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THE life of firemen in a city is hazardous enough at any rate, and the danger is greatly increased by their liability to come in contact with live electric wires at every extensive fire. And it does seem that there has been talk enough about it for something to be done about it.

ONE of the most curious features of character reading is the degree to which personal feelings are allowed to warp the judgment: "I judge people as I find them," is a common expression; and it usually means that the speaker bases ninety-five per cent of his estimate of a man on the personal treatment he has received from him, and five per cent on the treatment the rest of the world has received.

A WISE man gets happiness from what he is rather than from what he has. What he is remains; what he has, who will insure that? Plutarch says that Alexander caused to be painted on a table a sword within the compass of a wheel, to show that what he had gotten by the sword was wheeled about by fate or fortune. Therefore with all your gettings get wisdom. Seek to be rather than to have. Therein lies happiness.

IS IT not a fact that all the cures for morbid worry, bilious irritability and wayward pettishness are founded on the neglected lighter and brighter side of life? It is only stupid bovine sullenness that can resist sunny smiles for long. Well-regulated mirthfulness, dealt out as it is able to be borne, will find a way in time to the heart of any man unless he is an unsouled lout. Once get the cross-grained disturber of the peace crammed with contrariness to laugh, and his merriment will carry off the sulkiness of his temper as a lightning-conductor empties a storm-cloud of its danger.

MUCH of the blame of broken confidences rests upon the one who has given them. He has been too anxious for sympathy or comfort or approval to consider the possible cost to himself or to the other. He feels that he has given a sacred trust, when, in fact, he has required a great and perhaps impossible favor. He has no right to demand so hard a task or to inflict so heavy a burden on his friend much less to reproach him with disloyalty if he faints under the weight. He should at least make sure not only of his kind intentions, but of his power to do what he desires without undue strain.

THERE is a certain indefinite percentage of convicts who wish to reform. Of these there is a much smaller percentage who can and do overcome all difficulties and reform with no other help than that of their own experience of the suffering from persistence in evil courses. There are others, and these are perhaps the majority of all, who wish to reform and who will do if they are favored by circumstances. Finding circumstances against them, they fail. There is still another class, and by no means a small one, in whom the wish to reform is entertained, but is not persistent even under favorable circumstances.

WHAT does persist in one class of convicts who wish to reform is the self-indulgence and lack of self-control that sent them to prison originally. They are no worse, perhaps, on their release than many who will never so violate the criminal code as to be imprisoned, but their self-indulgence will lead them to repeat their acts of lawlessness. There is yet another and a very small class who commit crime for crime's sake. These only are the really "hardened criminals." They are in the last stages of moral idiocy, and the only thing that can be done for them is to lock them up where they can do the least harm to themselves and others.

OF all the necessaries that a community consumes in its ordinary life, perhaps the major portion of its demand, because this is constant and daily renewed, is under the control of its women. In their hands are the economies of the household. Few men ever ask or know what particular variety of products is consumed in the kitchen. She who graces the home and rules its details with so fine a hand is arbiter there. Yet in most households the greater part of the family income must be devoted to these expenditures, and the question whether supplies are of local or other manufacture becomes a vital one. In the kitchen lie the sources of demand whose supply, in great part, will effect the question of helping our home industries. Let our women understand thoroughly the purpose had in view, let them become partners in our feeling and our purpose, and from the domain of food supplies alone we may keep to ourselves a traffic worth thousands.

IT is a phenomenon in the history of crime that the medical profession should furnish so large a proportion of criminals. Every year a considerable number pass under state supervision for punishment, and in most cases it is observed that they have either become victims to habits their scientific training should have guarded them against, or that they had failed to make a living by the practice of medicine and were driven to crime by want. The latter fact indicates that the profession is so seriously overcrowded that measures ought to be taken to make admission to it more difficult. Now anybody with money enough to pay the small fees demanded can get into any of scores of so-called medical colleges, and, after pretended study for six months of each two or three years, come forth with a diploma. A diploma, however, does not secure practice. Doctors are continually dropping out of the profession on account of failure to make a living at it. They are glad to take up other occupations in which success is more certain.

THE STORY OF A WEEK.

Supreme Court Decisions on the Dickinson County Tax Case and the Seating of Fridlender.

Murder by Robbers at Bay City.--Elk Rapids Has a Railroad.--Rich Farmer Killed With a Club.

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

Supreme Court Decision.

Dickinson county is all right. So says the supreme court of Michigan. State senators Morrow and Fridlender were legally entitled to the seats of Senators Morse and Horton, who, according to a majority of the supreme court of Michigan, were legally unseated. Regarding the mandamus asked for by the auditor-general to compel the board of supervisors of Menominee county to levy the state tax apportioned to it, which included that upon territory set apart to Dickinson county by the act creating the latter county, which had not gone into effect when the apportionment was made, the court ordered a reapportionment as far as these counties were concerned. The opinion of the majority on the seating of Fridlender and Morrow says the legislature was a judicial body while deciding upon the qualifications of its members and that the court had no constitutional powers to review the action. The opinion is written by Justice McGrath and concurred in by Justices Champlain and Morse.

The dissenting opinion by Justices Long and Grant also reviews the senate action exhaustively, and holds that the effect of the protest filed on the morning of February 25 by 17 senators, was, in fact, a rescinding of the action of the day before. The majority of the members had the power to do it, but for the action of the president and secretary of the senate, in refusing to spread upon the journal the fact of rescision. It had the effect of rescision, and Mr. Fridlender was a stranger in that body.

Terrible Murder in Bay City.

Bay City has another awful murder to add to its long list. Joseph Lomnitz was found in his house by his wife when she returned from a shopping tour. Lomnitz lay on the kitchen floor in a pool of blood and his head crushed to a pulp by some blunt instrument, probably a hammer. The neighbors attracted by the wife's screams investigated and in an adjoining room found the little daughter on a bed in an unconscious condition and blood streaming from a ghastly wound in her face. Another child had heard the noise of struggle and hidden. The house bore evidences of a fearful struggle. The fact that Lomnitz was supposed to have a large sum of money in the house with which he intended buying a farm must have been known to the murderer, who also must have been acquainted with the house, as bureau drawer in which $80 had been placed was pried open and no other furniture injured. No clue.

Elk Rapids' Joy is Full.

The branch of the Chicago & West Michigan railroad from Traverse City to Petoskey, is now ready for business between Elk Rapids and Traverse City by way of Williamsburg, and regular trains have begun running. They make close connections with trains for Grand Rapids, Detroit and Chicago and for the first time Elk Rapids citizens feel they are fairly out of the woods. A grand celebration of the opening of the line was held and prominent officials of the Chicago & West Michigan and Detroit, Lansing & Northern roads were present. Capt. William A. Gavett represented the Detroit end of the system at the jubilee.

"Indeterminate" Prisoners Can Go.

Judge Sherman B. Daboll, of the Clinton and Gratiot circuit court, who sat in the case of John Wilson, against Warden Davis, brought by habeas corpus proceedings to show why Wilson should be detained in prison has been filed here with the county clerk. It orders the release of the prisoner, but all proceedings are ordered stayed until January 6, that the attorney general may bring the case before the supreme court, if he so desires. About 20 prisoners are serving sentences imposed under the indeterminate law and are affected by the decision.

Murdered by His Teamster.

A terrible murder has occurred in the little town of Sagola, about 20 miles north of Iron Mountain, on the Milwaukee & Northern railroad. Patrick Carey, a farmer of considerable wealth, had some trouble with Frank Stein, one of his teamsters, and in a tussel which ensued Stein struck Carey on the head with a stake. The blow fractured Carey's skull and he died shortly afterwards. Stein escaped and has not been apprehended. A man answering his description is under surveillance at Crystal Falls, the county seat of Iron.

Aged Lady's Narrow Escape.

Miss Gibbs, of Hillsdale, a maiden lady of 85 years, had a miraculous escape from death. She tried to run across the track at the Oak street crossing ahead of a freight train and was struck by the engine and thrown into the air. She alighted on the pilot, where she held to a brace until the train ran about a block. When it was stopped she stepped down and walked away uninjured save a few slight bruises.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Ishpeming is now complaining of too much snow.

Harbor Springs will have a large new Catholic church next year.

Ex-Gov. Luce will address the Ohio farmers' institute, January 19.

The Quincy mine at Hancock produced 6,413 tons of copper ore last year.

The government hatchery at Alpena has 40,000,000 whitefish eggs in the jars.

Annual meeting Michigan masonic home association, Grand Rapids, January 4.

Editor Glidden, of the Grange Visitor, Paw Paw, began the new year with a new wife.

Snow plows are necessary upon the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad north of Reed City.

The Michigan Central branch into Montmorency county, is practically completed to Twin lakes.

A chain broke while Emory Finch was loading logs at Armada. A log rolled back breaking his leg.

M. A. Gilman, Michigan Central agent at Hastings, failed to wear his uniform and is now suspended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carl, an elderly Charlotte couple, died of la gripp within an hour of each other.

The Calumet & Hecla smelting works at South Lake Linden have shut down, throwing 80 men out of employment.

Part of a sand hill on which Eddie Fox, 15 years old was playing at Grand Rapids caved on him and he was suffocated.

The lifeless body of Charles Holmquist, of Jennings, has been fished from Crooked lake. He fell through the ice while skating.

An infant child of Olen Harris, of Hudson, ate paris green that had been left within its reach, and as a result the little one is dead.

Albert Wheaton, of Kalamazoo, slipped while handling a piano and the instrument fell upon him. His injuries may prove fatal.

Attachment judgments have been taken against the Huron mining company, in the circuit court of Huron county, aggregating $198,554.95.

Wm. Duryea, of Jackson, who disappeared at Michigan Center, has showed up and is very angry because it was said he had committed suicide.

The Hon. Peter White, of Marquette, has forwarded to Gov. Winans his acceptance of the world's fair commissionership, tendered him to fill a vacancy.

It looks as though the patient of Dr. Bohn, of Seney, who had a three-inch limb thrust through his body, would recover.

Prof. Harwood, of Ravenna, O., has accepted the position of professor of agriculture at the Michigan agricultural college, tendered him by the board.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Michigan state agricultural society will be held in Lansing, Monday evening, January 11.

Dr. S. A. Johnson, well-known Muskegon physician, contracted blood poisoning while attending a patient and his physicians say he cannot recover.

A Congregational church, the first protestant society ever formed in that wicked place has just been started at Seney by Rev. B. F. Aldrich, of the Sault.

Mrs. Arthur Hooper, of Bay City, is in a precarious condition. She started the kitchen fire with kerosene and was terribly burned. Her sight is in jeopardy.

Maj. W. M. McGurrin, of Grand Rapids, one of the best known military men in Michigan, trots the new recruits to his infantry on both knees. They are twins.

The state fish commission met at Grand Rapids. It was reported 2,600,000 trout and 400,000 white fish at the Paris hatchery, which will be ready for planting next spring.

Ex-County Clerk George O. Crane, of Genesee county, has given two checks for $159 to cover a shortage caused by one of his deputies, for whose acts he was responsible.

O. C. Burgan, of Grand Rapids, after traveling 3,000 miles through Michigan, declares that more shingle and saw mills are being erected in the upper peninsula than ever before.

J. E. Selkirk, of Wayland, has invented, and is now manufacturing a clock pump. It does away with all the wheels, etc., of the modern windmills. You wind it up and it does the rest.

Rev. John Graham, broadside Methodist and a veritable John Wesley in the pulpit, has declined the flattering offer tendered him to become pastor of the First Reformed church in Grand Rapids.

The proprietors of the new great Northern hotel in Chicago have left an order with one furniture manufacturing firm in Grand Rapids for $140,000 worth of furniture. The contract calls for 450 bedroom sets.

Gen. Ebenezer Sprague, past grand high priest of the Arch Masons of Michigan, died at the Masonic home, Grand Rapids, of paralysis. His home was at Coyous, and his remains were taken there for burial.

Two-thirds of all wrecks on the great lakes occur within a radius of about 10 miles from Cheboygan, it is said, and it is insisted that a dry dock and ship yard in that town would be a very lucrative investment.

The Graham & Morton transportation company is to have a new steel propeller, one of the finest on the lakes, to be built by the Detroit drydock company. It will run between St. Joseph and Chicago, and will cost $160,000.

Albert Hanson and Carl Morely, of Jenison, went rabbit hunting with an ax. Hanson struck at a rabbit with the weapon and the blade grazed Morely's face, nearly severing the ear from his head. He nearly bled to death, but is recovering now.

Sault people got very much interested in the work of an evangelist, Rev. R. W. Wallace, among the villagers on the Canadian side of the river, and there was a sensation when the shepherd married Miss Rachael E. Ross, a colored damsel, sister to the leading chimney sweep of the place.

For some time two firms at Montague have been missing goods from their stores. On a warrant a search was made in John Massa's premises which resulted in the finding of over $100 worth of goods identified by the two firms as their property. The stores were entered by keys made from an impression of the locks. Massa was arrested and is under $400 bonds.

Michigan may have a gold craze yet. The Crescent gold mining company have struck a vein where it leads over the side of a hill and have discovered quartz 18 inches thick and gold is plainly seen as far as drilled. The South Beaver has taken some valuable yellow from the bottom of a 48-foot shaft. Several hundred tons of rock will be hauled from the Fire Center property to the Ropes mill in order to make a thorough trial test.

Gilbert Shafferan, an old man living two miles south of Grand Ledge with his son-in-law, Ed. Fuller, attempted suicide by cutting his arm between the elbow and wrist. The case is remarkable as the two large arteries were laid bare so that the pulsations of the blood were visible. He is seventy-six years of age and has been suffering from the grip for several days, but it is supposed the act was committed while under mental aberration.

The mail from St. Clair to Algonac was robbed while bound for the latter place on the 31st ult. The passenger stage was first held up. The robber boarded it and held a revolver at the head of the driver and demanded the mail. He was told that the stage did not carry it, but that it was carried by another man who would soon follow. The robber jumped from the stage and waited for the mail carrier, held him up, secured the mail bag and escaped. Some of the letters were found in a field the next morning.

Dynamite Explosion at Dublin Castle.

A cable from Dublin says: A decided sensation was caused in this city by a rumor that the "physical force" party had resumed operations here, and that their first attempt had been made against Dublin castle, the official residence of the earl of Zetland, viceroy of Ireland. The rumor was found to be based on fact. It transpired that a number of workmen have been employed in making alterations lately in and about the castle. One of the places which was being overhauled was the office directly under the room in which the privy council holds its meetings. The workmen were being hurried in their labors so that all the changes proposed might be completed in time for the opening of the "castle season," which begins on February 2, with the holding of the first levee. While the workmen were at their meals a tremendous explosion took place and severely shook the castle, completely wrecking the ceilings of two stories directly above the place of the explosion. Very fortunately one was injured. The affair created consternation among the people living in and employed about the castle. All the dynamite outrages that have been perpetrated in London and other places in Great Britian are called to mind, and a large number of people have no other opinion than that the "physical force" party have again put their policy of terrorism into effect. The crown's best detectives are at work on the matter.

A Novel Passion Play.

During the first week in June next an extraordinary gathering of Canadian Indians will take place at Kamloops, in British Columbia. There will be present about 7,000 Christian Indians, from various parts of British Columbia and probably a number of pagan Indians. Rev. Fr. Lacombe has organized this unique gathering and during the week the "Passion Play" will be presented by Christian Indians. This performance is not, of course, the prime reason for the gathering; there is understood to be a desire to meet one another, compare notes and consider educational matters and the progress in the arts of civilization.

"Peek-a-Boo" Has Paresis.

William J. Scanlan, the star actor of "Mavourneen," will not act again this season. It is a matter of grave doubt if he will ever again appear on the stage. After a long and vain effort on the part of his manager, his parents, and his physician to control him, it is now confessed that his mind is affected; in short, that he is a sufferer from paresis, the disease that has sent to an asylum and to the grave Tony Hart, John McCullough, Bartley Campbell, Charles E. Blanchette, and other theatrical people of note.

Grand Rapids secures the Belanger tool and handle company from Evart.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Chicago's Famous Fire Mayor Dead.--A New Jersey Judge Gets on His Dignity With a Big "D"

Standard Oil Company Has a Big Fire in Their Barrel Factory.--Dr. Keeley's New Plans.

News Items of More or Less Importance Gathered From Many Sources by Special Correspondents.

New York's New Governor.

He who has so long been known as Gov. Hill is now only plain Dave Hill with the title of "senator" awaiting his pleasure. Roswell P. Flower has been inaugurated as the chief executive of the empire state. The inaugural ceremonies were held in the assembly chamber at Albany which was gorgeously decorated with American flags, bunting and potted plants. The chamber and the galleries were filled to overflowing. Mr. Flower and party went to the executive chamber where they met Gov. Hill and staff, who formally received Mr. Flower. The party then proceeded to the assembly chamber. Gov. Hill in a brief speech transferred the duties of his office to Mr. Flower. Mr. Flower responded in a brief and appropriate speech in which he made no promises, but asked that he be judged by his deeds rather than his words. Secretary of State Rice then stepped forward and administered the oath of office to Mr. Flower and Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan. The inaugural party then returned to the executive chamber, where a public reception was held.

Chicago's Fire Mayor Dead.

Roswell B. Mason, who was mayor of Chicago during the great conflagration, is dead, aged 86 years. Mr. Mason was born in New Hartford, N. Y., in 1805. In early life he worked as a surveyor on the Erie & Schuylkill canals. He afterwards was connected with the construction of the Housatonic tunnel, the New York & New Haven and the Vermont valley railways. In 1851 he went to Illinois to superintend the construction of the Illinois railway and remained there ever since, having been connected with the construction of several railways and the improvements on the Illinois & Michigan canal. Mayor Mason's actions at the time of the great fire are historic. He superintended some of the attempts to stop the conflagration. On his order certain buildings were blown up with powder. He aided in turning loose the prisoners in the jail and then with one of his sons escaped from the flames after a perilous journey through the blazing streets.

Shortest Message on Record.

Ohio politics have been an interesting theme for some time past and now attention has been drawn to that state's chief executive who has won the credit for writing the shortest message on record. The occasion was the opening of the general assembly at Columbus. The message is as follows: To the seventieth general assembly: The constitution commands the governor to communicate annually his views to the general assembly. As this function will doubtless be well and fully discharged upon one week from today by the incoming governor, the present incumbent confines himself to a renewal of the suggestions and recommendations made by him to the sixty-ninth general assembly. Especial attention is called to the benevolent, penal reformatory and educational institutions of the state and to the satisfactory exhibit made by the various public bodies in their recent annual reports.—JAMES CAMPBELL, Governor.

To Revolutionize Flour Making.

A revolution in manufacturing will be begun in St. Paul next month, at which time one of the largest flour mills in the northwest will be operated by electricity. It is claimed that this move will be as great an improvement in flour making as was the introduction of the gradual-reduction system 10 years ago. As was the case then, the improvement will now be brought about by fire. The great Minneapolis mill explosion which practically wiped out the flouring business in that city resulted in the Hungarian roller or gradual-reduction process taking the place of the old mill stone process. About a year ago the St. Paul roller mill was destroyed by fire and rebuilt on a larger scale. It will now be operated by electricity, without fire or steam about the plant. Electrical experts from all over the country have been engaged upon the plant for months and have at last perfected it. The owners claim that they will revolutionize flour making and reduce the cost one-third.

Four Deaths in a Collision.

By a mistake in train orders a disastrous collision occurred between two freight trains on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, seven miles east of Chillicothe, Mo., resulting in the death of four of the trainmen and the fatal wounding of two others. The dead are: Engineer Busbee, of engine 46, Fireman Barry, of engine 56, Fireman Price, of engine 46, Brakeman Gilmore. Brakeman Bell was taken from beneath a pile of debris and is so badly injured that he cannot live, while Engineer Hannan, of engine 46, has received internal injuries and will die. Eleven cars of cattle were wrecked. The wreck caught fire and the poor animals were slowly roasted to death.

"Public Opinion is Anarchy."

In the Camden, N. J., court Alfred A. Holt, editor of the Camden Echo, was sentenced by Judge Hugg to pay a fine of $1,000 and to be committed to the county jail until a further order from the court. Editor Holt had offended Judge Hugg by an article which he published, and when Judge Hugg was passing sentence said that any person speaking or writing contemptuously of the court should be severely punished. Judge Hugg said that public opinion was not law, but anarchy, and that while he was on the bench he proposed to punish those who were insolent or who uttered or published statements bringing either himself or his court into contempt.

Million and a Half Fire.

The great barrel works of the Standard oil company at Constable Hook, N. J., have been burned and property valued at $1,500,000 was destroyed by flames. Nothing but the boiler house could be saved and the efforts of the men fighting the flames were directed solely to that end. The building was over 400 feet long and three stories high and the enclosure contained property valued at $1,500,000, nearly all of which was destroyed. Gen. Supt. Alexander, who was present, declined to estimate the loss. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

80 Drowned by a Tidal Wave.

Reports from the Gilbert islands, in the Pacific, say that recently, as the result of submarine disturbances, tidal waves broke high over some of the islands of the group, causing great loss of life. At one island alone 80 natives perished. The track of the tidal waves is not known, but it is scarcely probable that other islands have escaped devastation and further information is anxiously looked for.

Blown up By Dynamite.

The Clearfield hotel livery stable at Altoona, Pa., was blown up by dynamite. The debris took fire and spreading to adjoining property destroyed five other buildings. Eight horses were also consumed. The greatest excitement prevails, as it is feared by the people that an organized effort to destroy the town is being made.

Italy Heard From Again.

Gov. Flower, of New York, received a telegram from Secretary Blaine asking for a respite in the cases of Nicoli Trezza and Cotta, two Italian murderers, whom he understood were to be excuted at Sing Sing immediately. The message stated that the Italian government had interfered on behalf of the men, who are still citizens of Italy, and had made peremptory demand for a hearing in their case. Private Secretary Williams answered the secretary by stating that the men were not to be executed this week and there would be plenty time for the Italian government to be heard.

THE FIRE FIEND.

Several Lives Lost--Female Seminary Destroyed--Other Damage.

A small fire in an all-night restaurant under the Waverly hotel on Clarke street, Chicago, resulted in two deaths by suffocation, one person being fatally injured and four others badly hurt. The fire although small and kept confined to the restaurant, was very exciting, all the scenes usually incident to a hotel fire being witnessed. The clerk, after strenuous efforts, succeeded in rousing all the guests, the two who were suffocated being found at some distance from their rooms. Several were carried out of the room by firemen and hotel employes after being half suffocated. A family named Wood after being wakened started down the elevator and when it reached the ground floor a boy Paul Wood, was suffocated and the rest of the family partially so, the mother being in some way caught by the elevator and fatally injured. John Meredith became suffocated while escaping by the stairs and fell, receiving injuries from which he soon died.

Converse college, situated one mile from Spartansburg, S. C., was a female seminary but now it is a mass of ruins. The building accommodated 150 pupils beside the college force. The night of the fire was a bitter cold one and the alarm came so suddenly that they barely escaped in their night gowns. The citizens of the town might have thought there was a ghost dance in progress had they not been too deeply engrossed in hurrying to the rescue. The girls all escaped with their lives although some were quite severely burned and others had their ears and pretty pink toes pinched by jack frost.

Hanford, Cal., a small town on the Central Pacific railroad near Tulare lake, had a fire which cost the lives of four of her citizens, a cheaply constructed hotel, two dwellings and a Methodist church. The cause was the explosion of an oil stove in the hotel. Several persons were severely, perhaps fatally burned.

Three men were killed by the falling of the walls of a burning building in Nashville, Tenn., they were Capt. C. C. Gowdy, Harvey Ewing and Stokely Allen. The bodies of Allen and Ewing were recovered from the ruins, each being almost consumed. Their heads, arms and legs were burned off. They were only identified by bits of clothing and bunches of keys. Workmen are still exploring the ruins for body of Capt. Gowdy and hope to find it. The loss will amount to $475,000 with $300,000 insurance.

PLUMB'S SUCCESSOR.

Bishop W. Perkins the New Senator From Kansas.

The remains of the late Senator Plumb of Kansas, had scarcely been laid away before wires were being placed by several aspirants for the vacant seat. Gov. Humphrey was very undecided because of the number of candidates and the political influence of each. But the fight is ended and the palm is given to Bishop W. Perkins, one of the best known politicians of the state.

The contest for the honor was an unique one, even in Kansas the state of political eccentricities. The day after the funeral of the dead senator the political host which had been in attendance upon the solemn occasion assembled in Topeka. The various candidates went to work with a system. They established headquarters at the various hotels, chose their lieutenants and marshaled their forces as if there was a whole legislature to work upon instead of one governor. The governor decided to give each candidate and his friends an open hearing for the presentation of their claims and as each candidate was announced he was given a number according to the succession of the announcement. Two candidates were heard each day until the list was exhausted.

Bishop W. Perkins was born in 1832 at Rochester, O. He served in the war for four years and rose from a sergeant to the staff of Gen. Steadman. Admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1867 and located in Oswego, Ks., two years later where he served as county attorney and probate judge. Served seven years as judge of the eleventh district and in '82 was elected to congress; delegate to Chicago convention in '80 and re-elected to congress for three terms. He is a staunch republican.

FOR THE WORKINGMEN.

London Polytechnic Scheme to Aid Their Poor to See the World's Fair.

London cablegram: Mr. Douglas Hogg and Mr. Robert Mitchell have completed arrangements to leave Liverpool on Jan. 2 by the Inman line steamship city of Chicago, in order to arrange for a series of workingmen's excursions to the world's fair in 1893. These excursions are to be promoted by the London Polytechnic, a popular institution for the promotion of the interests and education of the working classes. Mr. Mitchell in an interview said: "We shall attempt to obtain concessions from the railroads of the United States, and shall secure accommodations for those who are to take the trip. We are making our arrangements so far in advance that those who propose to take any of our trips to and from the world's fair may have an opportunity of paying weekly or monthly installments toward the cost. By this means a large number will be able to go who could not do so if they were required to pay the money down at one time. These arrangements are not intended for persons who are well able to avail themselves of the excursions which are being promoted by various tourist agencies. The object is to afford to workingmen and others, who but for the polytechnic enterprises would be precluded from visiting and profiting by the world's fair, an opportunity of doing so at a minimum cost."

The Mexican Style.

A terrible duel with knives has been fought at Cordova, Mex., between Antonia Gonez, son of the proprietor of the plaza where the bull fights are held, and another young man. The young men were in love with the same girl. When they met in front of the cathedral one struck the other. In a moment two knives were out and flashing in the air. One of the young men was completely disemboweled and the other terribly hacked. The latter lingered a short time and died in dreadful agony; the other was killed on the spot. All the time the men were fighting service was going on in the cathedral, as it was the feast of Santa Marie de Guadalupe. The front of the cathedral was grandly illuminated with colored lanterns, while within were 1,000 people who were attending service. Fully 2,000 people were watching the duel, no one daring to interfere.

Five-Year-Old Morphine Fiend.

The Keeley institute at Plainville, Ind., has something of a curiosity in the shape of a patient only 5 years old who is a confirmed morphine eater. The child has been fed the poison from infancy to make it sleep and the serious consequences are easily to be seen. The institute is making wonderful cures of victims of alcohol.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

H. E. Titus, a prominent New York business man, has disappeared.

Michael Blake took a tumble of 150 feet in a Butte, Mont., mine and was killed.

George Wightman, aged 63, got drunk and was frozen to death at Gary, S. D.

A derrick on the world's fair grounds fell on Andrew Johnson and John Allore killing them.

In a quarrel among a gang of robbers, at Uniontown, Pa., Frank Cooley, the leader, was fatally wounded.

Ida Lewis jilted John Miller, of Des Moines, and he made things square by shooting her and himself.

Charles Hodges, at Mankato, Ill., was caught robbing a corn crib and was fatally shot by Policeman Daniels.

George M. Nycely poked his head too far out of a locomotive cab at Lilly, Pa., and was killed by striking against a pole.

Irish nationalists held a large meeting in New York for the purpose of gloating over the Parnellite victory at Waterford.

DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The New York Court of Appeals Favor Democracy for Senatorial Seats and the Canvassing Board in Line.

The Big Grain Blockade at Buffalo Ended at Last.--Negro Bandits Run an Arkansas Town.

Canadian Christian Indians to Give a Passion Play.--Italy Requests Another Hearing.

New York Senate Democratic.

The court of appeals of New York has made findings favoring the democrats in the contests for senatorial seats in that state and the board of canvassers have issued certificates in accordance. Much interest has been felt all over the country as well as in New York over this contest and the democrats are feeling quite jubilant. The decisions on the respective cases were as follows: The fifteenth district case was left to the judgment of the board of canvassers as to whether the certificate should be issued to Osborne or Deane. In the sixteenth district Derby, the republican candidate, was declared entitled to the certificate. In the twenty-fifth Nichols, democrat. In the twenty-seventh Sherwood, republican, elected but ineligible. The canvassers awarded certificates to Osborne, democrat; Derby, republican; Nichols, democrat, and left the Sherwood case for the senate to decide upon. These awards leaves the senate, democrats, 16; republicans, 15; in doubt, 1; total, 32.

Thus with the deciding vote of democratic Lieut.-Gov. Sheehan, the democrats would be able to direct the action to be taken in the 27th district, where Sherwood, the republican, is declared ineligible. This upon the assumption that a quorum was Present. A quorum is 17 and the democratic 16 (the lieutenant-governor not counted for a quorum) would not reach the quorum requirement. Just here there arises a possible coup d'etat, for Col. Bliss, of the republican council, is authority for the statement that if the democrats attempt to organize with but 16 votes there will be an exodus on the part of the republicans out of the reach of the sergeant-at-arms and consequent lack of a quorum.

Buffalo's Grain Blockade Ended.

A Buffalo dispatch says: The grain blockade which took possession of this harbor about the end of September has been raised and everything is in elevator except the cargoes of six whaleback barges and one other steamer of wheat and two of flaxseed, which are to be held awhile. The work of the elevators has been good, and had there been no bunching of cargoes no blockade would have occurred. It began in the Erie elevator about the middle of September and continued at the New York Central's from the end of that month. So long as consignees insist on using one or two houses this will happen, and the port is helpless. It is true that much more grain came in than was expected. Four days before the last boat arrived receipts were half a million bushels a day. But for the losing of a trip or two by boats that failed to get unloaded in time much more would have been received. As it was the season aggregates 128,800,000 bushels of grain, with 8,250,000 bushels of flaxseed.

A Reign of Terror.

The village of Linwood, Ark., has been in a state of great excitement for several days caused by the work of a mob of Negroes led by a white man named Puryear. It appears that this band has been terrorizing the town for some time. Its members have been circulating petitions for the removal of the railroad station some distance from its present location, but they were strongly opposed by Dr. Bryan, a well-to-do citizen. In revenge, the desperadoes visited the doctor's cotton gin and set it on fire, burning it to the ground. They then fired the depot, and proceeded through the streets, firing their Winchesters in the houses as they went along, with a view of keeping the villagers indoors. The depot was totally destroyed. The sheriff immediately organized a posse and succeeded in lodging a few of the gang in jail. The citizens are determined to rid the community of the band and have thorougly organized themselves into a vigilance committee.

Ocean Steamer Wrecked.

Capt. Hopkins, of the British steamer Ocean Queen which has arrived at Norfolk, Va., reports having encountered a terrific gale in mid ocean on December 21. Four of the crew were lost. Capt. Hopkins reports that the next morning about sunrise he sighted a large ocean steamer flying signals of distress. The vessel to all appearances was a passenger steamer bound from Liverpool to New York. Owing to a dense fog the Ocean Queen was unable to go to her rescue. When the fog lifted nothing more was seen of the distressed steamer. A ship's compass, encased in cork, was picked up afterwards. The initials "J. P. C., of England," was engraved upon the case. Capt. Hopkins is positive that the steamer was wrecked.

Keeley Will Erect a Large Institute.

Dr. Keeley, of the gold-cure fame, has purchased 50 acres on the shore of Lake Michigan, a little north of Chicago. He proposes to erect there several immense structures for dipsomaniacs. The Dwight, Ill., establishment will be retained as an auxiliary. J. B. Hobbs, the well-known prohibitionist, was the owner of the Chicago tract. The sale nets Mr. Hobbs a profit of $36,000.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.			
CATTLE—Good to choice	3 25	@	$3 75
HOGS	3 75	@	4 00
SHEEP	4 00	@	4 50
LAMBS	5 10	@	5 75
WHEAT—Red Spot, No. 2	93	@	95½
Red Spot, No. 3	92	@	92
White Spot, No. 1	94½	@	94½
CORN—No. 2 spot	41	@	41½
No. 2 yellow	42½	@	42½
OATS—No. 2 white, spot	33	@	33½
BARLEY	1 20	@	1 20
RYE	83	@	89
HAY—No. 2 per ton	13 00	@	13 50
POTATOES—Per bu	25	@	30
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl	3 25	@	3 25
CABBAGE—Per 100 heads	1 50	@	2 00
APPLES—Per bbl	1 75	@	2 25
BUTTER—Per lb	17	@	18
Creamery	25	@	26
EGGS—Per doz	20	@	23
LIVE POULTRY—Fowls	5½	@	6
Spring Chickens	6	@	6½
Turkeys	9	@	10
Ducks	9	@	10
Chicago.			
CATTLE—Steers	$4 25	@	$5 25
Common	2 60	@	4 00
SHEEP—Native	3 50	@	4 25
LAMBS	3 75	@	6 00
HOGS—Common	3 75	@	3 80
WHEAT—No. 2 red	90	@	90
No. 2 spring	87½	@	88
CORN—No. 2	39	@	39
OATS—No. 2	31½	@	31½
RYE	86½	@	87
BARLEY	59	@	60
MESS PORK—Per bbl	7 62½	@	7 75
LARD—Per cwt	6 05	@	6 07½
New York.			
CATTLE—Natives	$3 80	@	$5 40
HOGS	3 60	@	4 00
SHEEP—Good to choice	3 50	@	5 00
LAMBS	5 50	@	6 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 04½	@	1 05
CORN—No. 2	58	@	58
OATS	49½	@	40
Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Steers	$4 50	@	$5 50
HOGS—All grades	3 75	@	3 80
SHEEP	3 85	@	4 95
LAMBS	3 80	@	5 25
Buffalo.			
CATTLE	$3 25	@	$5 50
HOGS	3 30	@	4 40
SHEEP—Good to choice	5 00	@	5 25
LAMBS	5 85	@	6 25

The famine in Durango, Mexico, is terribly severe.

Charles Haft, of Freemansburg, Pa., hiccoughed for 11 days and then died.

John Frierson was hanged at Chattanooga, Tenn., for the murder of a police officer.

Opie Read has retired from the editorship of the Arkansaw Traveler, and will hereafter devote himself to literary work.

A construction train was derailed at Toona, Tenn., and three negro employes of the Illinois Central railroad were instantly killed.

EARTHQUAKES IN JAPAN.

Sir Edwin Arnold Says the Little Ones Are Not Heeded.

The usual scene of seismic disturbances in Japan is in and around Tokio and islands near the capital are pointed out as their foci, said Sir Edwin Arnold. Near there is also the great volcano of Fugisan. Thirty years ago 20,000 persons are said to have perished by earthquake and flood, but this recent loss is evidently greater. Osaka and Nagoya are busy, populous cities.

Nagoya is about two hundred and fifty miles from Tokio and on the south coast. A railway runs between it and Tokio. The country abounds in hills, many of them volcanic, and no doubt fires underlie the ground. It was here that last year the Japanese troops executed their military maneuvers under the eye of the emperor. It is a large city of wide, well-planned streets and a population of 120,000. The principal occupation of its inhabitants has been the production of silk and cotton wove goods, and it is very famous for its porcelain. Osaka is a very rich and prosperous manufacturing city on the border of a river that leads to the sea. It was not so much damaged, I imagine, as Nagoya.

The great danger in earthquakes is due rather to fire than to any commotion. The houses are usually only one story high and are of thin woodwork and paper. A bad earthquake easily shakes down these fragile houses, and, as everyone contains a firebox and a petroleum lamp, a general bonfire is the result. Light earthquakes are so common in Japan they attract little notice. They begin with a little commotion, twice or thrice repeated. The vibration increases and a roar follows. When you begin to wonder what is about to happen it ceases and all is quiet. To guard against these frequent shakings the Japanese have invented an ingenious contrivance.

"In my house at Azova the column of cherry which supports the roof was pivoted under the floor to a stone like a cup, so that the earthquake did not cause it to tumble down, but only made it oscillate. An earthquake door has also been invented, which is fastened to a strong massive joint which slips along the beams. Thus the danger of being struck down in the doorway is removed, but the danger arises chiefly from the ignition of the ruins, as I have described. The consequent floods too are very destructive. The earth is lifted by the shock and a huge wave swells in from the sea upon the city on its border."

IN RUSSIA.

Babies Are Never Washed as Such a Process Would Kill Them.

In the life of a Russian peasant there is a period anterior to all tunics, mantles, and even sheepskins, during which he lives a kind of mummy life. The author of "A Journey Due North" speaks thus of the peasant babyhood: "The youngest children are always swaddled and rolled up tightly in bandages, so that they may be conveniently put away without risk of getting themselves into mischief or danger. I entered a peasant's house, and my first thought was that the Russian peasants had their idols and penates, with their heads carved out in a remarkably life-like manner, the bodies being left in block, rudely cut. One of these 'idols' was lying on a shelf, another hung to the wall on a peg, and a third swung over one of the main beams of the roof. I look curiously, and saw the eyes turn and the head move. 'Why, that is a child!' I cried in astonishment. 'What else should it be?' the mother asked. I went up to the little figure which hung from the wall and inspected it more closely. On a nearer view, I was impressed by the extreme untidiness of the little creature. I could not resist asking if the mother often washed these swaddling babies. 'Washed,' cried the mother—'washed! What—wash a baby? You would kill it!'"

The Russian Army.

The Russian standing army consists of 410,952 infantry, 84,926 cavalry, 67,976 artillery, 18,325 engineers and 35,180 ordinance, a total of 619,178 enlisted men and 28,000 officers. The Cossack strength in peace, besides the Cossacks in the above total, 19,448; there are 72,634 officers and men of the reserve and 105,000 officers and men of the local and auxiliary forces, a total, that is, of about 814,000 officers and men. The war footing is 2,220,798 combattants, officers and men.

GRUNDY'S BUDGET.

This is the estimate Bishop Clark, Rhode Island, put upon Bishop Brooks: "He will be an easy bishop to work under. He won't expect his clergy to work as he does, or to think as he does, or to preach as he does."

A son of the late Marshal Bazaine of France recently decided to adopt a new surname, Beauclair. But the family of that name, objecting to his use of it, have taken legal steps to prevent his carrying out this project.

Geo. E. Kirby Smith leaves his university chair in the Tennessee mountains to mix now and then with his old friends at Nashville. He has become a patriarch in appearance, with gray hair and a long, flowing white beard.

Story, the sculptor, and Mr. Hooker, the banker, are among the most conspicuous Americans in Rome; the latter gentleman having lived in the Eternal City about forty years. The American colony there numbers about 2,000.

Minna Irving has been visiting and weeping over the home and tomb of Washington Irving at Tarrytown, where in a rambling old cottage the great author's neices the Misses Irving, still live in quiet, which they refuse to allow curiosity seekers to disturb.

Thomas Nelson Page is known at the bar in Virginia as well as in the bookshops, and he is reputed to have a very sound knowledge of the law. He looks more like a Virginia gentleman of the old school than an author. He is of medium height, with blue eyes and sandy hair.

Mr. Labouchere says that while he was attached to a foreign court he created several "counts" by simply issuing new passports in which he styled the bearers by that title. Occasionally he will meet a son of one of the counts, "and," he adds, "from the height of his nobility he looks down on me."

One odd experience in the life of Sir Edwin Arnold seems not yet to have been brought out in the course of his visit to New York. To win a wager made with a lady he climbed 13,000 feet to the top of Fuji San, in Japan, and wrote on the edge of its crater a picturesque poem of ninety-two lines.

Miss Fanny Davenport has purchased 250 acres of land near Pomona, Cal., not far from the home of Mme. Modjeska. Miss Davenport intends to build a large ranch house on the property and establish game preserves and immense poultry yards there. She expects to spend $80,000 in improving the land.

John Jacob Astor left an injunction in his will that the family should always continue the investments in the English funds and in English securities that he had himself commenced. The sons and grandsons have always respected this command, and the family has now "an anchor to windward" amounting to £1,000,000.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY
-OF-
Whitehead & Mitchell
Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some fine bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. Anyone having an idea of purchasing a home in this village or a farm in Oakland county, should keep this column in view, as we shall from time to time offer bargains in this department that will make their hearts glad.

ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if no sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 13.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 8 miles south of Pontiac and 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham. Twelve acres good timbered land, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair. Farm well watered. The land is excellent for raising all kinds of crops. Call at this office and we will go with you to see this farm. Price $4,800; one half down balance on long time if desired.

BARGAIN NO. 8.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 8 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 25 in timber. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin now offers for sale at a very low price and on reasonable terms her very desirable home on the north side of Maple avenue, containing nearly one acre of land, good large house, barn with shed and plenty small fruit; livetrunning water in the house, good cistern and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 1[illegible].

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have had placed in our hands by Edmund James six valuable lots formerly owned by the late Mason L. James, whose property consisted of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at [illegible] each, and two fronting on Merrill street at [illegible]. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get a lot before they are gone.

Bargain No. 21.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple avenue, close to the business portion of Birmingham, consisting of a house and three lots, owned by E. [illegible] Wooster. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, plenty small fruits and a sidewalk that will last for years. Price very reasonable. [illegible] Wooster.

Bargain No. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Birmingham? If so, read this and act wisely. We can offer you for only $1,500 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, and containing 12 nicely finished rooms, a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, in our [illegible] the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well underdrained; 15 acres of good timber and the balance the pasture. Good house, banked up between the studding, 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 bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ½ mile of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Such farms as this one are very seldom offered for sale, but the owner will part with it and asks only what it is worth. See here, 80 acres of choice land all under cultivation but about ten acres which is beautifully timbered, inside of two miles from Birmingham. Good house, horse and grain barns, with granary detached, corn hog pen, a well and cistern that never fail, having running water for stock through the farm the whole year round. Any one meaning business and wanting above described property will be put in the way of getting full particulars by calling at the ECCENTRIC Real estate office at once.

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in another part of the state, I offer for sale or to rent my very desirable new brick dwelling, house, carriage house and lands situated in Birmingham, Mich. The house is built on the most improved and modern plan, well heated with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in abundance through the house, fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, plums, cherries and pears, raspberries and strawberries, 5 acres of land, have always kept 2 cows and one horse. Splendid lawn in fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will rent to right party on long term or will sell at a very low price, on long time with low rate of interest. This place is only 3 minutes walk from depot. Village water works to be complete this coming summer. Call or address M. K. [illegible]er, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots 7 and 8 of Blakeslee's subdivision of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. [illegible]'s property on Saginaw street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 41.

We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Chester and Merrill streets in this village. This snug house consists of six nice living rooms, large cistern in cellar, good cellar. Four lots go with this place all high, dry and near the school house and plentifully supplied with small 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 full particulars call at Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

Bargain No. 44.

A fine residence, comparatively new, with eight goods rooms, bath room, china closets, etc., and a large, convenient barn. The house rents readily for $25 a month, being located on 14th avenue, Detroit, and is in one of the best residence portions of the city. Will sell for $4,000 or exchange for a good farm in this county.

Bargain No. 45.

A fine farm of 65 acres, under a splendid state of cultivation, 2½ miles east of the pleasant and healthful village of Birmingham, a thrifty and growing suburban village, 18 miles from Detroit, on the line of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, no waste land, good two-story brick house with new, hot air furnace and all the conveniences usually found in city houses. Good barn and all the necessary outbuildings in fine repair.

Will sell for cash or will exchange for house and lot in a favorable location in Detroit. For further particulars call at the farm, address the owner, John Wild, or

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Bargain No. 43.

This is the chance of a life time for platting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the west side of Pierce street, owned by Alexander Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot and five minutes walk of the business portion of the village. Excellent land, lying level and under a fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 46.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient to the depot. Just the place for a Detroit or a business man to live. A handsome home on Maple avenue. One minute's walk from depot. Right side of the street handsomely shaded with evergreens. Whose place is it? J. F. Rundel's, now occupied by J. C. Merrell. Mr. Rundel has decided to sell and offers this property for sale. The house is brick, newly painted throughout, in fine order and complete, has double parlors on ground floor, two bedrooms, sitting and dining room, large wood shed, good well, cistern, and also connected with water works. Good horse barn with sheds, plenty of small fruits. Lot 80x200 feet. Beautiful graded lawn. This property can be had for what it is worth. Call on the owner or THE ECCENTRIC office for particulars.

Bargain No. 47.

A big chance for investors in Royal Oak farm property! 245 acres of choice farming ground can be had very cheap. Forty acres heavy timbered, 200 acres cultivated and pastured. Good large frame house, 3 large barns with stables, two good deep wells, one flowing well (a dandy), fine cellar under the house and a good cistern. Six acres of excellent orchard, plenty of cherries, pears, peaches, etc. All heavy, growing soil. Two miles north of Royal Oak. Terms easy to suit purchaser. For full particulars inquire of Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak, Mich.

Bargain No. No. 48.

Of course everyone is wanting some Birmingham real estate just now, and we can offer them a bargain in this line this week. The house and lot formerly occupied by Cyrus Jarvis, will be sold at a ridiculously low figure. It is the third house west of the residence of J. O. Beattie's on Brown street, and will go very soon at the figure which we offer it. The premises are in good shape and the house is convenient and comfortable. Do not buy in this village until you have looked this property up. You cannot lose money on it at the price we ask you. For particulars call on Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 49.

Rev. Jas. McCracken, of Southfield, offers his farm for sale and a right good piece of property it is, too. This farm has a good house, with fine well and cistern, good barns, plenty of fruits, etc., and described as follows: East half of the southeast quarter of section 34, town 2 N., range 10 E., less 10 acres; containing nearly 60 acres. The farm is ¼ of a mile north of Erity's Mill, 2½ miles southwest of Birmingham, with ample buildings in good order, with never failing spring stream near the buildings; a good young orchard. Will be sold at its value. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, on the premises, Jas. McCracken.

Bargain No. 50.

Mrs. F. Drake's house and four lots on Maple avenue, Bates and Martin streets, in Birmingham. One of the finest locations on Maple avenue. House in good repair; 7 rooms, woodshed, cellar, crock well, cistern, sink in kitchen. Apples and small fruit. Will sell cheap, terms easy. Inquire at this office.