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To Farmers and Horsemen.

The following Stallions will stand for the season of 1890 at

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Notice to Farmers.

The undersigned offers for the use of the farmers of this vicinity for pure bred, registered short horn Bates Bull, Duke of Franklin. The price has been reduced to $10 and must be paid at time of service. All those who are interested to use for just service will please call and settle. JOHN S. REYNOLDS, Southfield, Mich. June26dt6.

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Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto.

Located at Birmingham, and wishes to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that he is ready to treat all diseases of domesticated animals, whether sick or injured. Office at Ford's Livery Stable where he can be found at all hours. All calls promptly attended to and at reasonable rates.

L. O. TROWBRIDGE AUCTIONEER, Pontiac, Mich. Terms reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. At office, opposite court house, every Saturday. 1y

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Will give instruction in instrumental music at her home to suit the convenience of her pupils. Reasonable rates. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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REV. A. MARSH, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10.30 a. m., and at 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Young People's Weekly Sabbath evening at 6 o'clock. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

All who are not identified with other churches are invited to come with us.

Birmingham Baptist Church.

(The little church around the corner.)

Sabbath services: Preaching by the Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor of Pontiac church, who will preach here until further notice at 3 p. m. Sunday school at 4 p. m. Prayer conference and bible study each Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Miller. All are cordially invited. Seats free. tf

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. E. B. PIERCE, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Junior League at 4 p. m. and Epworth League at 6.45 p. m. These leagues unite in a temperance meeting on the last Sunday afternoon of each month to which the community are invited. Meeting for prayer and testimony on Thursday evening at 7.30. All are invited.

Troy and Southfield U. P. Churches.

REV. A. H. ORR, PASTOR.

Sabbath services: Preaching at Troy at 10 a. m.; Sabbath school at 11 a. m. Southfield—Sabbath school at 1 p. m.; preaching at 2 p. m. Young people's meeting at 7.30 p. m. You are cordially invited.

Ladies' Library. Corner of Merrill and Bates Streets. Open on Saturdays from 2 to 5 and from 6.30 to 7.30 p. m.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE—I have for sale two large colts 18 months old coming two years old; one Percheron and one Clydesdale. Can be seen one-half mile east of the gravel on the Ia-mile road. Lewis Carlton. July3

LOST—A promissory note dated April 1, 1890, to the order of Mrs. Lora A. Daniels, for $200, payable at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich., two years from date at 7 per cent. Payment has been stopped and all parties are cautioned against negotiating said paper. 12 MRS. LORA A. DANIELS.

Remember "LADIES' BAZAAR" in the Parks Block.

Fashion Papers for July now in at Ladies' Bazaar, in the Parks block.

Do not forget to see the Wshliamson Combination Shoulder Brace and Corset.

Latest styles in Millinery and Fancy Goods.

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Will offer until closed out Job Lot of All Silk Morie and Satin Edge Ribbons, numbers 5 and 7 at 10c per yard; numbers 9 and 12 at 12c per yard.

Give us a call for anything in

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We handle a full line of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes.

Yours respectfully,

V. NIXON & CO., Birmingham, Mich.

HOME NOTES

A newsy letter from Troy crowded out this week.

Mrs. Houghan and Miss Taylor have returned from Duluth.

Superior binding twine for sale by A. Johnston at 13½ cents per pound.

Miss Milligan, of Cadillac, has been spending a few days with Miss Cromwell.

Howard King's horse last Monday created a stampede on our streets by running away.

Mrs. Rollin Gillette has made up her mind to take a few boarders. Read her advt else where.

The city marshal of Pontiac has a big job on hand—he is going to enforce the Sunday saloon ordinance.

Mr. H. C. and Miss Eleanor Mabley, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. R. B. Raymond.

Master E. O. Hull, of Pasadena, Cal., is enjoying himself with his cousins Rena and Blossom Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Irving took the trip to Port Huron last week. The Venice of Michigan should be seen every year

J. Allen Bigelow's cottage at Cotumabi Bluff, Watkins Lake, is occupied this summer by Mr. Whittemore's family of Detroit.

"Time" will soon arrive in our village. Anyone wishing to make his acquaintance come to the M. E. church August 6.

Mr. H. Randall is improving his already attractive home on Maple Ave., by laying a five foot cement walk in front of his premises.

Be ready for the charming little lady collector who will soon call on you for your nickle that belongs to the Birmingham Improvement Society.

A child's bed for sale with springs and mattress, used only five months. Can be bought for $1.50 less than wholesale cost by calling on Geo. H. Mitchell.

Do you want some village property by the acre? If so call at the real estate office and get a chunk (11 acres) at a price per acre lower than Royal Oak sand sells for.

The monthly union temperance meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath evening. The address will be by the Rev. E. B Peirce of the M. E. church.

Won't some humane society send a missionary to this town? The way horses are mistreated in some parts of our town is a shame to the owners and a sorrow to those who see it.

The Bentley Lumber Co. decorated our streets last Sunday with two wagons and one immense log. We like business but we don't like wagons in the street especially over Sunday.

We are pained to learn of the continued illness of Miss Frankie Fredericks. She has the sympathy not only of her friends and schoolmates but of the whole community.

Now is the time to look to your young maples. When the tree stops growing the borer begins its work. Put a firm wire or long needle into the holes near the ground and you will stop the mischief.

Do you notice that the robbins are gone from your yards? Driven away by the constant shooting that annoys and disturbs everyone within the limits of our town and all for the few pennies paid for the head of the poor sparrow.

A good lady subscriber wearily asks us, "Have we a marshal?" Jim, why don't you, with your usual urbanity, rise up and say "yes dear, we have and a good one too, don't you never forget it, sometimes, by gum!"

I have a lot of fine trimmed bonnets, for middle aged ladies, marked down from $4 and $5 to $2 50. The season is dull and the goods must be sold at some price. Trimmed hats $1. L. T. Furman. tf

You won't believe it, but it is so. We can sell you a neat parcel of land, eleven acres inside the corporation, at a price less than you can buy farm land two miles outside the village. Read bargain No. 40 and come and buy it before your neighbor does.

When are we going to have the bee for fixing the park? Everybody wants to go to it. Then with a park at one end of the town and our nice depot grounds at the other (and we are going to have them when we get the water) we will be a town to be proud of.

WARNING. All persons are hereby forbidden to trespass or shoot fire arms of any description any where on premises belonging to the undersigned under penalty of prosecution to the full extent of the law. Mattie Baldwin.

There will be a grand harvest excursion August 16 on palace steamer City of Detroit to Cleveland and return from this place for $2 55, going Saturday and returning Sudday night Tickets good on any train going Saturday and returning Monday.

Having removed my shop to more commodious quarters I am prepared to do better work than ever. My shop is now in the old meat market building formerly occupied by M. Jones. Yours respectfully, E. White. 2,

Rev. C. W. Stevenson will preach at the M. P. church at Franklin on Saturday afternoon and also Sunday forenoon and evening and at Walnut Lake school house at 3 p. m. He wants to see all his old friends. Everybody welcome.

V. Nixon & Co. give on Saturday, August 2, an excellent flour seive (turns with a crank) with every dollar's worth of goods purchased from them. Read their adv't this week and call early and secure one of these very useful articles.

Mrs. Joseph Phillips is slowly but surely recovering her health and as soon as entirely recovered will open her bakery with a new and complete stock of everything kept by her heretofore Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Take a walk down Center street and see the beautiful white clematis that adorns Mrs. Miller's house. By the way can't we have some other name for that street? Some of the neatest places in town are there and there are no finer collection of flowers and plants than those grown by Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Miller.

The Young People's Dancing Club of Southfield give a grand harvest party at the town hall in that place on Friday evening August 8, 1890. Good music has been engaged for the occasion and 50 cents pays the bill. Go and have a good time.

John Pound & Bro., of Pontiac, are out with a new adv't this week, which contains some hints to purchasers of early fall goods. Summer goods are being slaughtered and they offer bargains in all lines. Give them a call and be convinced.

One day last week six new lawyers were admitted to the bar. Messrs Taft, Tripp and Patterson (T. H.) were the examining committee. The successful candidates were J. C. Flynn, Neal R. Walsh, Fred Wieland, Frank Covert, John Matthews and Ashley Miller. Mr. Miller is the son of Rev. Mr. Miller who fills the Baptist pulpit of this place.

Ralph Bingham, the wonderful boy, whose fame extends from north to south, and east to west, (he has appeared before large and delighted audiences 80 times in the city of Philadelphia, his home), will be at the Baptist church in this village on Friday evening, August first Let everybody and their aunt and cousins be there. "There are a thousand fiddlers to one violinist." Ralph is a violinist. Tickets only 25 cents and children under 12 years 10 cents.

Send 10 cents in stamps or coin to John Sebastian, Gen'l Tk't and Pass. Ag't Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry., Chicago, Ill., for a pack of the latest, smoothest, slickest playing cards that ever gladdened the eyes or rippled along the fingers of the devotee to Seven up, Casino, Dutch, Euchre, Whist, or any other ancient or modern game—and get your money's worth several times over.

The sparrow question would very quickly and readily settle itself if the lovers of bird music would follow the example of some of our country boys camping out, who kill and eat them. They are boiled or made into pot pie and are very excellent. They are caught with hair snares or grain soaked. Up to the last inst. the Clinton County boys had destroyed 21,190 sparrows and received $725.70 in bounties.

Come one, come all! Where? Why, to the Baptist church on Friday evening, August first, and enjoy the best entertainment of the season. Ralph Bingham, the youthful prodigy, will give one of his celebrated entertainments such as he has given throughout the country to delighted audiences since he was 6 years of age (now 19). He is the complete master of the pathetic and the humorous and his violin playing is marvelous The Society under whose auspices he he appears have placed the tickets at half the usual price.

A. Partridge, administrator of the estate of Charles N. Marshall, deceased, of Royal Oak, will sell at public auction on Friday, August 1st, at 1 o'clock p. m., two good work horses, sleighs, wagons, trucks, cart, cornsheller, 400 feet of lumber and numerous other articles. Terms, cash. The old reliable auctioneer A. W. Decker will wield the hammer and everything goes.

One day last week this office was filled to overflowing with youth and beauty (feminine of course). Miss Lucile Travis of Ohio and Misses Frankie Gibbs and Gillett of Troy having called upon us for a short and pleasant visit. The old press ran easier and locals appeared more plenty after their visit, which, of course, resulted in a great deal of good to all.

On Friday evening, August 1st, the renowned boy orator, caricaturist, humorist and violinist will give one of his matchless entertainments at the Baptist church. Do not miss this rare opportunity to see and hear this born genius. His versatility is astonishing. The old may enjoy this treat the tickets have been placed at the low figure of 25 cents and children under 12 years at 10 cents. Every boy should see and hear Ralph and every boy's parents will be no less interested.

"You must look to friends, not relatives, for kindness and favors," remarked Mrs S H Beekman as she celebrated her 72nd birthday at her old farm last Sabbath entertained and made joyful by the family of her tenant, Mr. O. B. Moore, who this season has made the old farm boom and blossom.

The twins, the Misses Searle of Southfield, moved into town the fore part of the week and celebrated the event by breaking accidentally with a stone one of F. Hagerman's large plate glass windows. Damages at least over $100 besides the trouble of replacing. The boys ought now to return to their native heath.

At the Baptist church Friday evening, August 1st, the phenomenal boy, Ralph Bingham, will appear in his wonderful impersonations. Let no one in Birmingham, or within a half dozen miles, fail to be there; you will miss the finest entertainment of the season if you do. Tickets have been placed at half the usual price, viz: Twenty five cents for adults and children under 12 years 10 cents. Make a note of the date, Friday, August 1st, and don't forget it.

Cheap excursion to the great $5,000 race at Detroit Driving Club, on Saturday August 2, via the D. G. H. & M. Ry. Fare from this place round trip 75 cents. Train leaves here at 9:58 a. m., standard time. Returning, special train will leave Detroit at 8:00 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. Tickets will be valid on special trains only. Full fare will be charged on regular trains.

Those bowery dances conducted by Messrs Van Every and Bowden at Franklin are growing more and more successful. The one held last week was a grand affair. Nearly one hundred couple tripped the light fantastic and all voted the event just simply immense. The band from Whittemore lake satisfied everybody. Another on August 15 is announced and all are invited. The same good order and enjoyment is promised to all who attend and the music is to be the same as the last. Remember the day and date.

An alarm of fire on Monday forenoon last made our citizens wish that our water works were in operation. The alarm was caused by the burning of some clothes covered with paint in a closet in the residence of Wesley Faint on Maple avenue. A few pails of water extinguished the blaze after the woodwork had been charred and other damage done and the family frightened nearly to death. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Cause, spontaneous combustion.

On Wednesday evening August 6, the Epworth League will give a reception to Father Time and his family in the parlors of the M. E. church. As this is the first and must be the only appearance of Father Time in our village, he has consented to furnish a little entertainment for the evening and will tell us what he and his family are doing now and a little of what they have done in the past. After the entertainment the daughters of Time will serve ice cream and cake, watermelon and bananas at the usual prices. An admission fee of five cents will be charged to help defray the expenses of the ancient family.

Having sold my farm and having to give immediate possession, I will sell at public auction on the premises, one mile east and one and one-half miles south of Royal Oak, on Saturday, August 2, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property: Two fine horses, four finely bred colts, two sucking colts, two cows, brood sow, farming tools and farming implements of the best makes and as good as new. Everything goes that has been used on a first-class, well farmed farm and the sale is without reserve. A free lunch at noon will be served. Terms easy, $5 and under cash, over that sum 13 months' credit on approved notes. Albert W. Campbell, proprietor; M. H. Blunt, auctioneer; J. B. Gerow, clerk.

Scribner's Magazine for August is a fiction number containing six short stories, five of them illustrated. As is usual in this magazine, a number of entirely new writers are brought forward with stories of striking originality. They show great variety of scene and subject, and include a newspaper story, a tale of Army life, a California story, a Maine woods story, and a New York City story, besides Mr. Bunner's capital burlesque modernization of Sterne's "Sentimental Journey." There is also the beginning of part second of the remarkable anonymous serial "Jerry," which brings the hero to manhood and opens his adventurous career. Mr. Edward Marston tells with striking illustrations, "How Stanley Wrote His Book." There are also poems by Thomas Bailey Aldrich and Andrew Lang. For sale by Mrs. L. T. Furman.

At the time of General Fremont's death he was engaged upon the manuscript of a paper for The Century's forthcoming series of the California Gold Hunters. It was to be entitled "Finding Paths to California," and was not only to deal with the several exploring expeditions, but to narrate the writer's intimate connection with the events which led to the conquest and occupation of the territory. The work will be promptly continued by Mrs. Fremont. A first draft of the article has been made, and the subject had been so recently and closely discussed by General and Mrs Fremont that she will have no trouble in completeing the manuscript, for which she has already written the introduction, as well as a supplement describing her life at Monterey in 1849. As fine portrait of General Fremont from a daguerreotype of '49 or '50 will appear in the September number of the Century, along with portraits of Commodores Sloat and Stockton, "Duke" Gwin, and Governor Burnett, in an article giving account of "How California Came into the Union."

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for cuts bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c per box For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Notice to Taxpayers.

J. O. Beattie, Marshal, will be at his office for the collection of village taxes on every Thursday in July. After July 31st three per cent will be added for collection.

OUR UNION SCHOOL.

Editors of the Eccentric.

My attention has been called to an article from Luther Stanley in your issue of the 17th inst., under the head of "Our Union School," which article is a criticism of an article published over the signature of Prof. Hawkes in a previous issue, which was a simple statement of the condition and workings of the school year just closed, and I think it but simple justice to all parties concerned that a statement of the exact facts should be made.

The article that Mr. Stanley assumes to criticise was presented to the school board as a report of Prof. Hawkes to that body of the condition and work of the school year (a full board being present including Mr. Stanley) and was favorably received and highly complimented, by at least one member of the board. And a motion was made and carried unanimously that the report be received and placed on file. Now it seems to me that the time and place to challenge that report or any of its averments by any member of the board was then and there and not wait until Prof. Hawkes had left town. And moreover, it is due to Prof. Hawkes that I should say that he consented to the publication of the report at my request as an advertisement of the school. And further take our critic's figures and we find if we take the average tuition for the two years Prof. Clarke taught and compare with Prof. Hewitt's school year we find a decline of 9 per cent. in the amount of tuition money received. Compare the money received under Prof. Hewitt with the average two years of Prof. Hull and we find a further loss of 1 3-8 per cent. Take Prof. Hull's second year when the district received $647 foreign tuition and compare with his third year when the district received $700 and we find a decline of 10½ per cent. Now as our critic has only given us the last two years of Prof. Clarke and Hull we can not compare percentages and do Prof. Hawkes justice, as he, our critic, has not given the amounts received under Prof. Hawkes for his last two years of service. But it will be seen that the school reached its maximum of foreign patronage under Prof. Clarke and has been on a downward tendency until the last year of Prof. Hawkes' services when by hard work he has succeeded in arresting its downward course and turning it in the other direction.

And now in conclusion it seems to me that possibly it is not in the best of taste to go to the public as our critic has done through the press with invidious comparisons of the worthy young men who have served us as superintendents of our school through the years past and under whose able supervision and scholarship our school has risen to so respectable a position among the schools of the country, and something which every taxpayer and patron ought to be proud of and see to it that it is honorably sustained and supported.

R. BIRD,

THE NEW DISCOVERY.

You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a trial, Dr. King's New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should be afflicted by a cough, cold or any throat, lung or chest trouble secure a bottle at once and give it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every time or money refunded. Trial bottles free at White head & Mitchell's. 11

A REQUEST.

Isn't there something in the following list that you would as soon buy of me as anyone else? Clocks, books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, hosiery, gloves, ruching, buttons, dress stays, braids, silk, twist, corsets and steels, pins, needles, hairpins, veilings, embroidery, cottons, silk, etc., etc.

L. T. FURMAN.

BIG BEAVER BLIZZARDS.

(Carried over from la st week.)

Mrs. S. L. Robbins visited at Mrs. Mason Leonard's one day last week.

Mr. Fred R. Lamb was in Pontiac one day last week on the interest of the Smith estate.

Mr. S. L. Robbins and daughter Bessie made a flying visit to Sand Hill one day last week.

Miss Mattie Axtell went to Macomb the first of the week to be absent several weeks.

Miss Minnie Gillett and Miss Anna Quick were speeded at the lake last Sunday in a fine steamer at Gibraltar the 17th and report a large crowd and a splendid time.

It is expected that the annual red ribbon picnic will be a regular hummer and no mistake.

Did you ever go to Port Huron on the steamer Darius Cole? If not, why not? As the excursion last week to Islands, the party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Travis, Miss Frankie Gibbs, Miss Minnie Gillett and Miss Lucile Travis started last Saturday in Mr. Robbins' prairie hooner, caught the early morning train for Detroit and the steamer at 9 o'clock arriving at Port Huron at 4 p. m. The boat was far from being crowded there being ample room and a well stocked larder. A more enjoyable time one could hardly wish for. Started on the downward trip about 4:30 p. m. arriving at Detroit at 9:30 reaching home shortly after midnight somewhat weary but in the best of spirits and all voted the excursion way up to G, and dropped the watch of Endymion is still at large on the shore of St. Clair Ki ver.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

Corporation taxes will be received by me, James G. Beattie, collector for the village, without extra percentage during the month of July. All taxes must be paid on or before August 18, 1890, by order and resolution of the village council. JAMES G. BEATTIE, Dated June 19, 1890. Village Marshal.

TRAVELLING.

TACOMA, July 15, 1890.

Editors of the Eccentric.

Having a little time I send a short account of our wanderings. Arriving at St. Paul we had a few hours at our disposal and taking an excursion steamer we spent a few hours exploring the waters of the upper Mississippi. We find the stream an improvement on the lower portion, not being quite so dirty and badly behaved as it is farther south. Still it shows a like disposition to make war on peaceable landowners, but its capacity for mischief is lessened by its size and the soil is firmer, hence much less pilfering is possible.

St Paul is a large, beautiful and bustling city and was in gala dress in honor of the school ma'ams and school masters there assembled in convention. It would seem the rising generation must be very learned. It was marvellous to see. You could not turn but a bevy of badge-adorned humanity announced the presence of pedagogues. Well, long may they wave.

A train of vestibuled cars, ten in number, steamed out of St. Paul at 4.15 p. m., Friday, July 12. We had our quarters on the Pullman sleeper, Bonnet, a new and most luxurious addition to the convenience of the travelling public. The cars were in charge of conductor Wilson and our porter was a former slave of an uncle of Gen. Bragg. He is a jolly fellow, civil and obliging, and intelligent withal. The car was comfortably filled and the passengers a pleasant company. The surprise of our trip commenced with the "bad lands" of Dakota. I had heard of these lands but had no conception of their nature or appearance. I cannot put a description in words that will convey anything like an adequate idea of their appearance. They comprise heights and depths, hill, hillock, valley and plain, but thrown together in the most fantastic form and combination, filled with, supported by and overhung by rocks of every form, hue and composition, known or unknown, I imagine. From a flat plain will rise a mass of a few feet, or of acres in extent; then a hill, corrugated or in massive undulations, abrupt or sloping, sometimes composed wholly of rocks piled together in the wildest confusion, at other times outcropping at base, midheight or crowning, often suggesting figures of animals, gnomes or gens; at other times presenting rude resemblance to things mundane or ultramundane. The whole appearance is of the most forbidding nature and while one is lost in wonder and awe, there is a feeling of relief when the treeless, almost natureless land is past, and hills rising into still higher ranges appear, but with a suggestion of verdure and without the grotesque, uncanny suggestions of the "bad lands."

We strike the Yellowstone river at Glendine, Montana, and follow the valley as far as Livingstone. This is the point where tourists leave for the Yellowstone Park, the river turns here, its head being in the park in a lake of the same name. It is at this point that we take a second engine to the steep climb to Bogeman Pass. Here we pass through a tunnel over a mile in length, the first being the highest point on the journey across. When through the pass we dismissed the second engine, and with steam shut off and brakes set, we started down grade. It gave one the sensation of flying through the air, as skurrying down round this curve, doubling on the last track, and all the time lower, lower, with the skin-ring sound of the brakes to remind you what might be if they failed. But the steep, fast part is soon past; and at a slower pace we go on our journey on. All around us is new, strange, uncultivated. I had always imagined Oregon was all forest clad, in giant pines, mountain sides forest clad, as the altitude increased, growing smaller as the altitude increased. Here they stood brown or gray, bare of leaves, rock ribbed, rock crowned, rocky. Of their grandeur, of their sublimity, of their awfulness, I can only feel; I cannot find words to describe. Sheer precipices hundreds of feet in depth, gorges lost to view in darkness, heights that make one dizzy to explore, majesty of pillared rock, vividness and beauty of coloring, delicateness of tracery in sculpture seeming, artistic hanging of delicate draperies, all pictured in enduring rock on the eternal hills for future ages to revere. Oh! what a miracle is nature, and what its worker is nature's God. With a deeper reverence for Him and a new sense of man's insignificance, we journey on.

I have not time to particularize. At Missoula we took a second engine for the passage over the main range, the Mullen tunnel being at Calonel. This experience was repeated at Stampede where the Cascade range is pierced with the longest tunnel on the route. Each range is a repetition of the main features of nature's God. We arrived safely at Tacoma at 10.30 p. m. of the 14th. We sail for Alaska at 9 a. m. of the 17th. A. L. L.

THE FIRST STEP.

Perhaps you are run down, can't eat, can't sleep, can't think, can't do anything to your satisfaction, and you wonder what ails you. You should heed the warning you are taking the first step into nervous prostration. You need a nerve tonic and in Electric Bitters you will find the exact remedy for restoring your nervous system to its normal and healthy condition. Surprising results follow the use of this great nerve tonic and alterative. Your appetite returns, good digestion follows, and the liver and kidneys resume healthy action. Try a bottle, price 50c at Whitehead & Mitchell's. 12

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Working Society of the M. E. church will be held at the house of Mrs. Manser, Friday afternoon, August 1. A large attendance is very urgently solicited.

MRS CORSON, Sec'y.

The baggage of returning European tourists is thoroughly searched at New York now for dutiable articles, and the result has been a large increase in the amount of duties collected.

Tennyson recently recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade" into a phonograph. That is a considerable concession from a man who has made a point all his life of pretending to hate notoriety.

The prince of Wales has a princely income. From the Duchy of Cornwall alone his yearly revenue is $300,000. That is only one source of his fortune. But the royal spendthrift is in debt all the time.