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THERE is another name given to a duty; we sometimes call it virtue. If one tells the truth when it gives him pain to tell the truth, we say he acts virtuously. And we also say he is a virtuous person. A good principle in us is virtue. A right thing which a good principle bids us to do is virtuous conduct.

FOREIGNERS who come over here to spy out the land are fond of telling us in the books when they get home that as a nation we are very curious and inquisitive. To prove this they point to our newspapers, in which they claim personalities and the description of trival events in the lives of public and private men swamp matters of graver interest.

SHOULD there not be on the part of those friends and relatives whose natural duty it is to look after unfortunate victims of nervous excitement upon an unbalanced mind, a constant watch over them, a care that they are prevented from indulging in stimulating foods or drinks; a protection against all exciting influences, and a careful provision for healthful exercise?

AS THE mind of man is so limited in its ability to receive and retain, there must be a continual selection going on between what to know and what to refrain from knowing. The wise man has discovered that of the vast amount of truths and facts and wonders and ideas with which the universe is teeming, only a small fraction can by any possibility be his; and his intelligence has no more important task to perform than that of deciding not only what to choose, but what to refuse. Thus wherever there is a wise knowledge there is also a wise and necessary ignorance.

MUSIC is like poetry in many externals of access as it is close of kin in ideal; what one wants, what is in one's self, will seem to be in nature and in all art. "You find poetry nowhere unless you carry some of it with you" may be paraphrased into "the tone of your own musical imagination will be effected more or less according to circumstances largely extrinsic in all music." Great features are obvious in all art, as in strongly defined nature. None will deny that the Sphinx is colossal, but what two, even of the inspired, have read her unspoken message in the same words.

IN scarce an instance where cranks have developed the murderous tendency, from those who have killed our martyred presidents or the anarchist bomb throwers down to the victims of religious mania who have thought to hasten the departure of their families from this world of trouble to the abode of perfect happiness, has there not been ample warning given, if not in threatening words or actions, at least in the sullen brooding disposition which the stockkeeper would quickly notice as a dangerous sign in one of his animals of a crankiness that might at any time break forth into active frenzy.

THE rich man's sons may come to honor. There is no law against it, and, praised be the name of the Lord, there is no law compelling it, else honors would be unworthily bestowed more frequently than at present. Nectar and ambrosia may do very well for mere gods, but no kind of lollypop can nourish heroes and men of action. It is the boy whose bare, red toe modestly crawls out to kiss the snow who appreciates the necessity of getting a wiggle on himself and keeping it up—until age convinces him of the unsatisfactory nature of success, and he finally drops into the rind of the sucked orange that some men call the earth.

IT was a rare stroke of insight that made the old Greeks declare that "Memory is the Mother of the Muses." One man will see no end of bright and beautiful things, sunsets, mountain ranges, lovely children, and yet have no power of vividly recalling them to mind so as to have them flashing on the inward eye and making bliss of solitude. How can such a man write a poem or live a poem? How can he be otherwise than prosaic and commonplace? The greater part of all he has experienced, the witty speeches he has heard, the tears of compassion he has shed, the loving kindness he has been blessed with, are all swallowed up in darkness and nothingness. As well try to paint a picture without a rich palette of colors or compose a symphony without a vast range of musical sound, as for such a man to think to rival even so much as a mechanical Edison phonograph, which, provided its crank be turned, will at least revive in a thin, spectral voice the songs that have been sung into it.

NOT only have we become grossly profligate in the use of gifts, but we have prostituted them from their original sacred meaning to the flagrant display of modern fashion. The wedding gift of modern times is ostentatiously displayed in many instances to the gaze of the curious and invites the criticisms of the vulgar. On such occasions guests do not discuss the devotion of givers to the bride, but the chief theme of discussion is how liberally some have ventured in the gift line, and how meanly others of ample means have exhibited their generosity. The fitting sequel of such exhibitions of the prostitution of the sentiment that created gifts, comes in many instances in the speculation that sells or barters away many of the gifts which have been duplicated or are not needed by the recipient. The gift itself, with the rare exceptions when it comes from those whose affection is warmly appreciated, has no value beyond its commercial price, and that is often measured for the purpose of calculating what may be realized or what must be given in return.

THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN.

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

The Investigations by the Committee on Justice Claims in Saginaw County Show a Shortage.

Another Diver to Risk His Life to Find the Sunken Pewabic.—State Delinquent Taxes.

Saginaw's Official Scandal.

The committee on justice claims appointed by the board of supervisors of Saginaw county at the January session to examine state cases on the dockets of the police court today filed its report with the county clerk. This shows that from May 1, 1887, to March 20, 1890, when the City Clerk John C. Mathews was clerk of that court that $1,212.89 was collected for fines and $436 was paid over to the county treasurer, leaving a balance of $757.89 due the county. From March 19, 1890 to Dec. 31, 1891, which period includes the time during which Patrick T. Gibney had charge of the books, $863.50 was collected for fines, $782.71 of which was paid to the county treasurer. The amount therefore due the county during this period is $70.79, or a total of $828.68. The committee instructed the prosecuting attorney to commence proceedings for the recovery of the money.

To Dive for the Pewabic.

M. F. Chalk, an expert diver of Duluth, is under contract to attempt to locate and raise the wreck of the Pewabic, which sank in Thunder Bay in 120 feet of water 25 years ago. Four attempts have been made to raise the vessel, in each of which the diver lost his life. The depth at which the work was to be done was so great and the consequent pressure of the icy waters was so enormous that life was squeezed out. The Pewabic is loaded with pig copper, valued at $165,000, and the diver gets half if it is raised. He has had a helmet made that will stand 450 pounds pressure to the inch.

As to Delinquent Taxes.

Auditor General Stone has issued a "supplement" to his first annual report, in which he discusses the probable effect of the new tax law, and the work of the auditor general's department in connection with delinquent taxes. Mr. Stone claims the expenses of this department have been more than paid by the penalties received, so that the department has in no way been a burden to the punctual taxpayer, and no state tax has ever been levied for the purpose of paying any expense or meeting any deficiency in the collection of any state tax previously levied.

A Fortune at Stake.

The Hackley national bank, of Muskegon, has filed a bill in the United States circuit, in Chicago for the appointment of court a receiver for the Atkinson steel and spring works, under an unsatisfied judgment. It is alleged that the $156,000 in stock issued was not paid for, and that the title to large tracts of land is clouded by a trust deed to secure the payment of $100,000 in bonds, which have not been issued in good faith or sold.

Fatally Shot His Playmate.

While playing with a revolver Frank Smith, a young lad, of Ludington, shot and fatally injured George Weaver, a young playmate. The ball entered Weaver's left shoulder and passed downward, penetrating the lung. The boy is in an extremely critical condition and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Wants His Wife.

Garabed Asadoorian, proprietor of a Turkish store in Grand Rapids, is in sad trouble. He has become an American citizen, but he cannot get his wife to come from Armenia, as the law of that country forbids emigration. He has applied to Congressman Belknap, who together with Mr. Blaine will champion his cause.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Cheboygan will improve her water supply.

A cheese factory will be planted near Harrisville.

A heavy snow storm is reported in the upper peninsula.

About 200 farmers attended a rousing institute at Vicksburg.

Rev. Seth Bartlett is the new postmaster at Sigel, Huron county.

At Traverse City about 25,000,000 feet of logs are bought every week.

Detroit is still at war with her old-time, foggy-idea street railway company.

A postoffice has been established at Wolf Creek, Lenawee county county.

Fire made the interior of the Alpine club rooms, of Saginaw, look desolate.

Petoskey Baptists cut a hole through several feet of ice and immersed nine persons.

Grand Haven will donate to the government any site it will select for a public building.

Mrs. A. E. Lason died a few days ago at Hudson, and now her husband has become insane.

Mayor Pingree, of Detroit, had his right arm broken by a fall on an icy sidewalk in Cleveland, O.

John Brismand was kicked by a horse near Manistique and seriously injured about the head.

The G. R. & I. has opened a ticket station at Conway, with J. L. Newberry inside of the window.

Fairfield comes with a story of flowers plucked in a front yard last week and snow on the ground.

The Grand Trunk road will, it is reported, extend its Jackson branch to Albion in the near future.

The grand lodge of A. O. U. W., at their meeting in Muskegon, added a uniformed rank to their order.

"Bub" Abel, of Bath, and Burt Hayes, of Stanton, have been admitted to practice before the interior department.

Miss Ella Pierce, of Ypsilanti, and Miss Nora Likely, of Hudson, are new teachers in the State Industrial Home for Girls.

A Lake Shore box car jumped the track on the covered bridge across the St. Joe at Three Rivers, delaying traffic some hours.

Leslie people have discovered a juvenile chicken thief organization, and three members, 12 years old, have skipped the country.

Mrs. Jacob Heis, of Ensley township, Newaygo county, was severely, if not fatally injured by being thrown out of a buggy.

Patrick Brennan, labor leader of Grand Rapids, was found dead in bed. He was 26 years old, unmarried and died of heart disease.

The Jefferson club of Grand Rapids, have extended an invitation to Mr. Cleveland to visit that city when he comes to Michigan.

Park Congregational church of Grand Rapids has called Rev. D. F. Bradley, acting president of Yankton college, at Yankton, S. D.

Joseph Swarthouse, a crazy old soldier, was taken from Saginaw to the Kalamazoo asylum. He imagined that he was a ballet girl.

Daniel Severy, veteran of the rebellion, died at Dimondale from the effects of an accident 10 weeks ago in which his hip was broken.

The store of Jacob Simon, misfit clothing, was gutted by fire at Grand Rapids. Loss on stock estimated at $18,000; insurance, $7,000.

The Salvation Army has concluded that their work will never end in Cadillac, so they will buy barracks and settle down in the midst of the sinners.

A child without eyes has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jaglar, living near St. Joseph. There are no cavities even where the eyeballs should be located.

C. W. Redfern, of Whitehall, is arranging for a personally conducted tour through Europe, embracing 10,000 miles, and to be made in the course of 71 days.

A West Bay City boarding house kept by Mrs. McCormick, was destroyed by fire and the boarders barely escaped cremation by fleeing in their night clothes.

Prof. Hewitt, of Three Rivers, has decided to decline the governor's appointment, to take charge of Michigan's educational exhibit for the World's Fair.

The supreme court says that a man may legally shoot dogs which are holding nocturnal concerts without invitation, in the back yard of the man who desires to sleep.

A Bay City saloonkeeper went to the Keeley institute at Northville, and then surprised the natives by getting several of his oldest and best customers to go there, too.

A runaway car of lumber at Cadillac crashed into a passenger train on the Cadillac & Northeastern railroad and demolished an engine and passenger coach. No one was injured.

Geo. Holman, boy under 15, was convicted of robbery by a superior court jury at Grand Rapids. He entered a saloon and demanded the proprietor's money at the point of a revolver.

The 18th annual convention of the superintendents of the poor and union association will be held in Grand Rapids February 23 and 24. An interesting program is being mailed.

President Harrison has reduced the sentence of John D. Nichols, of Niles, convicted of violation of the postal laws, from two years to one year and three months. The fine of $400 stands.

J. L. Thomas, a Cannonsburg farmer, was in Grand Rapids a few days ago, and sent his team home with an old man who was working for him. Neither the old man nor the team has been seen since.

John Hulzer, bellboy at the Burdick house, Kalamazoo, was sliding down the balustrade when he fell a distance of 30 feet, landing on the tile floor upon his head. He is now in a critical condition.

A steam valve in the dynamo room of the Bartlett illuminating works in Saginaw bursted. The room was speedily filled with steam and Leon Feotig, engineer, was terribly burned and may not recover.

Sam Guthrie, of Fawn River, St. Joseph county, and George Vealey were out hunting a few days ago. The usual thing happened and Sam will most likely die, or at least lose an arm and remain otherwise crippled for life.

Faith cure doctors have been having any amount of experience with the grip at Luther, but at last reporting the disease had more than half of the doctors of this particular school laid out, with doctors of the old school prescribing for them.

Kalamazoo is to have a new industry, an electrical company just organized by Messrs. F. J. Buckley and S. S. Buckley, formerly in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric company, of Pittsburg. They will manufacture electric motors and dynamos.

Ionia supervisors fitted up some pleasant rooms in the $60,000 court house for Janitor Ross and family. When court convened Mr. Ross solicited the patronage of jurors and witnesses as boarders and local hotel men are exceedingly mad. They don't like the idea of competing with a man who is furnished so elegant a house by the county.

The annual meeting of the Michigan inter-collegiate athletic association was held in Jackson, J. O. White, of Albion, was elected president; W. Brooks, of Olivet, vice president; J. E. Hinkson, of the Agricultural college, secretary, and S. Parker, of Hillsdale, treasurer. It was decided to hold the next field day at Lansing during the first week in June.

Mrs. Henry Sherwood, of Greenville, left her 3-year-old daughter in charge of her 7 months old baby while she went "down street" to do some shopping. The younger baby cried and the older baby tried desperately to stop it with carbolic acid, which it poured down the little one's throat, over its face and into its eyes. The doctor says the little one will probably be blind if it recovers.

The district grand lodge of the independent order of Bnai Brith, in session at Grand Rapids elected the following officers: President, Maurice M. Houseman, Grand Rapids; vice presidents, W. Israel Cowan, Chicago; Albert Salzenstein, Springfield, Ill.; treasurer, Solomon Marcus, Chicago; secretary, E. C. Hamburger, Chicago; trustees of endowment fund, M. L. Hirsch, Chicago; of orphans asylum, Abram Hart, Chicago.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

The Utah legislature has sent a memorial to congress asking for the passage of a home rule bill for the territory.

Italy, it is reported, will send Signor Catalini as minister to the United States. Baron Fava will be appointed minister to Denmark.

The will of Cardinal Manning shows that he had only £100 at the time of his death. He had disposed of all of his income in charity.

The miners surrounded the military camp at Coal Creek, Tenn., and began firing, which was returned by the soldiers. No one was hurt.

The Watson resolution, in the House, directed against the Pinkerton system has been referred back to a sub-committe for futher consideration.

Under a decision of the Oklahoma supreme court, "sooners"—those who entered the land before the hour set by the President—will lose their lands.

The preliminaries have been arranged in Grand Rapids to start a new club upon the ruins of the Owashtanong boat club, and to take the name of the financially ruined concern.

It is now believed that Padlewski, the assassin of Gen. Seliverstoff, who was thought to have committed suicide in San Antonio, Tex., was killed by Russian detectives, for the reward.

Mrs. Barbara T. Probst, of Sharpsburg, Pa., died suddenly and the post mortem showed that her stomach was literally baked by Jamaica ginger, which she had been drinking in lieu of other stimulants.

The anti-lottery men in Louisiana profess to think that the withdrawal of the lottery proposition by John A. Morris is not sincere, and will work for a big majority against the amendment to the constitution.

Charles H. Hammond, of Cleveland street, London, notoriety, who has been in prison at Seattle for a year under sentence for grand larceny, has been pardoned, it being proved that he was innocent of the crime.

While attempting to drive across the track of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad at the South Beach crossing Stamford, Conn., Frank Adams and his nephew Walter, were instantly killed.

The receipts of American flour in Cuba during last January were 62,371 sacks; in January, 1891 the receipts were 2,720 sacks. This large gain is the result of the reduction of duties brought about by the reciprocity treaty with Spain.

Mexican military entered the house of Don Vizzaya, a citizen of the United States, who is a merchant and holds the office of consular agent at Meir, Mexico. The search was said to be made to find arms and ammunition for the Mexican revolutionists. Diplomatic trouble may result.

David Essex Porter, son of Admiral Porter, defends his father against the charge of cowardice made by Ben Butler in his autobiography. He says the fact that congress gave him four votes of thanks for conspicuous conduct during the war is sufficient disproof of the accusation.

Grover Cleveland was given a public reception in New Orleans before he started on his return to New York.

BLAINE WILL NOT RUN.

The Plumed Knight and Champion of Reciprocity Will Not go Before the National Convention.

A New York Hotel Filled With Guests Burns in the Night and Many Persons Perished.

Robbers Steal the Hard-Earned Savings of Czar.—Large Feet are Better Than No Feet.

Blaine Will Not be a Candidate.

The following letter explains itself:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1892.

Honorable J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the Republican National Committee: My Dear Sir—I am not a candidate for the presidency, and my name will not go before the Republican national convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered me their support I owe sincere thanks, and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make earnest effort in the approaching contest, which is rendered especially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment, and will be of far reaching consequence. Very sincerely yours,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

The New York Tribune in speaking of the letter says: "Mr. Blaine tells the chairman of the Republican national committee, and through him the party and the country, that he is not a candidate for the presidency and that his name will not go before the Minneapolis convention. The formal announcement will cause sorrow and disappointment to thousands of Republicans, and there is no reason for dissembling that fact. No other living American has inspired such ardent devotion, and upon no other have so many Americans longed to confer the greatest distinction within their gift. That is a simple and obvious truth which nobody doubts and which disparages nobody. The certainty that the foremost citizen of the country will not be the next President of the United States, and the presumption that he will never occupy that great office cannot fail to afflict a multitude of his fellow citizens with a keen sense of personal grief."

When the above dispatch was read to Gen. Alger at his home in Detroit by a Free Press reporter, he expressed surprise at its tenor. Gen. Alger refused to talk about his own prospects as a candidate for the presidential nomination. He refused also to make any prophecy as to who stood the best chance of winning the coveted prize. He hoped and believed there would be a number of candidates in the field.

Many Burned to Death.

The Hotel Royal, an old landmark, on the corner of Sixth avenue and Fortieth street, New York city, was the scene of a terrible holocaust. The hotel contained about 150 guests and 55 employes and was discovered to be on fire at 3 o'clock in the morning by an engineer on the Sixth avenue elevated road. He stopped his train in front of the building and blew his whistle loud and long, attracting the attention of the police and waking the guests. Although the fire department immediately answered the calls sent in nothing could be done to save the building as all five floors were on fire when discovered. The building being an old one burned like so much tinder. The fire department turned their attention to the saving of the inmates. Several persons jumped from the windows of the top floors and were dashed to instant death. Many heartrending scenes were witnessed. After the ruins had sufficiently cooled a search was made for the dead, and 12 bodies were found inside of as many hours. The latest figures of the fire are these: About 155 persons in the building; 12 know to be dead, 81 were rescued by firemen and citizens, and 62 are still missing. Twenty-four of the rescued were more or less injured. The origin of the fire is unknown, but when first discovered by the inmates every floor was on fire, principally in the neighborhood of the elevator shaft. The loss of building and furniture will aggregate $250,000.

GOV. THAYER IS OUT.

He vacates Nebraska's Governorship in Favor of Gov. Boyd.

Gov. Thayer has vacated the governorship of Nebraska in favor of Gov. Boyd. In a letter to the latter gentleman Gov. Thayer says: "When I commenced proceedings one year ago to test your title to the office of governor, I did so in the full belief that there was great doubt in the public mind as to your citizenship and eligibility. I then took occasion to publish that as soon as your citizenship was established by the courts, I would gladly surrender the office to you. The contest was not one of personal strife nor to satisfy any personal ambition of my own, but to comply with and uphold the constitution of the state. Now that the public press has announced that the highest tribunal has decreed under the constitution and laws of our country and state your right to the office, I cheerfully yield the office of governor to you without awaiting the mandate of court." Gov. Boyd took possession at once.

A Victim of Vanity.

Miss Louisa Sherman is one of the handsomest young women of Seneca Falls, N. Y. She was proud of her little feet, but presisted in making them look smaller by wearing shoes that were too small. These shoes caused her to have ingrowing toenails, which resulted in a disease of the bone that medical skill could not cure. It became so bad that she was no longer able to walk. This week the physicians decided that nothing could save the young woman's life but amputation of both feet, and they were amputated.

Canadian Reciprocity.

An Ottawa special says: Sir John Thompson, minister of justice, Acting Minister of Customs Bowell and Financial Minister Foster have gone to Washington to discuss with Secretary Blaine the possibility of arriving at some reciprocal trade arrangement between the two countries. Sir John Thompson, while evidencing strong hope that satisfactory conclusions will be reached, holds to the view that it would be discourteous on the part of the delegates to discuss for publication the objects of their mission.

A Costly Colt.

A trivial law suit with a remarkable history has been closed in Missouri by the payment of $538.78 cents costs to the sheriff of St. Charles county. The case was that of Blackwell vs. Freye, and was entered on the docket of the St. Charles circuit court in 1867, the suit being brought for $18, the value of a colt sold by the plaintiff to the defendant. With the attorney's fees the expense of the suit will amount to $1,500. The colt, in the meantime, died.

Rear Admiral Andrew Bryson, U. S. N., retired, is dead, aged 70 years.

The Valley Spring, Cal., stage was held up by a lone highwayman and all the treasure taken.

E. D. Durand, of the Durand piano and organ company, of Portland, Ore., is a fugitive from justice, charged with raising about $20,000 on forged paper.

Near Centralia, Mo., a Chicago & Alton passenger train ran into a freight, killing the engineer and fireman of the freight and the fireman of the passenger train.

From San Antonio, Tex., comes the report that Padlewski, the Paris nihilist recently found dead, was murdered, presumably by agents of the Russian government.

Mrs. Sickels, superintendent of the State Industrial Home for Girls, has appointed Miss Ella Pierce, of Ypsilanti, and Miss Nora Likely, of Hudson, teachers of the home. Both ladies are graduates of the State Normal school. Miss Nettie Dibble, of Ridgeway, is appointed a relief officer.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

SENATE.—Several memorials for closing the World's Fair on Sundays were received on the 2d. House bill relating to a bridge over the Mississippi at South St. Paul was passed. Committee on privileges and elections reported the Claggett-Dubois contest for a seat in the Senate from Idaho declaring in favor of Mr. Dubois; tabled. A joint resolution was introduced for electing Senators by popular vote. Bills passed. Appropriating $100,000 for a public building in Grand Forks, N. D.; to increase the endowment of the Louisiana State university and Agricultural and Mechanical college and the Southern university of Louisiana; granting 92,160 acres of the public lands in Louisiana. Executive session. Adjourned. HOUSE.—After a wordy strife between Mr. Morse and Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, the House resumed the consideration of the rules. An amendment was offered and rejected which provided that whenever a quorum fails to vote on any question there shall be a call of the house and the yeas and nays shall at the same time be ordered. As each member answers to his name he shall vote on the yeas and nays. The following amendments were also rejected: Striking out from the list of privileged motions which may be made when any question is under debate the motions to fix a day to which the house shall adjourn and to take a recess; providing that no dilatory motion shall be entertained by the speaker; providing that a senate amendment to a house bill may be considered by the speaker. An amendment striking out all that part of the rules giving permission to legislate on appropriation bills when in the interest of a retrenchment in expenditures was under discussion when the house adjourned.

SENATE.—On the 3d the committee on foreign relations reported adversely the various anti-Chinese bills reported this session, but reported a bill continuing in force for 10 years all bills now prohibiting or regulating the entrance into this country of Chinese persons. Mr. Kyle addressed the Senate on his proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States relating to marriage and divorce and the resolution was referred. Bills passed: Appropriating $300,000 for an extension of the public buildings at Los Angeles, Cal.; to pay the State of West Virginia the sum due to it under the direct tax law. The bill for postoffice buildings in towns where postoffice receipts are $3,000 a year was discussed and went over without action. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Once more the rules. The pending motion was lost as was an amendment providing that no bill or resolution shall at any time be amended by incorporating therein the substance of any other bill or resolution pending before the House. The following amendments were adopted: providing that all bills shall be introduced by presenting them to the clerk properly indorsed and shall be appropriately referred by the Speaker; providing for the consideration of Senate amendments to House bills (not appropriating money) as soon as they are laid before the House by the Speaker. Adjourned.

SENATE.—Little business of importance on the 4th. A bill to erect a monument at Put-in-Bay, O., in memory of the battle of Lake Erie, was referred. The committee on elections reported declaring Mr. Call entitled to the seat, in the contest between the Florida senators. Two bills of minor importance from the committee on military affairs were placed on the calendar. Adjourned. HOUSE.—An amendment to the rules to set apart Sunday as the day of delivering eulogies of deceased members was lost, as was an amendment making it obligatory on the House to consider the private calendar on Friday, and a substitute for rule 24, changing the morning hour—now limited to 60 minutes—to extend indefinitely at the pleasure of the house. Friday night sessions were set apart for considering private pension bills. After a few other amendments had been offered and lost the code of rules were agreed to. A resolution was adopted directing the committee on judiciary to make an investigation and report whether Congress has the constitutional authority to appropriate money for the World's Columbian exposition. Adjourned.

SENATE.—No session 5th. HOUSE.—After the committee reports had been placed upon the calendars, the House went into committee of the whole on the census deficiency bill. The census bureau was criticised severely by the Democratic majority, and upheld by the Republican minority with a few of the former in defense of the superintendent. An amendment was adopted appropriating $115,514 for the subsistence of the Sioux Indians, and calling upon the secretary of the interior to report to the House the names of all employes under the direction and supervision of the Indian bureau. The committee having arisen the private calendar was taken up for consideration, but no progress made. Adjourned.

SENATE.—No session on the 6th. HOUSE.—The day was taken by delivering eulogies on the Representative Lee, of Virginia.

SENATE.—A bill was passed on the calendar, on the 8th, for the construction of a boat-railway at the Dalles and Celito Falls and Ten-Mile Rapids of the Columbia river and for the improvement of Three-Mile Rapids, appropriating $2,850,356. A bill was passed to repeal the act requiring life-saving appliances on steamers so far as it relates to the carrying of line-carrying projectiles and the means of propelling them on steamers plying exclusively on lake, bays or sounds. After an executive session and discussing the public printing bill the senate adjourned. HOUSE.—The matter of investigating the expenditures, appointments, etc., of the World's Columbian exposition occasioned considerable debate. The House was unanimous on the point of the investigation, but was divided as to which committee should have charge of the work. The resolution finally agreed to was as follows: That the committee on appropriations is ordered to inquire and report whether those obligated and undertaking, and now engaged to do so, have justly and properly complied with the requirements of the act of Congress approved April 25, 1890, and whether all expenditures of whatever character for the exposition have been wisely made; whether the number of employes and appointees to carry out the laws is excessive and their compensation reasonable or otherwise, to ascertain and report the salary paid to each officer and employe, from what state the several appointments have been made and generally whether in the care and conduct of said exposition proper management has been had that they obtain a full report of those in charge of the expenditure of money of all such expenditures and that the report of the committee based upon the inquiry may be made at any time to Congress. Adjourned.

Fell in Love at Her Child's Funeral.

The sudden disappearance of Coroner D. A. Hendrick from Erie, Pa., is paralleled by as sudden a disappearance on the same day of Mrs. Matthew Kinsey, wife of a postoffice employe and a daughter of a well-known architect, W. K. Dean. The prominence of the parties and the mode of disappearance make a decided sensation. Mr. Hendrick has passed his 40th birthday and Mrs. Kinsey is a pretty blonde, 27 years of age. No domestic troubles are apparent in their families, and it appears to be a case of love at first sight. The acquaintance is said to have dated from the funeral of one of the Kinsey children, of which Mr. Hendrick had charge as undertaker.

Polish Church Riot.

In St. Mary's parish Polish church at Reading, Pa., the pastor, Rev. Fr. Mark Janunkiewez, took exception from the altar to a letter written him by a member, Simon Baranowski, and called the latter a chicken thief. Baranowski replied to the priest and the latter ordered his removal from the church. A fight took place between nearly 200 members, in which Baranowski was roughly handled, and he, with many others were severely injured. Thirty Polanders were arrested for participating in the disgraceful affair.

D. A. Fryer's residence in Mancelona was burned while the family was absent.

INTERESTING MATTERS.

A California Girl Saves Herself From a Disgraceful Marriage by Disguising Herself as a Boy.

A Canadian Tries to Thaw Dynamite by Placing it on a Stove and Annihilates His Entire Family.

English Capitalists Form a Cotton Press Trust.—The Record for Granting Divorces Broken.

She Played Boy to Good Advantage.

Miss Ada Freeman, sister of Kate Castleton, and herself an actress, has come into notoriety in Oakland, Cal., by her exploit of dressing in boy's clothes and playing detective on an unfaithful lover. She married six years ago Castle Brydes, the tenor in a negro minstrel show, but soon got a divorce from him and resumed her maiden name. Recently an Oakland grocer, who had always admired her, courted her so successfully that the wedding day was fixed. A few days ago she received an annonymous letter saying that the grocer was already married. Ada determined to investigate. Instead of hiring a detective she dressed up as a boy, shadowed the grocer, and found that he really had a family. Miss Freeman was so disgusted that she declared that she was going to shake the dust of Oakland off her feet and return to the stage.

Honorable Though a Thief.

Dick Breeze, convicted of embezzling $6,000 at Kansas City, Mo., will not wear stripes. Marshal Stuart had so much faith in Breeze that he allowed him to go on errands all over the city. He went from jail unattended to his trial and returned after conviction. Gov. Francis met Marshal Stuart and instructed him to bring Breeze to the penitentiary. Stuart ordered Breeze to go to the penitentiary prepared to serve his term of two years. Breeze was turned loose from jail took a train for Jefferson City, reported to the warden of the prison and while preparing to don stripes was pardoned by the governor.

Fatal Ignorance.

A. Dupree, a resident of Cote St. Louis, an outlying suburb of Montreal, Que., placed several frozen dynamite cartridges on the stove to thaw out. A few moments later the cartridges exploded with tremendous force, shattering the house and rendering it a total wreck. Dupree, whose carelessness caused the explosion, was terribly injured. His two little daughters, one an infant of 9 months were fatally burned. A third daughter, aged 9, had her skull fractured. Mrs. Dupree, who was not injured by the explosion, on seeing the shocking injuries of her husband and children, and the wreck of her home, became insane and is now a raving maniac.

Cotton Trust.

All the arrangements have been completed at New Orleans for the purchase of the cotton presses of that city and their consolidation into a single company, to be known as the New Orleans cotton warehouse and compress company. The negotiations have been in the hands of I. H. Bryant, of New York, acting for an English company, and options secured on the presses, the amount to be paid for them being $2,000,000.

32 Divorces in Three Hours.

The divorce court record has been broken by Judge Moon, of Chattanooga, Tenn., sitting on the circuit bench. The docket contained 141 cases where a separation was asked by husband or wife. Work began at 9 o'clock and when Judge Moon adjourned court at noon he had exhausted the docket. In the three hours he was sitting he granted 32 divorces, refused 63 applications and continued the remainder.

Jack the Slasher.

Jack the Slasher has inaugurated a reign of terror in Winnipeg. Recently a prominent merchant received a bad gash in the back of the neck, dangerously close to the jugular and others have been cut while on the street. A woman named Elizabeth Chapman was assaulted by the fiend, who attempted to cut her throat. She defended herself, but received a bad cut on the right hand.

A Sudden Vengeance.

David Porter, deputy collector of the port, of Savannah, Ga., an officer in the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and a prominent Oddfellow, was shot dead by his son. Porter was beating his wife.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.			
CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 25	@	$4 75
HOGS	4 35	@	4 50
SHEEP	3 50	@	4 50
LAMBS	4 50	@	4 90
WHEAT—Red Spot, No. 2	92¼	@	92½
Red Spot, No. 3	89	@	90½
White Spot, No. 1	92½	@	93½
CORN—No. 2 spot	40	@	40
No. 2 yellow	40½	@	41
OATS—No. 2 white, spot	32	@	33
BARLEY	1 30	@	1 30
RYE	82½	@	83
HAY—No. 2 per ton	13 00	@	13 50
POTATOES—Per bu	23	@	30
SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl	3 25	@	3 50
APPLES—Per bbl	1 75	@	2 50
BUTTER—Per lb	18	@	20
Creamery	25	@	26
EGGS—Per doz	20	@	25
LIVE POULTRY—Chickens	8	@	9
Turkeys	10	@	11
Ducks	9	@	10
Chicago.			
CATTLE—Steers	$4 50	@	$5 00
Common	3 75	@	4 25
SHEEP—Native	4 00	@	4 40
LAMBS	5 10	@	6 20
HOGS—Common	4 30	@	4 35
WHEAT—No. 2 red	82¾	@	82¾
No. 2 spring	88	@	89
CORN—No. 2	41¾	@	41¾
OATS—No. 2	28¾	@	29
RYE	79	@	79
BARLEY	55	@	59
MESS PORK—Per bbl	8 50	@	8 55
LARD—Per cwt	6 50	@	6 55
New York.			
CATTLE—Natives	$3 75	@	$4 95
HOGS	4 10	@	4 70
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 50	@	6 00
LAMBS	6 25	@	7 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 01½	@	1 03¼
CORN—No. 2	51¼	@	51¾
OATS	38¼	@	38¾
Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Steers	$4 60	@	$4 90
HOGS—All grades	3 75	@	4 40
SHEEP	3 85	@	4 95
LAMBS	3 80	@	5 25
Buffalo.			
CATTLE	$4 00	@	$4 60
HOGS	4 90	@	4 95
SHEEP—Good to choice	5 00	@	5 40
LAMBS	6 25	@	6 75

Weekly Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, February 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: In spite of much dullness and complaint in some important branches trade is gradually enlarging. The east does not feel the full benefit because western business is largely met by western distributing centers, and that alone is increasing heavily while southern trade which is more largely met by distribution from the east is unusually dull. But the west is steadily increasing orders for manufactured products and is likely to buy more largely in the next five months than ever before. Eastern consumption is also fairly up to the maximum as labor is well employed. Speculation in products has been more active, but in spite of abundance of money the tendency of prices is lower. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days number 319 as compared with 297 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 306.

Prohibs Pull Pullman Porters.

The Pullman car porters of trains running in Kansas are in dismay over the arrest of several of their members on charges of violating the prohibitory laws by selling liquor to passengers. The sheriff of Harvey county arrested two porters at Burton, and as officers of the prohibition committee have been collecting evidence for some time, it is expected that arrests by the wholesale will follow.

Mrs. Loefel, bound over for larceny, while being taken to Quincy, Ill., escaped from an officer by jumping out of the window of a moving train. Her son leaped after her.

A DETROIT MIRACLE.

The Remarkable Case of Mr. C. B. Northrop, 71 Woodward Ave.

He Miraculously Recovers After All Hope Had Been Abandoned.

The Facts Fully Ascertained by a News Representative.

Detroit Evening News, Jan. 23rd.

The following paragraph, which appeared in The News a short time ago, furnished the basis of this information—a case that was so wonderfully remarkable that it demanded further explanation. It is of sufficient importance to The News' readers to report it to them fully. It was so important then that it attracted considerable attention at the time. The following is the paragraph in question:

"C. B. Northrop, for 28 years one of the best known merchants on Woodward avenue, who was supposed to be dying last spring of locomotor ataxia, or creeping paralysis, has secured a new lease of life and returned to work at his store. The disease has always been supposed to be incurable, but Mr. Northrop's condition is greatly improved, and it looks now as if the grave would be cheated of its prey."

Since that time Mr. Northrop has steadily improved, not only in looks, but in condition, till he has regained his old-time strength.

It had been hinted to the writer of this article, who was acquainted with Mr. Northrop, that this miraculous change had been wrought by a very simple remedy, called Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. When asked about it Mr. Northrop fully verified the statement, and not only so, but he had taken pains to inform any one who was suffering in a similar manner when he heard of any such case. Mr. Northrop was enthusiastic at the result in his own case of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was a remedy that he had heard of after he had tried everything he could hope to give him relief. He had been in the care of the best physicians who did all they could to alleviate this terrible malady, but without any avail. He had given up hope, when a friend in Lockport, N. Y., wrote him the case of a person there who had been cured in similar circumstances by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The person cured at Lockport had obtained his information respecting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from an article published in the Hamilton, Ont., Times. The case was called "The Hamilton Miracle" and told the story of a man in that city who, after almost incredible suffering, was pronounced by the most eminent physicians to be incurable and permanently disabled. He had spent hundreds of dollars in all sorts of treatment and appliances only to be told in the end that there was no hope for him, and that cure was impossible. The person alluded to (Mr. John Marshall, of 25 Little William street, Hamilton, Ont.) was a member of the Royal Templars of Temperance, and after having been pronounced permanently disabled and incurable by the physicians, was paid the $1,000 disability insurance provided by the order for its members in such cases. For years Mr. Marshall had been utterly helpless, and was barely able to drag himself around his house with the aid of crutches. His agonies were almost unbearable and life was a burden to him, when at last relief came. Some months after he had been paid the disability claim he heard of Dr. William's Pink Pills and was induced to try them. The result was miraculous; almost from the outset an improvement was noticed, and in a few months the man whom medical experts had said was incurable, was again going about the city healthier and stronger than before. Mr. Marshall was so well known in Hamilton that all the city newspapers wrote up his wonderful recovery in detail, and it was thus, as before stated, that Mr. Northrop came into possession of the information that led to his equally marvelous recovery. One could scarcely conceive a case more hopeless than that of Mr. Northrop. His injury came about in this way: One day, nearly four years ago, he stumbled and fell the complete length of a steep flight of stairs which were at the rear of his store. His head and spine were severely injured. He was picked up and taken to his home. Creeping paralysis very soon developed itself, and in spite of the most strenuous efforts of friends and physicians the terrible affliction fastened itself upon him. For nearly two years he was perfectly helpless. He could do nothing to support his strength in the least effort. He had to be wheeled about in an invalid's chair. He was weak, pale and fast sinking when this timely information came that veritably snatched his life from the jaws of death. Those who at that time saw a feeble old man wheeled into his store on an invalid chair, would not recognize the man now, so great is the change that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have wrought. When Mr. Northrop learned of the remedy that had cured Mr. Marshall in Hamilton, and the person in Lockport, he procured a supply of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through Messrs. Bassett & L'Hommedieu, 95 Woodward avenue, and from the outset found an improvement. He faithfully adhered to the use of the remedy until now he is completely restored. Mr. Northrop declares that there can be no doubt as to Pink Pills being the cause of his wonderful restoration to health, as all other remedies and medical treatment left him in a condition rapidly going from bad to worse, until at last it was declared that there was no hope for him and he was pronounced incurable. He was in this terrible condition when he began to use Dr. William's Pink Pills, and they have restored him to health.

Mr. Northrop was asked what was claimed for this wonderful remedy, and replied that he understood the proprietors claim it to be a blood builder and nerve restorer; supplying in a condensed form all the elements necessary to enrich the blood, restore shattered nerves and drive out disease. It is claimed by the proprietors that Pink Pills will cure paralysis, rheumatism, sciatica, palpitation of the heart, headache, and all diseases peculiar to females, loss of appetite, dizziness, sleeplessness, loss of memory, and all diseases arising from overwork, mental worry, loss of vital force, etc.

"I want to say," said Mr. Northrop, "that I don't have much faith in patent medicines, but I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The proprietors, however, claim that they are not a patent medicine in the sense in which that term is used, but a highly scientific preparation, the discovery of an eminent graduate of McGill, Canada, and Edinburgh, Scotland, medical universities, and the pills were successfully used in his private practice for years before being placed for general sale. Mr. Northrop declares that he is a living example that there is nothing to equal these pills as a cure for nerve diseases. On inquiry the writer found that these pills were manufactured by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and Morristown, N. Y., and the pills are sold in boxes, (never in bulk by the hundred), at 50 cents a box, and may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., from either above addresses. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment with them comparatively inexpensive as compared with other remedies or medical treatment. This case is one of the most remarkable, and as it is one right here in Detroit and not a thousand miles away, it can be easily verified. Mr. Northrop is very well known to the people of Detroit, and he says he is only too glad to testify of the marvellous good wrought in his case. He says he considers it his duty to help all who are similarly afflicted by any word he can say in behalf of the wonderful efficacy of Dr. William's Pink Pills. If any of The News readers want any further information, we feel sure Mr. Northrop would willingly oblige them, as he has the writer, in relating these facts to him.

It never hurts the devil for church members to be seen at a horse race.

Distrusting everybody is a good way to have the friendship of nobody.

It doesn't make meanness one whit better to baptize it and call it religion.

The longer we stay away from God the harder the way to Heaven looks.

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. 12.

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 $4,500; one half down balance on long time if desired.

BARGAIN NO. 8.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 7 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 20 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; live running water in the house, good cistern and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 18.

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 I. James, whose property consisted of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at $250 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $400. 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 L. S. ... Worcester. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, ... all fruits and a sidewalk ... Price very reasonable ...

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 $1,800 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 12 nicely finished rooms, a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, to our idea, ... it 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 fine 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 completed this coming summer. Call or address S. K. Taber, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots of area of Blakeslee's sub-division of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English'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 55 acres, under a splendid state of cultivation, 2½ miles east of the pleasant and beautiful 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 80x203 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. 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 66 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.