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Use your gift of speech to give comfort, joy, cheer and hope to all about you. Use it to encourage the disheartened, to warn those who are treading the paths of danger, to lighten the burdens of weary hearts, to kindle the fires of heavenly aspiration on cold heart-altars.

The honest and intelligent thinker spurns no ideas that seem to antagonize his own. He may not be able to investigate them all, but he is respectful to them and willing to be enlightened concerning them whenever it is possible. He knows that truth is many-sided, and he is too sensible to imagine that he has yet seen all its sides. Thus he has no disposition to dispise or decry other parties or sects or social circles than his own, still less to court or affect an ignorance of them.

As a soldier, the pigeon is unknown in this country. He has never participated in any of our wars, and consequently his value in army service is unappreciated. In Europe his importance is recognized and he is made useful as well as ornamental. In fact, he is regarded as a necessary adjunct to the standing army of almost every nation. His successful adaptation as a messenger during the siege of Paris, in the Franco-German war, directed attention so powerfully to his usefulness that no great European power would now regard preparation for war complete without a supply of these winged carriers.

A PHYSICIAN recently prepared a paper to prove that most of the sickness among school children is caused by the reckless consumption of pastry and candy. There is nothing new in this declaration, but the fact that it is old does not militate against it! The quantity of stomach-paral, truck consumed by the average child each day is simply amazing. If mothers would give their children plain food and let that it be cooked instead of regular intervals they might hear a good many complaints, but they would be doing the children an inestimable service.

There is nothing to-day that so delights the average correspondent or that more interests the average reader, irrespective of inherent probability, than a war report. People take stock in this what are the least credulous of men in other affairs. If a policeman is seen on the corner of two attache of legation somewhere, you are besieged with interrogatories as to the probability of a bombardment of New York within the week; and the questions usually come from those who ought to know better. Looking at the case and certainly with which fire fiends are let loose on a dog fight will collect instantly all the small boys in the neighborhood, and then noticing the universal hunger for news of an outbreak between nations in some part of the globe, men do look like boys grown tall.

Besides the paradox which because a man's life is certain to be short justifies him in cutting it still shorter, the fault with the logic that justifies suicide is two-fold. It assumes that a man can do no good in the world because he is certain of slow death, which is altogether wrong; and it ignores that there are grounds for destroying life, which proves altogether too much. If the sacredness of human life can be set aside for such reasons why may not one man kill another on the same grounds? The man who takes human life offends against the canon, "Thou shalt not kill," whether he takes his own life or that of another. So that if infirmity, inability to do useful work, the certainty of suffering and care to family or friends are reasons for a man to take his own life, they are equally reasons for people to give the surcease of sorrow to those of their friends who are so much afflicted.

Never in the annals of history has a grand revival been witnessed in the moral life of nations—like that, for example, wrought by the Stoics in Greece and Rome—but it was ushered in by a period of commanding intellect and heroic force of character, by men of the stamp of Socrates, Epictetus, Seneca and Marcus Aurelius. Whoever encountered a trace of goody-goody moralizing, of feeble, wishy-washy, sermonizing on the "superiority of excellence" in their virile teachings? No shipbuilder, training his apprentices, ever sought to impress their minds more materially with the character of the knees and ribs of oak, the spikes and clamps, the masts and spars, that alone can hope to come off victorious in the fight with the ocean, than did these great masters in the realm of character building to impress their apprentices with the thoroughgoing sanitary measures for two equally momentous situations.

The only way to deal with the child-like and unsophisticated Mongolian when he gets into court is to let him know that if he swears falsely he will go to prison. And by way of demonstration it would be convincing to send a few large sequents of that nationality up for long sentences. If this should prove ineffectual, the method adopted once by a Dodge City justice of the peace to impress the mind of a Chinese witness with the importance of telling the truth might be tried in extreme cases. His honor did not believe that John was telling the truth. He tried to make him understand that perjury was a felony, punishable with a term in the penitentiary, but to no purpose. So he got a rope, fastened it around John's neck and hitched it to a spike in the ceiling, and he drew him up several feet from the floor. This he repeated three times at brief intervals. Then he let him down, saying: Now if you don't tell the truth about this case I'll yank you up and let you stay there." John seemed to comprehend this, and proceeded to tell the truth.

CAUGHT HIS STEALS

Daniel E. Soper, Secretary of State, is Forced to Resign on a Charge of Corruption and Malfeasance.

An Enemy Causes the Loss of a Second Book, and Confession Follows—Another $16,000 Blaze.

The Doings and Disappoints in Our Two Peninsulas Which are of Much Importance.

Soper Had to Slide.

For some days rumors have been rife at Lansing of irregularities in the administration of Daniel E. Soper, secretary of state, and of proposed charges against him to Gov. Winans, and at last they have taken definite form. Mayor C. L. Johnson, the democratic mayor of Lansing, has filed charges with the governor, who immediately sent for Mr. Soper and confronted him with the accusations. He acknowledged their correctness, and proposed to resign his office, to take effect in the near future, say January 1. The governor then informed him very emphatically that, did he not tender it during the day, to take effect immediately, an investigation and removal would follow at once. Mr. Soper retired, and after consulting with friends, the resignation was received by the governor.

The charges made by Mr. Johnson were corrupt conduct and malfeasance in office in that he sold different law books and other property of the state department, appropriated the money to his own use. He purchased two carloads of paper at a price of 50 cents above market price and retained the profit. He also demanded of his deputy, Louis K. Rowley, the sum of $100 as the penalty of a being removed from office.

Before accepting the resignation the governor received from Mr. Soper the state department with the statement that a copy of the charges would go to the press with the resignation, giving him an opportunity to withdraw the latter if he so desired. Mr. Soper refused this and an appearance of the resignation promptly followed.

Horses and Cattle Cremated.

Fifteen months ago an unknown enemy of Henry Hess, a dairy farmer Portsmouth township, Bay county, set fire to his barns and all of his stock were consumed. Mr. Hess immediately began rebuilding, and had erected a modern dairy barn, 160 feet long, 40 feet wide and 30 feet high. On Saturday night the incendiary's torch was applied to the new building and it was totally consumed. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Hess. An alarm was given, and all the hands on the farm turned out, to lend assistance, but the fire had got such a start that it was impossible to save any of the cows. The horses which were also kept in the barn were driven out into a field, but these came running back and three of them rentered the burn and were destroyed. The remaining two number of others by hitting them on the head with clubs in order to keep them out of the burning building. Three horses and 40 milch cows were cremated.

Fire at Essexville.

Essexville has lost the largest business house by fire—the general store of John Tennant. Mr. Tennant discovered smoke coming into the store and he opened the pail of water upon the blaze. This however, had little effect as the fire had got a start in the lower story of the building. An alarm was given and the whole village turned out. The volunteer fire department had some difficulty in getting their engine to work, so that it could render no service. A telephone message was sent to Bay City and a fire department was sent in response, but it had no sooner begun to throw water than one of the fires cracked and the water ceased. The fire had to put out the fire. Another engine was sent from West Bay City. By the time it reached the scene the building had burned and the building were injured to the amount of $16,000.

State Board of Health.

The Michigan state board of health has been invited to join with the representatives from other state boards of health in the American public health association, in conference with the world's fair officers at Chicago, with the view of agreeing upon some plan for an exhibit of the objects, methods and results of the work of the sanitary officials of the states. The Michigan board points with some pride to the efforts to prevent disease, which it is sure of being able to demonstrate from the vital statistics. It has saved 400 lives per annum from scarlet fever, 100 hundred from smallpox and 500 from diphtheria. Not that it has cured these cases but that by its sanitary theory it has actually prevented an attack of disease. There is not now a known case of small-pox in Michigan.

His Accounts are Short.

Considerable excitement has been stirred up in Kalamazoo by the report that W. A. Mower, treasurer of the Michigan Paper Company, is short in his accounts and has skipped and was short in his accounts about $2,500. On the receipt of the news of Mower, who has closely applied himself to his duties, had been granted leave of absence, but Dirlet, superintendent, and Sam E. Watson, of Grand Rapids, has exploded this supposition. Soon after he learned that Mower was away he made an investigation. He found the shortage amounted to about the same as his bond from the security company, and he telegraphed to the latter have been notified and will endeavor to capture the absconder. Mower's relatives are greatly grieved at his downfall.

Sensation at Battle Creek.

May Shell died on the 20th in the room of two maiden ladies named Sarah and Ann. The cause is not known, but the circumstances are suspicious. The girl arrived there several days before with Hiram B. Brace and Jennie Mishler from Lansing. The latter disappeared and her whereabouts are unknown. Miss Mishler is still there and prostrated. The deceased lived at Portland, where two sisters reside. Two more and a stepmother reside in Battle Creek. The deceased was formerly housekeeper at the Hamblin house, for C. A. Gibbs, formerly of Detroit. The body is in an undertaker's. A coroner's jury has been called. The case is very mysterious, and creates much speculation.

A Saginaw Mystery.

Soon after the early evening train on the Bay City division of the Ann Arbor and Marquette railway, arrived at Saginaw on the 17th an unknown young woman was found lying on the platform of the depot at the Washington street crossing. She was taken to a hospital and it was found that she had sustained a terrible fracture of the skull. How the accident occurred is not known. No one has yet identified her. On her watch was the name of Emily Molatosh. She will probably die.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Quail shooting season has closed.

New railroad to be constructed between Marquette and Negaunee.

A $1,200 fire destroyed the G. A. R. hall at Fowlerville, insurance $600.

Ex-Congressman Mark S. Brewer is our county ill at his home in Pontiac.

Master painters and decorators of the state will meet in Jackson, January 26.

Diphtheria is raging at Franklin. Two schools have closed; one death is reported.

Grand Rapids citizens have organized for the purpose of improving the Grand river.

Vagrancy is climbing to the front rank of petty rapidity. Her assessed valuation is $6,653,250.

George Shook, Saginaw, and Mrs. Frank Denise, same, have eloped. Both leave large families.

Charles Stace, of Big Rapids, found a bullet stuck in his hand just after picking up an "unloaded" revolver.

Large stock yards are soon to be built in Grand Rapids by Armour, Nelson, Lansing & Northern railroad company.

A DANGEROUS PLOT

The residence of A. Yerkemie burned at Grand Haven, Ottawa county, no insurance. An incendiary is suspected.

Iron Mountain is hard at work trying to raise $15,000 bonus asked by the Quinnesec logging railway for its proposed line south.

J. C. Palmer, of Coldwater, has purchased the American house at Eaton Rapids and will take possession January 1.

Charles Floberg, Swede, attached Sunday consort George Carlo, of Rock River, with an ax and Clark is in the hospital with serious wounds.

President Weston has told the world's fair commissioners that Michigan is going to stand next to Illinois in the quantity and quality of her exhibit.

Sydney Turner, of Bay City, had his hand cut to pieces in a sausage machine and had to have his arm amputated between the wrist and elbow.

Miss Mary Burgis, 45, sued John White, 65, for breach of promise, and the Branch county court jury gave her a judgment for $2,400 and costs of suit. Both were residents of Quincy.

The Muskegon woman's club will incorporate and will endeavor to erect a commodious and beautiful club house. Wm. Hackley has promised to aid the undertaking if the ladies generally accomplish.

John Marvin, a brakeman on the air line division of the Michigan Central railroad, was instantly killed in the yards at Three Rivers. He resided at Jackson and was married Thanksgiving day, aged 24.

The "Lonly house" at Alpena is no more. It has been destroyed by fire. The "Long house" was to Alpena what "the sawdust" is to Muskegon; "the farm" to Grand Rapids and "the Lodge" to Detroit.

There is a lively fight in U. S. Grant Post, No. 67, G. A. R. of Bay City. Some members placed cards on Sundays, and ever since the quarrel has been on. Now a division and the formation of a new post will be the result.

D. B. Cook, editor of the Niles Mirror, is probably the oldest editor in point of service in the state. The Recorder of that city says he will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the editorial chair on January 1.

Edward Huntley, one of the trio that escaped from Jackson prison, August 16 last, was found at Joliet, serving a six months' term for assault. He is now in Jackson again, to serve out his sentence of 10 years for burglary.

When it comes to a difficult piece of work a printer cad generally handle it successfully, if anyone can. The dime museum man of Grand Rapids offered a $5 prize to the man who would kiss Big Ellen. M. L. Wells, a printer, got the V.

During the season upper peninsula mines produced ore as follows: Menominee range mines, 1,475,618 gross tons; Marquette range mines, 1,253,478 gross tons; Gogebic range mines, 1,000,000 gross tons. This does not include shipments from other ports.

John Ryan, aged 50, fell under the wheels of a Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train at Kalamazoo and was literally ground to pieces. He leaves a son, John Ryan, at Chelsea. He was not a drinking man and how the accident happened is not known.

Herman Bailey and sons were working in the south room of the Sheldon tread mill, when a falling tree struck the father, inflicting fatal injuries. Both arms were broken and his head was badly bruised. He was still alive when discovered, but was unconscious and cannot survive.

The investigation in the Kemp murder case at Cheboygan has ended, and the coroner's jury unanimously fixed the blame on Kemp, who was arrested on suspicion. The evidence was not sufficiently strong to make a case against Kemp, and he was discharged. The whole affair is still a mystery.

James B. McMahon, of Ludington, has entered upon his duties as assistant United states pension agent at Detroit. Mr. Wm. W. Stevens, resigned. He has been in practice several years although a young man, and is highly commended. He was selected from a long list of applicants from all over western Michigan.

The state board of education will hold an examination for candidates for school teachers certificates beginning Dec. 28, and to continue to January 1, inclusive. All applications must be made to the library and scientific departments of the university and of incorporated Michigan colleges, must have taught for two years in the schools of the state, and the certificate, if granted, is for a lifetime unless revoked by the board.

The 2nd Third Michigan infantry held its annual reunion at Grand Rapids last week and closed with a delightful banquet. The election resulted as follows: Vice President, Capt. Simon Brennan, Jennisonville; vice presidents, Maj. W. L. Ryan, Muskegon; Col. E. S. Pierce, Grand Rapids; John Broad, Lansing; G. F. Good, Ionia; Steven D. Thompson, Newaygo; George Powers, Grand Rapids; M. D. Reed, Hastings; secretary, Lieut. George B. Judd, Grand Rapids; treasurer, Capt. Fred Schriver, Grand Rapids.

The Michigan congressional alliance met in Jackson on the 15th and the following officers were elected: President, William H. Strong, of Detroit; vice president, Rev. Campbell Fair, of Grand Rapids; secretary, Rev. Dr. Dawe, of Saginaw; treasurer, Hon. S. M. Culcheon, of Detroit; executive committee, Hon. J. J. Spencer, of Adrain; Prof. Hobbs, of Ann Arbor; Rev. Holmes, of Bay City, and Rev. C. H. Henderson, of Ionia. R. W. J. P. Dickie and Horace Hitchcock, of Detroit.

Half-Bloods not Legally Indians.

Great excitement was created at Pierre, S. D., by the advices from Washington to the Pierre land office that the assistant attorney-general had decided that Jacob Gassoglines, a half-blood Indian woman, was born a citizen of the United States, and that her claim that she had been born by virtual of her tribal relation to the Indian nation cannot be allowed, and neither can she longer be permitted to depy the Sioux nation of her inherent lands in severalty. These half-bloods like Mrs. Waldron, have occupied land of the Sioux nation in severalty, and on the lately ceded Sioux lands, some of which, lying opposite Pierre, have already attracted many settlers because of their value. The land office has been flooded by applications from whites to contest these claims of half-bloods to lands in the Indian severalty act. At least $1,000,000 is involved. Several Michigan people—half-bloods—are interested in the land mentioned.

Imitating American Enterprise.

An imitator of Noerenberg, the New York dynamiter who tried to kill Russell Sage and blow up Bismarck, of Germany. He was a young man, and going to the office of Hermann & Co., bankers, was allowed a personal interview with Herrman. The young man presented a letter from Chicago that talked a demand for $2,000 under threat of blowing up the building with dynamite. Herrman pretended to compromise, and the fellow lost his nerve and ran but was pursued by a crowd and captured. A search showed several packages of gunpowder and a fine white powder, the composition of which is not known.

Favoring United States Fishermen.

The Halifax correspondent of the Toronto, Ontario, Empire says that a strong move projected by the Newfoundland government is to give the free run of their coasts for baiting and shipping to American Fishermen, even to allowing them to seine their own herring, which is an unheard of privilege.

Frances E. Willard Very Ill.

President Frances E. Willard, of the National W. C. T. U., is confined to her home at Evanston, Ill., by an attack of the grip. Miss Willard has been ill off and from the malady for some time, but has struggled against it. The excitement caused by the death of her mother, Mrs. Julia Ames, and the fatigue attending Miss Willard's participation in the funeral brought on a more severe attack, and her return from the obsequies at Streator she was forced to take to her bed.

Oil possessing all the characteristics of Pennsylvania oil has been struck near Skeerskiown, Ont.

SAVING THE COUNTRY

Our Legislators at Washington Now Engaged in Their Work of Drawing Their Salaries.

Besides They Sometimes Want to Get on a Snap Committee, to Have a Recess or an Adjournment.

Several Second-Hand Resolutions Introduced in the Senate and a few House Committees Appointed.

SENATE.—The nomination of Mr. Morrill as regent of Smithsonian institute was announced. Bills introduced, Dec. 16, were introduced, and read, referred: To purchase a site for the supreme court; to erect a monument to Christopher Columbus in Washington; to provide for the opening and display of the flags of the United States; to reorganize the infantry of the army and increase its efficiency; to regulate promotions therein; and to extend local provisions of the homestead law; to fix the pay and allowances of veterans of the army; to amend the inter-state commerce act; providing for the adoption and use of a uniform standard automatic car coupler; to regulating the operation and control of freight trains used in inter-state commerce; to provide for the free coinage of silver; the waters of Lake, Erie and the Ohio River; adjourned. HOUSE—No session.

SENATE.—Among the papers presented and referred on Dec. 16, were numerous second-hand resolutions. Proposing to take all the world's fair. Some of them favored the loan of $5,000,000 on that condition. Others proposed the issue of greenbacks and other inferior, two orchards, two barns, 150 acres, 8 miles from Portland and 12 miles south of Lansing. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 7.

The Short Line Farm, 80 acres, 2 miles from Fowlerville, 35 from Rochester, on good road, 1 mile from station, 40 acres cleared, two orchards, two barns, 150 acres, 8 miles south of Lansing. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin will sell her farm of 160 acres, very fine and in reasonable terms for very desirable home on the Grand River road, 3 miles from Lansing, capitalized nearly one acre of land, good large barn, house with 10 rooms, well and cistern, fruit trees, fine running water for stock, good fences. Price $3,000.

BARGAIN NO. 18.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have 5 acres in the village of Whitehall, Birmingham, on the line of the Ann Arbor. These are valuable lots formerly owned by the Whitehall family, and we propose to dispose of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, 50 feet front, 150 feet deep, price $50 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $60. Terms easy. Now is the time. There's a chance for a lot before they are gone.

BARGAIN NO. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Michigan? If so, look at this, and be wisely. We can offer you for only $1,300 a large, commodious, two story house on Lincoln street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 10 rooms, Furnace, bath, hot and cold water, and closets, six ample bearing trees and a good large yard, and, which, is the best of all, it is the bargain yet offered in real estate.

BARGAIN NO. 25.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple street, Birmingham village, within 1 mile of Birmingham on the line of the Ann Arbor, 2 houses and three lots, 50 feet front, 150 feet deep, price $1,500, has 11 good rooms, good barn and a good well and cistern, fine fruit trees, shrubbery, etc. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 26.

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BARGAIN NO. 30.

A good farm for sale. Offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of good land, 40 acres of it cleared, well underdrained, 35 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between two barns, and a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard of bearing fruit and plenty of small fruits. Within 2½ miles of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, JOHN S. BIGHAM, 87½ Beaver, Detroit.

BARGAIN NO. 31.

Sixty farms to sale, 10 to 80 acres, very seldom offered for sale, but the owner is part with a 160 acres of choice land all in one piece. New hay, 40 acres fine meadow, 40 acres beautifully timbered, balance in 10 acres lots, 2 good houses, 2 good barns, 2 good wells, fine and grain barns, with cranbery marsh attached, fall, hardly running water for stock through the farm, 2 miles from Ionia. And one meaning by wages and wanting above description you will tell me at the Day of Judgment full particulars by calling at the EGGLE-TON Real estate office, Ionia, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 32.

Having made arrangements for business in Lansing, I will sell my farm of 160 acres, or rent my very desirable new house in village of Whitehall, Birmingham, Mich. The house is well on the Grand River road, 3 miles from Lansing, capitalized nearly 1 acre of land, good large barn, house with 10 rooms, well and cistern, fruit trees, running water for stock, good fences. Price very low and terms easy. Mail or call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 33.

A fine residence, 10 rooms, nearly new, with eight good rooms, bath room, china closets, furnace, and a good well and cistern, fine house ranks readily for $25 a month, being located on a delightful street, and one of the best and most desirable positions of the city. Will sell for cash or exchange for a good farm in state counts.

BARGAIN NO. 34.

A fine farm of 80 acres, 40 acres in a splendid state of cultivation, 24 miles east of the pleasant and thriving village of Ionia, 3 miles from Ionia and growing suburban village, 3 miles from Ionia, 1 mile on the Chicago, Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, good fences, 2 good orchards, good house with new, brick-air furnace, and all the conveniences, good large barn, good cellar, stable and all the necessary outbuildings in fine order.

Will sell for cash or 8 or 9 exchanges for house and lot in Lansing. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Offer my farm of 160 acres, 3 miles from Ionia, 1 mile from station, good house, good barn, two orchards, two barns, 150 acres, 8 miles south of Lansing. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 36.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient house, 10 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, furnace, cellar, cistern, etc. Will sell or exchange for a good farm in state counts. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

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BARGAIN NO. 38.

We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Cheapside and Lincoln ave., in the village of Whitehall, Birmingham, Mich. This place consists of six nice living rooms, bath room, pantry, cellar, well and cistern, lots go with this place all high, dry and near the village, house and barn painted and in good condition, fruits of all kinds. This is the first time that this property has been offered for sale and at the price named by the owner ought to go quick. For further particulars call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

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BARGAIN NO. 47.

This is the chance of a life time for planting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the south side of Birmingham village, on the line of Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot, and adjoining the Ann Arbor, in the most portion of the village. Excellent land, lying very nicely and in fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

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BARGAIN NO. 49.

Rev. Jas. McCracken, of Southfield, offers his farm for sale or rent. Will sell on easy terms or rent on shares. Inquire of the owner, or address, Rev. Jas. McCracken, Southfield, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 50.

Mrs. P. Drake's house and four lots on Maple street, Birmingham village, for sale or exchange. One of the best locations in Maple Grove. Good house, good barn, good well and cistern, good cellar, cross walks, good shade trees, shrubbery, apples and small fruits. Will sell cheap, terms easy. Call on or address, Mrs. P. Drake.

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Whitehead & Mitchell

Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some the bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. We have a large list of city property and lots in this village or a farm in Oakland county, Michigan, or elsewhere, and we can do as well from time to time offer bargains in this department. Call on or address, W. R. TALBOT.

ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can advertise free of charge in this office. If it is sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will do it for a year.

BARGAIN NO. 1.

Farm in Bloomfield, Oakland co., of 160 acres, 3 miles south of Pontiac and 10 miles north of Birmingham village, 120 acres acres good timbered land, two orchards, two barns, 150 acres, 8 miles south of Lansing. Farm well watered. The land is excellent. Price very low and terms easy. Call on or address, W. R. TALBOT, or we will go with you to see this farm. Price very low and terms easy. Have balance on long time if desired.

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BARGAIN NO. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Michigan? If so, look at this, and be wisely. We can offer you for only $1,300 a large, commodious, two story house on Lincoln street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 10 rooms, Furnace, bath, hot and cold water, and closets, six ample bearing trees and a good large yard, and, which, is the best of all, it is the bargain yet offered in real estate.

BARGAIN NO. 25.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple street, Birmingham village, within 1 mile of Birmingham on the line of the Ann Arbor, 2 houses and three lots, 50 feet front, 150 feet deep, price $1,500, has 11 good rooms, good barn and a good well and cistern, fine fruit trees, shrubbery, etc. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 26.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin will sell her farm of 160 acres, very fine and on reasonable terms for very desirable home on the Grand River road, 3 miles from Lansing, capitalized nearly one acre of land, good large barn, house with 10 rooms, well and cistern, fruit trees, running water for stock, good fences. Price $3,000.

BARGAIN NO. 27.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have 5 acres in the village of Whitehall, Birmingham on the line of the Ann Arbor. These are valuable lots formerly owned by the Whitehall family, and we propose to dispose of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, 50 feet front, 150 feet deep, price $50 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $60. Terms easy. Now is the time. There's a chance for a lot before they are gone.

BARGAIN NO. 28.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Michigan? If so, look at this, and be wisely. We can offer you for only $1,300 a large, commodious, two story house on Lincoln street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 10 rooms, Furnace, bath, hot and cold water, and closets, six ample bearing trees and a good large yard, and, which, is the best of all, it is the bargain yet offered in real estate.

BARGAIN NO. 29.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple street, Birmingham village, within 1 mile of Birmingham on the line of the Ann Arbor, 2 houses and three lots, 50 feet front, 150 feet deep, price $1,500, has 11 good rooms, good barn and a good well and cistern, fine fruit trees, shrubbery, etc. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 30.

A good farm for sale. Offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of good land, 40 acres of it cleared, well underdrained, 35 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between two barns, and a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard of bearing fruit and plenty of small fruits. Within 2½ miles of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, JOHN S. BIGHAM, 87½ Beaver, Detroit.

BARGAIN NO. 31.

Sixty farms to sale, 10 to 80 acres, very seldom offered for sale, but the owner is part with a 160 acres of choice land all in one piece. New hay, 40 acres fine meadow, 40 acres beautifully timbered, balance in 10 acres lots, 2 good houses, 2 good barns, 2 good wells, fine and grain barns, with cranbery marsh attached, fall, hardly running water for stock through the farm, 2 miles from Ionia. And one meaning by wages and wanting above description you will tell me at the Day of Judgment full particulars by calling at the EGGLETON Real estate office, Ionia, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 32.

Having made arrangements for business in Lansing, I will sell my farm of 160 acres, or rent my very desirable new house in village of Whitehall, Birmingham, Mich. The house is well on the Grand River road, 3 miles from Lansing, capitalized nearly 1 acre of land, good large barn, house with 10 rooms, well and cistern, fruit trees, running water for stock, good fences. Price very low and terms easy. Mail or call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 33.

A fine residence, 10 rooms, nearly new, with eight good rooms, bath room, china closets, furnace, and a good well and cistern, fine house ranks readily for $25 a month, being located on a delightful street, and one of the best and most desirable positions of the city. Will sell for cash or exchange for a good farm in state counts.

BARGAIN NO. 34.

A fine farm of 80 acres, 40 acres in a splendid state of cultivation, 24 miles east of the pleasant and thriving village of Ionia, 3 miles from Ionia and growing suburban village, 3 miles from Ionia, 1 mile on the Chicago, Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, good fences, 2 good orchards, good house with new, brick-air furnace, and all the conveniences, good large barn, good cellar, stable and all the necessary outbuildings in fine order.

Will sell for cash or 8 or 9 exchanges for house and lot in Lansing. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Offer my farm of 160 acres, 3 miles from Ionia, 1 mile from station, good house, good barn, two orchards, two barns, 150 acres, 8 miles south of Lansing. Price very low and terms easy.

BARGAIN NO. 36.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient house, 10 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, furnace, cellar, cistern, etc. Will sell or exchange for a good farm in state counts. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Fine residence, 10 rooms, nearly new, with eight good rooms, bath room, china closets, furnace, and a good well and cistern, fine house ranks readily for $25 a month, being located on a delightful street, and one of the best and most desirable positions of the city. Will sell for cash or exchange for a good farm in state counts.

BARGAIN NO. 38.

We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Cheapside and Lincoln ave., in the village of Whitehall, Birmingham, Mich. This place consists of six nice living rooms, bath room, pantry, cellar, well and cistern, lots go with this place all high, dry and near the village, house and barn painted and in good condition, fruits of all kinds. This is the first time that this property has been offered for sale and at the price named by the owner ought to go quick. For further particulars call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

BARGAIN NO. 45.

A fine residence, 10 rooms, nearly new, with eight good rooms, bath room, china closets, furnace, and a good well and cistern, fine house ranks readily for $25 a month, being located on a delightful street, and one of the best and most desirable positions of the city. Will sell for cash or exchange for a good farm in state counts.

BARGAIN NO. 46.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient house, 10 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, furnace, cellar, cistern, etc. Will sell or exchange for a good farm in state counts. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 47.

This is the chance of a life time for planting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the south side of Birmingham village, on the line of Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot, and adjoining the Ann Arbor, in the most portion of the village. Excellent land, lying very nicely and in fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

BARGAIN NO. 48.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient house, 10 rooms, bath, hot and cold water, furnace, cellar, cistern, etc. Will sell or exchange for a good farm in state counts. Call on or address, W. R. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 49.

Rev. Jas. McCracken, of Southfield, offers his farm for sale or rent. Will sell on easy terms or rent on shares. Inquire of the owner, or address, Rev. Jas. McCracken, Southfield, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 50.

Mrs. P. Drake's house and four lots on Maple street, Birmingham village, for sale or exchange. One of the best locations in Maple Grove. Good house, good barn, good well and cistern, good cellar, cross walks, good shade trees, shrubbery, apples and small fruits. Will sell cheap, terms easy. Call on or address, Mrs. P. Drake.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago.

CATTLE—Good to choice	$4.25	@$5.25
HOGS	3.95	@ 4.30
SHEEP	4.00	@ 4.50
FLOUR—Spring Wheat	4.25	@ 5.00
WHEAT—Red Spot, No. 2	.95	@ .95
CORN—No. 2 Spot	.47½	@ .47½
White Spot, No. 1	.94½	@ .95
OATS—No. 2 Spot	.41½	@ .42
No. 2 yellow	.45	@ .45½
DATES—No. 2 white spot	.35	@ .35½
BARLEY	1.15	@ 1.15
RYE	.59	@ .59
PORK—Mess per bbl	12.00	@ 12.50
POTATOES—Per bu	.25	@ .30
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl	3.25	@ 3.50
BACON—Clear ribbed breads	7.75	@ 7.87½
APPLES—Per bbl	1.50	@ 2.50
BUTTER—Creamery