and pants at 75 cents, former price $1.00.
Ladies' merino vest and pants at 60 cents, former price 75 cents.
Ladies' merino vest and pants at 40 cents, former price 50 cents.

Also our line of childrens underwear at cost.

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To clear out.

We have the best assortment of bleached and unbleached cottons in five fourths, six fourths, eight fourths, nine fourths, ten fourths.

Argyle, unbleached	6¼ cts.	Lonsdale, bleached	8 c's.
Statue of Liberty	7 cts.	Fruit of the Loom	10 cts.
Atlantic, A	8 cts.	Best prints	5 cts.
Good gingham	8 cts.		

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HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and wrapper, this tells you when your Subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Wm. Whiting of Southfield is sick.

Mrs. C. W. Bruce is able to ride out.

Miss Eva Brown of Detroit is in town.

Will J. Taber is on the sick list—bad cold.

When will we ever see mother earth again?

C. A. Bigelow of Detroit visited in Birmingham and vicinity last Saturday.

Died, on Tuesday night last, Mrs. Ann Opdyke, in the 60th year of her age.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hageman started last week for a two months' visit in California.

Married. At Clarkston, Mich., December 1, 1884, Mr. A. W. Urch and Mrs. Lizzie Hubbard.

Lost, a newly knit scarf on the day of Phil Durkee's sale. Finder please leave at this office and get reward.

We recently heard a lady remark that the girls of our school make much more noise at recess than the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins of Troy, with their little daughter, left on Monday last for a visit near Cass City.

Mrs. Louie McBride of Oconomowoc, Wis., is home on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Peabody.

The infant child of Charles H. Hoffman died on Friday night last. The little one was but a few weeks old.

Anyone wanting a first-class team of Clydesdale mares should read Bert Kelley's ad. in cheap column this week.

Frank Blakeslee offers for sale his house and two lots on Saginaw street. Read particulars in cheap column.

Miss Della McWhinney returned to her home in Pontiac last Monday, after a visit of a few days at Wm Toms'.

Read ad. of house and lot for sale in cheap column, and if you want a cozy home very cheap call on Edson James.

I offer for sale 34 fat wethers in first-class condition. For particulars call on me at the Phillips farm Perry G. Phillips.

A donation for the Rev. G. W. Lowe will be held at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening next. All friends are invited.

Frank Chapman of Southfield will move to Ohio in the spring, unless he changes his mind between now and then.

Regular meeting of Birmingham lodge No. 44, F. and A. M., on this Thursday evening. A full attendance is requested. E. Brooks, secretary.

The Ready Helpers will meet at the residence of J. R. Logan. The money bags must be brought in and be broken, so all are earnestly invited to be present.

Those who neglected to attend the old folk's party on Friday evening last have been kicking themselves ever since they found out what a jolly time they missed.

Mrs. Ann Opdyke is still in a precarious condition of health. Her son Stewart was again summoned home from Farwell on Friday last and remained over Sunday.

Z. C. Spencer, once principal of our school, has resigned the superintendancy of the Battle Creek schools to take the secretaryship of the school seat factory at the above place.

A new milch cow and calf for sale. The cow is a short horn Durham weighing 1,000 pounds. The calf is from John Durkee's celebrated Jersey. E. English, Birmingham.

Lost, a rum-strap, somewhere between Wm. Denison's and Big Beaver. The finder will be kind enough to leave it at this office and receive a cigar from the owner, W. H. Codnor.

The Woman's Working society of the M. E. church will meet for work on next Saturday afternoon, February 28, at 2 o'clock at the parsonage. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Married, Thursday, February 19, by the Rev. S. V. McKee, at the residence of Willis Carter, in this village, Mr. Charles McKay to Miss Hattie Sinclair. May their only troubles be little ones.

Sam Mills has bought the large shop of C. W. Jenks on Maple avenue and will turn it into a first-class cooper shop in due time. We heartily wish Sam an abundance of success in his enterprise.

Mr. Tibbitts, Southfield's, supervisor, is greatly agitated over that celebrated error of $1,618 86, and how or what to do and who to lay the blame to that nearly resulted in turning Southfield over.

The Rev. H. O. Parker has received the appointment of chaplin at the Ionia house of correction and will, we understand, enter upon his duties at once. The political speeches he made last fall have returned to him one hundred fold.

The annual election of the village officers will be held Thursday, March 3, 1885, at the National hotel. Can't say that any extra excitement or war will be brought up, but all voters should vote for the welfare of our village, regardless of politics.

D. M. Johnston starts next Monday for the World's exposition at New Orleans. He will be gone about two weeks and return about the 15th of March. Erastus Wooster accompanies him and we have no doubt the boys will have a grand good time.

A. Partridge attended the Democratic convention at Bay City this week as a delegate from Oakland county. This convention makes nomination for a judge of the supreme court in place of the Hon. Thomas Cooley whose time expires, and two regents of the state university.

At the auction sale of farm property last week James Shaia sold to Robert Bayley 60 acres at $49 per acre. The other farm of 50 acres was not sold and is still for sale. The day was cold, roads almost impassible, snow very deep, making it a very poor day for an auction sale.

A birthday ball was given at the residence of P. C. Simonson last week Friday in honor of Miss Lucy. About 10 couples were present and all enjoyed themselves hugely under the management of George Allen. McHenry's string quartette furnished very fine music for the occasion.

The presence of an epidemic is marked in most towns by colored cards on the outside of the houses, but the ravages of the progressive euchre craze now upon us is marked by colored cards of blotched red and green suspended by ribbons from every picture case in the house, such a trophy of victory as I find.

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, we must again accuse you of stealing items and not crediting them. [Holly Advertiser. Bless your fresh, guileless heart, dear lamb, we saw the verse, "An Inquiry," first printed in a funny almanac and then saw your reprint. When we credit it we will do so for the great good and glory of the mountain head, and when we find it we will let you know.

The three children of Mrs. Sloan arrived here at midnight on Saturday last. They left Manitoba on Wednesday and were snowed in at Albert Lea, Minn., 24 hours. Mrs. Sloan met them at Chicago on Saturday. Mr. Sloan is in Manitoba at present, but will probably return to Michigan in the spring and with his family take possession of his farm in Troy recently purchased of Nelson Burley.

John Adams, James Madison, John Marshal of the American Statesmen Series; R. W. Emmerson, E. A. Poe of the American Men of Letters Series; Julien, by Ware; In his Name, by E. E. Hale; Tinkling Cymbals, by Fawcett; Farnell's Folly, by Trowbridge; Prudence Palfrey, by Aldrich; The Fair God, by Lew Wallace; and Life of Harriet Martineau have just been added to the Ladies' library.

The "cold folks" party at National hall on Friday evening last was well attended and a pleasanter party we have not attended in a long time. The young folks were out in full as great numbers as the old folks, and all were imbued with the happy spirit of the occasion. Messrs King & Co. gave us excellent music, nine host Buines furnished one of his irreproachable and bounteous suppers, there was just enough of a crowd to make things lively and the affair was one of the happiest of the season.

How is this for pluck? About 18 months ago Miss Sarah Toms, daughter of William Toms of this place, left for Dakota, where she took up a pre-emption claim. She returned on Wednesday of last week from near Columbia, Dakota. She now has 160 acres of land at her disposal. She gives a very favorable account of Dakota, and according to her report, it is not so dreadful a place as some try to make it out to be. On her way home she was snow bound for two nights and a day. She is now visiting in Pontiac.

The following delegates to the Democratic state convention were chosen February 21 Geo E. Herrington, F. S. Stewart, L. N. Brown, A. Partridge, W. E. Littell, A. J. Bateman, T. L. Patterson, A. R. Tripp, J. A. Jaskes, C. P. Gross, O. Bidsford, E. R. Wilcox, J. D. Norton, H. H. Colvin, T. A. Smith, C. F. Collier, J. C. Johns, W. F. Stout, E. J. Kelly, J. E. Willson, L. Bostwick, Wm Tunstead. A resolution was passed instructing the delegates to vote and work for the nomination of the Hon. A. C. Baldwin for supreme Judge.—[Free Press.

From the Free Press. The Oakland county Pioneers' association held a large meeting at the court house, Pontiac, February 21. O. Poppleton of Birmingham was elected president; E. W. Peck of Pontiac, secretary; John M. Norton of Avon, and J. M. Hoyt of Walled Lake, vice-presidents. An able and interesting address was delivered before the association by the Hon. Charles V. Babcock of Southfield, and also by the Hon. Sherman Stevens of Long Island, N. Y. Mr. Stevens came to Oakland county in 1823 and passed his younger days here. Both addresses were well and enthusiastically received by the association.

The World's Wonders is the largest and without exception the most valuable and interesting work we have ever published, and we think you will be well pleased with it. It is a large quarto of 770 pages, profusely illustrated and very handsomely bound, and treats of great and universal interest. It embraces all the great explorations of the Polar and Tropical worlds, with a full account of the natural wonders of those regions, descriptions of the savage tribes of people and their singular customs, strange birds, beasts and reptiles and all the remarkable experiences of the explorers, forming a complete encyclopedia of exploration and discovery in all parts of the world. The subjects are fully illustrated with over two hundred engravings, and the book is one of the most interesting and valuable works that has been issued for years. J. S. Goodman & Co., 142 La-Salle street, Chicago, Ill., are the publishers.

Recent events lend special interest to the opening paper in the March Century on "The Land of the False Prophet," by General R. E. Colston, formerly of the Egyptian General Staff, and leader of two expeditions in the Soudan. Numerous illustrations and careful maps aid the descriptions; and a portrait of General Gordon, from a photograph taken in 1867, is worthy of note. Four profusely illustrated articles are comprised in the March contributions to the series on the American Civil War. Colonel John Taylor Wood, the senior surviving officer of the Merrimac, describes the combat with the Monitor as seen from within the Merrimac, and entitles his paper "The First Fight of Iron Clads." This is followed by a graphic account of what took place "In the Monitor Turret," by the late Commander S. D. Greene, who commanded in the turret, and relieved Admiral Worden when the latter was disabled in the pilot house. General Colston, who, during the fight, was "Watching the Merrimac" from the Confederate works on Sewall's Point, describes the scene in a brief paper under the above title.

Astonishing, amazing! We have heard much about low prices on dry goods, but the announcement this week from Kenny, Adams & Co. eclipse anything of the kind ever before attempted in Michigan. We know personally that they are crowded for room, and having an immense spring stock on the way, must make room for it, and would prefer to slaughter many lines of goods, selling them at half price rather than carry them longer. The special facilities for purchasing which this firm enjoys, they having a buyer continually in New York markets, places them in a position to sell goods at the same price that many dealers have to pay. Both Mr. Kenny and Mr. Adams are experienced wholesale men, and have thus gained a first-class knowledge of goods and how they should be bought. The purchasing power being the basis of mercantile business, it will at once be seen that they have the basis, and their ability to sell goods at the prices named is understood. When we think of buying a double busk corset for 49 cents or a 5-hook Paris improved for 39 cents, we are certainly astonished. Think of a gent's re-enforced shirt at 49 cents. This is certainly an opportunity of a life time and one which our readers should improve. We have a personal interest in this firm and are proud to see the reputation it has attained.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

BIG BEAVER

Considerable sickness prevails at present. Dr. Woodruff is being very successful in the treatment of prevalent diseases.

There will be a concert at the M. E. church on the evening of the 26th.

The skating rink is open Tuesday and Friday evenings and also Saturday evenings after club meeting.

Miss Jennie Ebling has been quite sick, but has resumed her duties as school teacher again this week.

Prof. Smith will hold a singing convention at Troy after leaving this place.

CLARKSON

Jake, first see yourself in the glass before you criticise others.

Last Friday night Moses Goodale was awakened by the cry of fire given by Arthur Groves. Despite the efforts of the neighbors his shop and ice house were burned to the ground.

Melvin Buel is quite handy at clock tinkering.

Reid and Staunch have cleared a road through the big drifts along their lands and others should follow suit.

Dolly is a kicker.

Louis Croneweit of Remington, Ind., is visiting Louis Stauch, his cousin.

J. T. Adams and John Johnson have bought and are repairing a wagon for the partnership business in the spring. They think there is a fortune for them.

TROY

Better weather is looked for.

Mr. Messler of near Detroit has purchased the farm owned by Tommy Smith; consideration $4,000. And Mr. Smith has bought out George Niles at Troy Corners for $2,500.

Troy Band had a dance at Fowler's hall last week for their benefit. The proceeds were $16.

The friends of the Rev. D. Whitley are raising money to buy him another cow to replace the one he lost by accident.

Old Mr. Coman has been ailing all winter. There are not much hopes of recovery.

Oliver Jennings has not been able for two years, to walk without the aid of a cane or crutch. The doctors call it consumption of the bone.

Cutting & Robbins are doing a thriving business in their line.

C. H. Gibbs is lathing his house preparatory to plastering as early as the weather will permit. TORY RAG.

FRANKLIN.

The district school closed with an exhibition under the efficient management of C. A. Brush, on Tuesday, February 24. The scholars were highly elated, thinking no doubt that in the distance they could see the White house, since virtue is no longer considered a qualification for the office of President.

Mrs. Orrin Busch is dangerously ill with inflammation of the lungs; but little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Wellington Johnston is down sick with lung difficulty.

George Powers has purchased a flock of fat sheep of Emanuel German at 4c per pound; also two head of fat cattle.

A. A. Rust has an inveterate prejudice against dogs being in his store, Curley especially, so leave your dogs in the entry.

Frank and George Sharp of Linden, cousins of Dick Cummings, are visiting Dick. George is fast recovering from a cut on the knee with a broad-ax—about four months' holiday for him.

John Midgley has the agency for another book called the Pictorial History of the Civil War.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Henry Higby's children are all sick with colds; Addie Coulter and Thomas Eagles's baby have bad colds; Mina King has inflammation of the lungs, and Dr. Buel has charge of the whole street.

When it gets a little warmer one of our young bachelors is going to board at home.

Our lyceum progresses finely. Subject under discussion for the 27th. Resolved, That the Indian has more reason to complain of the treatment of the white man than the negro. On the 17th the question Resolved, That free trade should be encouraged was ably discussed and decided in favor of the affirmative.

A few years ago Hartwell Green thoroughly drained a large spring marsh and then seeded it. This winter he has sold about $1,000 worth of hay cut from that same piece of land. Verily it pays to improve one's land.

Will Green is getting out timber for a new barn.

BLOOMFIELD CENTER

The Center folks think of starting a petition to have the snow removed from the gravel road between here and Pontiac. We recently saw Fred Harff and Ed Fosdick reloading wood which they had accidentally unloaded in front of Dan Kimball's.

Miley Lowes is home from Tuscola county on a short visit.

Oliver Trolope is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Bean bag parties are all the rage.

Robert Hansard of White Lake is visiting in this vicinity.

China wedding last night.

Allie Opdyke is a little under the weather.

William Powers, Esq., of Farmington was the guest of F. H. Powers last week.

Mrs. E. Gedeot met with a slight accident last week. Colt ran away, demolished the cutter, but hurt no one.

SOUTHFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKinney celebrated their silver wedding Monday evening, February 9. Silverware was showered down upon the good couple in great style and generosity.

The remains of Mr. Dyer were deposited in the Presbyterian cemetery not long ago. Mr. Dyer was for years the pastor of the Southfield Presbyterian church, and had a great many friends in this vicinity.

Mr. John Brookman will soon leave Wm. Dohany's farm in Farmington after occupying it for three years.

Mr. Frank Sharp and brother George of Linden are visiting the family of James Sharp and other relatives in this vicinity, and are having a most enjoyable visit.

Mrs. Amanda Mitchell and daughter, Miss Martha, of Oakville were making a farewell visit among their relatives last week. They soon go to their new home at West Point, Mo.

There will be a private masquerade dance at G. W. Hunt's near Big Beaver tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Poverty X Roads complain that Maxwell was cross last week. Now, Maxy, wake up and let them know that only chilblains caused all the sadness.

What makes John Beddow wake up in the dead of the night and scream for joy; the reason is clear, for he is the father of a nice baby boy.

Two couple were riding around in a narrow cutter one night last week, and a Southfield road girl has almost become a maniac wondering how they all could get seats. Guess she never "sleigh-rided" around much.

Wm. Dolphin (Birmingham). Yes, child, you may always wonder that Jim "catches on" and that he has at all times the very latest news from Brown City and knows how bangs are, but won't divulge.

W. H. Codnor was in town last week.

A party at Mrs. Stevens on Friday night last.

Mr. H. A. Castle returned from Benton Harbor last week.

John Croft has invented a snow plow. For particulars ask John.

Joe Croft has a black eye. Joe says he got that in the woods, from a stray limb while he was watching the antics of his dog.

Charley Castle took a flying visit to Armada on Friday and returned on Saturday.

We hear of a wedding in the near future. Dame rumor says it will be Hi (toned.)

We are not bothered with our postoffice, Charley Murphy being one of those gentlemanly democrats and we do not dispute his politics, besides being polite and obliging to his many patrons. As to the change of postoffice in Birmingham, we have a word to say. Give the choice to the ladies and I think it will stay where it is, no respect to persons, but location; two doors, side entrance. Dye see?

Mrs. J. S. T. Milligan, who has been visiting in town for several weeks past started on her return last week.

Mrs. Hugh Woodburn returned to Detroit last week.

Mr. M. Stewart is on the sick list at present.

Miss Mary Miller closed her school in district number 4 on Friday last.

Surprise parties are at their hight at present.

It looks as though James Miller was going to have a new house.

Born, to Mrs. John Beddow, a son.

Mr. Henry Randall is erecting a new barn.

Master Johnnie Cannon is slowly recovering.

A whole sleigh load up-set in the ditch when it was 20° below zero. Good for their health.

Mr. G. Beardslee is not expected to recover from inflammation of the lungs.

Frank Chayman talks of moving to Toledo in the spring.

Silver Wedding.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKinney on Monday evening, Feb. 9, was largely attended, but owing to the severity of the weather, a good many were unable to attend. A good time was had by all who were present. The following is a list of presents they received:

Mr. and Mrs. McCracken, a large hanging lamp; Mr. and Mrs. A. Soults, set of silver knives and forks; Mrs. J. S. T. Milligan and Mrs. H. Woodburn, silver pickle castor; Mr. Wm. McDonald and wife, silver castor; Mrs. T. Young and Mrs. A. McKinney, dinner castor; Mr. W. Hutton, wife and sister, silver butter dish; Mr. Burgess and wife, silver butter knife; Mr. L. Arthur and wife, silver sugar bowl; Miss V. Maldragh, sugar spoon; Miss Bell Arthur, set of teaspoons; Mrs. Stephens, table spoons; Mr. Wm. Young and wife, 1 dozen sauce dishes, Mr. A. Gray, tea-pot stand; Lizzie Jennie and Ren McKinney, table linen, 1 dozen napkins, sauce plates, set of cups and saucers, ½ dozen glasses.

James Bayley.

(Continued from last week.

Mr. Bayley was in the legislature of 1865 when Gov. Crapo was the chief executive officer of the state.

Here terminated the somewhat eventful history of one of the early pioneers of Michigan, who is upward of 82 years of age. He saw Michigan when it was a wilderness. He now sees it dotted all over with cities, villages, fruitful farms, and with a population of nearly two millions of human beings. But few of his early friends and neighbors remain. They erected the school houses, built the churches, made the roads and cleared the way for the coming generations. They saw hard times and leave with those who follow them their worthy deeds, which will last forever. When Mr. Bayley was born, Thomas Jefferson was president of the United States, and he cast his first vote for John Quincy Adams; and he lived during the administration of eighteen presidents. Eighty years ago no steamboats were on the lakes or the seas. The Erie canal was not even dreamed of. A railroad was unknown. The news was conveyed on horse-back or by slow coaches. The route of the telegraph was in the clouds and an untamed fluid which now conveys ideas around the globe in one moment of time at the bend of the finger, was quivering unchained throughout the universe. Detroit was a small village. Michigan was a portion of the northwestern territory. Chicago was unknown except to Indians and skunks. Napoleon was carrying his triumphant eagles in several kingdoms of the old world, Louisianna was owned by France and Napoleon, and negro slavery existed in nearly every state of the union.

Mr. Bayley, during his sojourn on earth, can truthfully say that the art of invention and science has progressed more than they they did in 2,000 years before. He has saw an old wooden clock hung up in the corner of the kitchen and with heavy weights running down to the floor; he saw the old mother spinning flax upon the little spinning wheel, while she rocked the baby in the cradle; he saw Bessie carding the wool with the hands and spinning the rolls on the humming wheel; he saw the victuals cooked in a large fire-place in the kitchen, where hung the crane and burned a fire from nearly a cord of wood. He has seen the good wife wife work over a day in making a plain pair of pantaloons for her husband or one of her tall and muscular boys with the aid of a little one-eyed needle. He has seen many a pair of socks and mittens knit by hand with the small knitting needles. He has paid 25 cents postage on a half-ounce letter written with a goose quill. A day's journey in a wagon when he was a lad was not over 40 miles; and now the wagon drawn by the steam horse can can convey a passenger in one day 800 miles. The little lucifer match and the deadly six-shooter rifle were invented in his day. When he was young, the smoke of the Indians wigwam curled among the trees in the village where he now resides. Mr. Bayley is now in the twilight of life, his sun will soon set forever and he leaves these words to his kindred who follow him: "Act well your parts as good citizens, sustain and be ready to defend the flag of your country, be honest, conscious, and industrious, listen to to the dictates of a good conscience and bring no disgrace upon yourself or families." In the language of Simeon he says: "Now let thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people."