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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning express	7.15 a. m.
Mail	11.20 a. m.
Steamboat express	5.20 p. m.
Night express	11.20 p. m.

GOING EAST.

Limited Express	10.55 p. m.
Holly express	7.10 a. m.
Steamboat express	10.55 a. m.
Mail	4.00 p. m.
Evening express	8.55 p. m.

W. J. MORGAN, General Supt.
W. J. SPICER, Manager.

Prices Count.

Baking Powder, per lb	$ 15
Fifteen boxes of Matches	25
Four lbs best Taylor Crackers	25
Two lbs extra choice Tea Dust	48
Pure Paris Green	30
Choice New Orleans Molasses, per gallon	75
Golden Rio Coffee, per lb	14
Choice Rio Coffee, per lb	15
Williams Bros'. Rio and Java coffee roasted	25

We are expecting our year's supply of

Japan Teas

on the first steamer. Choice May pickings.

We have made some much needed improvements for compounding prescriptions.

We are now able to do any kind of

PRESCRIPTION WORK

in a careful manner and desire to make a specialty of this branch.

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We offer this Month

The largest line of Ladies' Gloves in Lisle Thread, Silk, Cotton and Kid in town, and at prices that will sell them quick. Ladies, look at our line and prices of Hosiery and Handkerchiefs before you buy. We are offering bargains.

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SPECIAL BARGAINS

this month on Dress Goods.

Look at our Goods.

Get our Prices.

It will pay you.

We can please you.

For low prices on Parasols we will take the cake.

Fans! Fans!

Embroideries, Veilings, Jersey Jackets, Shirts, Towelings and Tablecings.

Elegant, Beautiful, Lovely Lap Dusters. LOOK AT THEM.

Whips from 15 cents to $2.00. Hammocks, Hammock Ropes and Stretchers, Furniture Fringe, etc., etc. Our prices on Groceries are winning us trade every day. Crockery, Clocks and Glassware at very low prices.

Trade with us and save money.

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DRY GOODS.

37 inch Cashmere in colors, per yard, only	$ 25	Best Renfrew ginghams per yard	$ 9
36 inch Cashmere in colors, per yard, only	25	Nons veilings per yard only	10
64 inch Cashmere in colors, per yard, only	35	Argyle cotton per yard	6½
44 inch French twilled all wool, per yard	95	Lonsdale cotton per yard	8
44 inch all wool Alma black cloth per yd	90	Best quality prints per yard	6
25 pieces Brocaded dress goods, per yard	25	Plaid suitings for 10c, 12c and $1.00 per yard	

BOOTS, SHOES AND SLIPPERS.

Men's calf opera boots	$2 50	Ladies' opera toe slipper	$1 00
Men's kip boots	1 75	Ladies' opera toe slipper	1 25
Men's kip boots	1 85	Ladies' opera toe slipper	1 35
Men's plow boots	2 50	Ladies opera toe slipper	1 25
Men's plow shoe	1 40	Ladies goat button walking slipper	1 25
Men's plow shoe	1 75	Ladies' goat button walking slipper	1 50
Men's tie shoe	1 75	Ladies' kid button walking slipper	1 75

HATS AND CAPS.

Derby hats	$1 25	Men's fancy straw at 35c, 75c and $1.00.	
Men's Derby hats	1 50	Men's fancy straw at $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50.	
Men's Derby hats	2 00	Boys' fancy straw hats at 25c, 50c and $1.00	
Men's Derby hats, latest style	2 50	Children's fancy straw hats at 25c, 50c and 75c.	
Men's Derby hats, latest style	3 00	We keep the best assortment of hats in town.	

CLOTHING AND GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS.

Men's suits at $8.00, $9.00 and $10.00	The best laundried shirts for 50c in town
Men's wool pants $2.50, $2.50 and $3.00	The best fancy colored shirts for 50c in town
Men's wool pants $3.50, $4.00 and $5.25	Overalls at 50c, 75, $1.00 and $1.25
Men's cottonade pants $1.00, $1.15 and $1.50	Boys' short pants at 50c, and $1.00
Men's cottonade pants $1.75, $2.00 and $2.25	Men's every day work shirts, 50c, 75c, and $1.00
Men's cottonade jackets 75c, and $1.00	Men's collars, cuffs, ties, splendid assortment

FRESH GROCERIES.

Magic Baking Powder 25c. per pound. Give it a trial.

15 lbs granulated sugar	$1 00	Pure maple sugar	$ 12
16 lbs prunes	1 00	3 cans 2 lb cherries	25
10 cans 3 lb tomatoes	1 00	3 cans 2 lb plums	25
10 cans 3 lb corn	1 00	3 cans 2 lb peas	25
6 cans 3 lb table peaches	1 00	4 lbs Taylor crackers	25
8 cans 3 lb pie peaches	1 00	Best Japan tea	60
3 lbs choice mixed coffee	1 00	Yaskoi mixed Japan tea	40

We offer Fresh Goods, latest Styles and Designs, Low Prices and genuine Bargains at

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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.

Blue cross.

That square tinted emblem means "cash up."

Pontiac will celebrate in the good old fashioned way.

Wool twine Scissors found at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Will Brey of Sand Beach visited friends in this vicinity last week.

Commencement exercises are beginning to loom up in the near future.

Mrs. Alf. Cooper of Gaines, is visiting with her sister Mrs. G. C. Gibbs of Big Beaver.

Mrs Wm. Allen left for an extended tour in Wisconsin and Minnesota on Monday last.

Mr. Samuel Wilcox of Sheridon, N. Y., visited friends in town the fore part of this week.

This week (yesterday and to-day) the W. C. T. U. hold a county convention at Walled Lake.

Children's day will be duly observed at the M. E. church next Sunday by appropriate ceremonies.

McAllister Randall and Walter North have joined the great army of smug muggery. Go see 'em.

That blue cross means that you must see us a dollar's worth or you won't get any paper next week. See?

It makes us feel a little ashamed to read in our exchanges how nearly all of them observed Decoration day.

Gibbs' creek is immense, caused by an uncrated tooth, but that patient spirit of his isn't even ruffled.

Children's day, we understand, will be observed by both the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday school and all are invited.

Henry S. Becker wants to sell his new thresher and engine or trade and makes known his wants in the cheap column. Read it.

Vet Robins has recently purchased the Ebling property at Big Beaver, and has removed there with his family to start in business.

It takes a quarter of a column of the Utica Sentinel to tell how a bumble-bee flew into a school house, in Shelby township, and flew out again.

E. A. O'Neal of Northville, has started a new harness shop in the Lowes block, next door to Blakeslee's hardware store. Competition is the life of trade.

Whitehead & Mitchell sold this week a beautiful walnut sideboard to Mrs. Pinder Worth—a very useful as well as ornamental piece of furniture.

The many friends of Miss May Sherman will learn with pleasure of her marriage at the home of her parents in Castleton, Ill., to Mr. William Snare, on June 3.

Married, at the M. E. parsonage, Monday evening, June 8, 1885, by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, Mr. Wellington Johnston of Smithfield to Miss Emeline Adams of Bloomfield.

Hon. E. C. Wilmans says there are about forty postoffices in his district that will not be disturbed, but this does not furnish one bit of balm to Whitehead's sorrowing heart.

Robert Herbison of Durand was in town one day last week. Rob is relieving agent for the D., G. H. and M. R'y, and is rapidly and surely mounting the ladder of wealth and fame.

The Hon. Peter Dow of Orchard Lake lost a valuable horse and cow by hydrophobia last week. These animals were bitten by something during last winter and unmistakably died from the effects of the bite.

Prof. L. McLouth, of the Michigan State Normal, will deliver the baccalaureate address to the class of '85 at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, June 21. The class extends a cordial invitation to all.

S. I. Slade has entered the law office of T. J. Davis, at Pontiac, and the Gazette says that Mr. Slade is already well up in the study of Blackstone, that the young members of the legal fraternity will have to look sharp to their laurels.

New stock of ladies' gloves, ribbons, Hamburgs, white goods and hosiery at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

To-morrow evening the grandest entertainment of the season comes off at the M. E. church, Pontiac, at which time Herr Paul Krueger, harpist; C. A. Hoffman, S. I. Slade and others take part in a very interesting programme.

The bouquet that Mitchell recently received, all done up with blue ribbon, broke him all up until he discovered that horsechestnut blossoms meant luxury, and he knew then that it must be Gibbs' property for he was tending it so carefully.

The Police Gazette base ball news says that four errors in one game was what caused the Toledos to drop Rainey like a hot potato. John's friends at home here avow that John still plays with the Toledos, but would give his all, to be able to leave them.

Next Sunday is children's day at the M. E. church. The Rev. G. W. Lowe will preach for the children in the morning. There will be appropriate exercises in the Sunday school and the entire evening service will be conducted by the young people and little folks.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Michigan State Pioneer society has been postponed to June 17 and 18, 1885. It will meet in Representative hall, Lansing, commencing at 2 p. m. Reduced rates for transportation and board have been secured with both railroads and hotels.

A boy came into town on a blind horse last week, and handed the following note to one of our merchants: "Deer sur plese send by berer 2 ponds of shoger a blackin brush 5 ponds coffey & some litel nails my wife had a baby last nite and 2 pad loks and munkyrench in haste and oblige."

About the most pleased and happy young man we have met lately is Albert Todd of Troy, and the cause of his great rejoicing is that J. H. Carter, the veteran well-driver, after boring about 180 feet into the earth, struck a flowing well and a fine stream of water rises eight feet above the level of the ground.

Pinder Worth is abreast with the times, as he is having his house painted inside and out, and uses the very latest shade of bronze green with appropriate trimmings, etc. West Faint is chief of the job, and with an able corps of assistants is making as handsome a look-ing house as there is on Saginaw street.

Roscoe Conkling says that the smallest country newspaper is worth more to its country subscribers in one month than its price for a year, and does more for its neighborhood for nothing than many a high official does for his munificent salary.—[Ex. Well now, Roscoe, that's solid. Come over to strawberry shortcake to our house and we'll forget that little flurry a short time ago.

The Rev. J. P. Gibson, the new pastor elect to the DeWitt U. P. church parish, gave the Observer a call Monday. Mr. Gibson bears the mark of a true gentleman and will be a welcome citizen among us.—[DeWitt, Iowa, Observer. The above only goes to show that our townsman, the Rev. J. P. Gibson, is appreciated wherever he goes. We wish him abundant success in his new field of labor.

There was a genuine surprise party at the home of Mrs. Sprague in this village last Friday, in honor of that lady's 50th birthday. The hostess, as well as all the guests, was surprised to see carriage after carriage drive up until both church and grange were well represented, and skilled hands turned her quiet room into a banqueting hall, where about thirty happy friends sat down to a feast of good things. May her last days be as happy as her 50th birthday.

To give all a chance to witness the Scottish games at Recreation park on Thursday, June 18, the D., G. H. and M. R'y will sell round trip tickets from St. Johns and all stations east to Detroit, at single fare with 25 cents added for admission to the games. Tickets will be valid on the morning train and the half past 11, and good to return on the 6 o'clock or midnight trains. Tickets for sale at stations only, and passengers paying on the train will be charged full fare.

The State Pioneer society is desirous of obtaining a copy of the history of Oakland County, and it believes that there is some one in the county who is willing to donate a copy to the society as a book of reference for the use of those throughout the state who are fast becoming accustomed to look to that society for historical information. Should this item meet the eye of any one so generously disposed he is requested to correspond with the corresponding secretary at Lansing, Mich., George H. Greene.

Young Todd of Royal Oak, who recently married under pressing circumstances and left for parts unknown, while a Pontiac jury were out finding a verdict for the non-support of Mrs. Todd, will perhaps be pleased to learn that his forfeit bail, $50, and costs amounting to considerable more, has been collected of George Geddes by Prosecuting Attorney Tripp. Of numerous cases where bail has been jumped in Oakland county, this is the first instance in some time where the bonds have been collected. [Bill Poster.

At a meeting of the official board and congregation of the DeWitt United Presbyterian church on Monday afternoon last, called for the purpose of considering the feasibility of extending a call to the Rev. J. P. Gibson, of Badaxe, Michigan. Mr. Gibson having preached two Sabbaths from that pulpit, (last Sabbath being his second) giving such universal satisfaction that when the vote was taken it was made unanimous in the affirmative. The call has been extended and accepted. Mr. Gibson expects to remove with his family to DeWitt in July next and enter upon his work at that time.—DeWitt, Iowa, Observer.

A comical incident in the Illinois senatorial contest transpired at Springfield, Ill, May 20. Major Peters, editor of the Republican of that place, and Republican member of the legislature from Iroquois county, when assured of Logan's election, telegraphed the boys from Springfield: "Logan is elected. Paint my old home red." Of course he meant to hold a jollification in Watseka, but the boys took him at his word and showing the message to Mrs. Peters, gained her consent, and forthwith the entire male population turned out, and procuring the brightest red paint imaginable, painted the house, barn and outhouses scarlet—roof, chimney and all, not even sparing the fences and tree trunks. When the major heard of the affair he was the maddest man in the nation, notwithstanding Logan's election.

Deputy Register of Deeds Coe and his family came very near going to glory Sunday night by the coal gas route. During the night Mrs. Coe got up to get some lacteal fluid for Coe jr., and came in contact with the floor, head first. The fall awoke her husband who sprang up to see what was the matter, but before he could find out one of the children who had arisen to get a drink of water, also fell in a stupor. Ben was unable to arouse his wife or child, but concluding they had been poisoned, hastily dressed and ran for a physician. On his way after the medical man Coe became dizzy and was obliged to call a friendly post to his aid, but by a great effort he shook off the feeling and called on Dr. Gray. Upon again entering the house the smell of coal gas was for the first time detected by Mr. Coe, who is to be congratulated upon the narrow escape of himself and family.—[Bill Poster.

The Detroit Evening Journal of Friday contains the following, which will be of local interest: "Herbert A. Sage was an agent for F. J. Schwankofsky's music house. Some time ago, according to Mr. Schwankofsky, he sold a piano to G. H. German, of Franklin, Mich., for $275, receiving $75 cash. This amount Sage paid to Schwankofsky and received his entire commission. Then, says the dealer, he went to German and without any right to do so, collected the remaining $200. He did not report this and denied having made the collection. He afterward admitted it, but claimed that Schwankofsky owed him more than that amount. Mr. Schwankofsky told the superior court this morning that the claim was false and unjust, and Judge Chipman issued a capias for Sage's arrest." The evident moral to the above is plainly in favor of buying good instruments of home dealers, then there is no trouble about paying twice.

Last Saturday evening D. M. Johnston set for a trunk which was at the residence of Horace Randall and belonged to a relative of Dan's, who had been employed there as a domestic. Horace refused to let the trunk go, and subsequently said that had a written order signed by the owner of the trunk been presented he would then have had no hesitation in giving up the trunk. After the boy whom Dan had sent failed, Dan, in the presence of witnesses, made a formal demand of H. A. Randall for the trunk, and Horace still refusing, a writ of replevin was issued by Justice Bodine, and early Monday morning Deputy Sheriff Beattie, accompanied by Dan, proceeded to the house of Mr. Randall to take possession of the object of litigation, only to find that sometime between Saturday night and Monday morning Jack Baldwin, in his quiet way and without many words, by the aid of a writ of "hellicarer" (this is a paper that takes 'em where they ain't just as well as where they are), had taken the trunk to his house, where the owner and that historic article are safely settled.

Fresh full cream cheese 10c per pound at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Ignorance.

Some farmers say they trimmed their orchard last year and they won't have them trimmed now. But just think one moment and see how it sounds. They don't want them trimmed this year because they were trimmed last year. Now suppose you say you sowed wheat and oats and planted corn and potatoes last year, what are you going to do this year? We can't raise anything but one season unless we continue to plant, that's true, and why don't you do the same with your orchard? Give your fruit trees the same care you do your other crops and I'll warrant you a good crop every year. Try it, farmers, and see. F. P. B.

How to Doctor Leaky Roofs.

Dr. Kedzie of the Michigan agricultural college, in a late communication to the Chicago Times, says: "The material promising best results in such a case is water lime. It can be used combined with coal tar as paint, or it can be dusted over the surface after the tar is applied. The best result will be secured by combining both uses as follows: Thin the coal tar by adding common benzine, one part of benzine to twelve of coal tar; then stir in water lime (entirely free from lumps or siftings,) until you have the consistency of a strong paint, and paint this on the leaky roof, covering every part and filling every crack. Apply at once a good dusting of water lime to the painted surface before it dries. The water lime retains the running of the coal tar, forms a hard coating by the action of the water and conceals the very disagreeable odor of the coal tar. Of course the fire must be kept from the paint, lest the inflammable benzine should start a combustion difficult to control. The benzine reduces the stickiness of the tar, enables it to combine or mix more easily with the water lime, makes it easier to spread on the shingles and it soon evaporates, leaving a firm and hard covering. The paint can be applied with a mop if it is moderately warm when applied". As several of our villages occupy residences, the roofs of which are about as "holey-ly" as a broken cistern and which were put on soon after the flood, it would be well for them to try the above. W. C. H.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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

Fresh Detroit bread, cookies, cakes, pies, etc. at Mrs. Furman's.

New wall papers and bordering, beautiful patterns in gilt paper and bordering at Mrs. Furman's.

Fresh Detroit bread Wednesdays and Saturdays at Mrs. Furman's.

Ice cream Saturday afternoon and evening at Mrs. Furman's.

Detroit Bread 6c per loaf at Mrs. Furman's.

Obituary.

DIED: At her residence on Maple avenue, on Thursday morning, June 4, 1885, Mrs. Hannah Irving, wife of Hugh Irving, Esq., in the 70th year of her age.

Mrs Irving was born in Worcestershire, England, in September, 1815. In 1849 she came direct from Liverpool to this village with her husband and family. For six years they lived in part of the store now occupied by Mr. Irving, and then moved to their present location, and eight years ago they built the handsome residence now occupied as a family dwelling.

For three years past her health has been steadily failing and in December last the family became alarmed at the phase the disease had taken, and the best medical aid was speedily summoned but was of no avail, the disease being gradual but none the less sure, until after a painful and tedious illness which she bore with Christian fortitude, her sufferings ended in death.

She was a consistent christian and a life-long member of the Presbyterian church, having brought letters of warm recommendation from the church of which she was a member, in England, and her many kindly christian deeds will be remembered by everyone.

She leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss, Mrs. J. W. Burson of San Francisco and Miss Mattie who lives with her father. These last named being the only survivors of a family of eight children.

Communicated.

In your issue of June 4, from your Big Beaver correspondent's letter, the remarks about Charles Gibbs' family, I think both unmanerly and rude. One of the ladies I know to be a respectable person and the owner of a valuable farm near by, who has broken up house keeping and is superintending the repairs on the farm house. The other lady I do not know, but I believe the statement in regard to her intention of carrying on her vocation is correct and proper. I dislike these personalities so much indulged in by correspondents to the newspapers at the present time, who hide themselves from the public. It reminds one of the fable of the boys stoning the frogs. It may be fun for some, but a loss of self-respect to those slurred upon.

Yours truly,
HENRY A. JUDD.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNTY LINE.

Richmond Hoard is painting and otherwise renovating his house.

Mr. Hugh Collins and wife of Boone, Iowa, are visiting relatives and numerous friends in our vicinity.

Mr. Fred Cartwright is at Harper's Hospital having an operation performed on her eye.

Dr. Galbraith is still attending Thurston Barr.

School closed on Friday last.

Billy McRoberts and Johny Dodds had a fall fashioned logging bees last week and both got good returns for the outlayed money. PAT.

SOUTH STERLING.

The boys of Warren are talking about starting a brass band. Woe be unto the inhabitants.

The talk of the plow of Poverty X Roads, it is nowhere compared with the pulverizer of South Sterling, for it will plow the ground, sow the grain, and drag it in all at the same time.

There are two weeks more of school in district number 4.

John O. Skinner and wife started last Saturday for Sanilac county, to visit relatives.

There is some complaint among the tiller farmers of the wire worm injuring their corn.

BIG BEAVER.

Why credit Troy news to Big Beaver?

Mr. Sylvester Robbins has bought the Ebling property and intends putting a stock of goods which he will sell at astonishing low prices, into the store. We wish him success, and gladly welcome himself and family to our town.

Dr. Woodruff's mother and sisters came to this place from Canada, last week. We are informed that they intend to make their home with the doctor.

Next Sunday will be observed as children's day at the M. E. church. There will be services as usual in the evening.

A loving couple was married one day.
The wife's father's job was to railing;
The young man regrets, when too late they say,
Having married a girl who'd been selling.

It was very nearly twelve o'clock Saturday night when the skating rink was closed. If they continue keeping it open a little later every time, where will the end be? Echo answers, where?

An exchange tells its readers how to skim milk. In cities one good way is to let the chalk settle, and then draw the water off.

Washington may not do much at base ball, but when it comes to a chicken fight our local birds cover themselves with gory glory.—*Washington Star.*

An exchange says: "Don't borrow trouble." No, don't; but if you are tempted to borrow trouble, borrow it from a friend, and do him the kindness not to return it.

Young man, when you see an old maid adjusting her spectacles and clipping out that part of a paper headed "Sealed Proposals," it is time for you to take to the woods.

GLEANINGS.

Gen. Crook writes encouraging letters to boys in the Indian schools.

George Alfred Townsend says he does not want to own a newspaper and never will.

Butternut wood is largely used for making shoes to wear in breweries and other damp places.

Poor children's teeth are to be cared for in Boston by a society of philanthropists organized for that purpose.

Of the nine states producing true coke, Pennsylvania turns out more than five times as much as the other eight combined.

The will of Gen. Gordon leaves the whole of his property to his sister, "Mary A. Gordon." The personality is rated under $11,000.

Thomas Garfield, a brother of the late president, is enjoying life on a Michigan farm. He has not appeared in public since the late president's funeral.

The oldest of the existing religions was established by Zoroaster in Persia, about 1,500 years B. C. The youngest was "revealed" to Joseph Smith in 1827.

Ouray, Colo., is proud of its Mayor, who, the local paper says, is plain and unpretending, wears his hat on the back of his head, and spells "Council" with a "K."

An Ohio scientist says the current of Lake Erie has an effect upon the atmospheric shores to make the spring season from two to four weeks earlier at Toledo than at Buffalo.

Very appropriate yet daring was the ornamental description in gilt lettering added to some fancy blotters by a lady lover of Shakspeare, which read: "Out, damned spot; out, I say."

Muskrats destroy the levees and alligators destroy the muskrats. The New Orleans *Item*, therefore, recommends that the protection and propagation of alligators shall be encouraged by an act of Assembly.

An English writer points out the probability that a smoky atmosphere is not a wholly unmitigated evil, since its carbon and sulphur must absorb many germs of disease, and tend to prevent the spread of epidemics.

The United States consume more lemons in a year than all countries combined. Russia comes next. The custom Russians have of drinking tea with a slice of lemon in it accounts for the large consumption there.

Mr. William T. Brandt states that in the United States there are eighty-two factories engaged in the manufacture of glue, and that they employ altogether about 2,000 hands. The value of the product is about $5,000,000 a year.

The city of Los Angeles, Cal., has a population of about 35,000. Its streets are lined with eucalyptus and pepper trees, and with handsome business blocks, which are more numerous and costly than in most American cities of five times the population.

The champion peach tree in the Delaware region, according to local fame, is a tree eight or ten inches in diameter and hoary with age. Last season it yielded eight crates of merchantable fruit, beside a bushel and a half picked from the ground.

In "tips" alone, as calculated by some ingenious person, English railway servants receive annually no less than £300,000 from the public. The "tips" received by Pullman porters in this country are probably too overwhelming a subject for arithmetic to grapple with.

By the will of the late Col. Fred Burnaby his wife is left sole guardian of their child, and all the Colonel's property is left absolutely to Mrs. Burnaby. In the event of Mrs. Burnaby's death Lady Hawkins Wilbraham and Valentine Baker Pasha are appointed guardians.

Rochester, N. Y., is the largest city in the United States not on navigable water, unless we count the highwater season of the Genessee River, which is sometimes taken advantage of below the falls by small pleasure craft, as "navigable," in which case Indianapolis would stand first in the list.

A New York newspaper says: "As Mark Twain admits having netted $85,000 from his recent reading tour, and George W. Cable is presumed to have made the same; it is a pity that the profitable Twain-Cable combination should have been dissolved, as alleged, on so trivial a question as Cable charging his champagne and boot-blacking to the general expense fund of the concern.

The etiquette of hand-shaking is simple. No man should assume to take a lady's hand until it is offered. A lady extends her hand and allows the gentleman to take it. On introduction in a room a married lady generally shakes hands; young ladies not often. In the ball-room, where the introduction is for dancing, not for friendship, never shake hands. The more public the place of introduction the less hand-shaking takes place.

The result of the labors of the committee appointed in England to inquire into the relative efficiency of oil, gas and electricity for the purpose of lighthouse illuminations is, in effect, that the combustion illuminants have much the same properties, their relative values being chiefly affected by questions of cost, heat and facility of employment, and that the electric light is not only quite equal in clear weather but for penetrating a fog.

Rowell is the only one of the famous pedestrians who is rich. He lives on $80,000, and never speculates. Of himself O'Leary said recently: "Six years ago I had $150,000. I began to dabble in stocks, and as a result dropped my bundle, but I never played a card for money in my life or bucked the tiger. I have walked since July 14, 1874, twenty-seven thousand miles in matches and exhibitions in this country, England, Ireland, and Australia."

The commander-in-chief of the Afghan army wears a crimson uniform covered with gold facings and a black helmet. Gholam Hyder Chirki is a man of great stature, resolute looking, and of commanding appearance. He is a Ghilzai of the district lying between Kushi and Ghazni, his native village being Chirki; hence his distinctive name Chirki to distinguish him from numerous other Gholam Hyders. He played a leading part in the first fights about Kabool.

In a communication to the Academie des Sciences, M. Duclaux states that the presence of micro-organisms in the earth is essential to the germination of seed. His experiments were made with plants whose seed grow on the surface as well as those which develop in the ground. The agricultural importance of his researches lies in the fact that farmers who understand this principle will avoid the use on planted soils of any substance inimical to the lower forms of organic life.