SCHOOL NEWS.

The Balance of the Trips Made by Pupils in Miss Cora Kler's Room.

They Are Young Travellers but Very Observing.

A TRIP TO ROME.

On the 6th of May, 1896, I boarded the D., G. H. & M train for Detroit, thence by the M. C. R. R., I proceeded to Buffalo. I reached there in the evening and found the streets clean and beautifully lighted. A short distance before reaching the city I passed the Niagara Falls. From Buffalo I took the N. Y. & H. R. R. to Albany. Here I left the cars and, took the steamer to New York City. The scenery along the Hudson River is very beautiful. We passed West Point and Grant's monument which had lately been dedicated. On reaching New York I boarded the steamer "City of Paris" and went across the ocean to Havre and then left the steamer and took the cars to Paris the largest city on the continent of Europe. Then went through the mountains by the St. Bernard Pass. The climate was the same until we passed the mountains and then it grew warmer. LILLE WALLIO.

ALBANY TO CALCUTTA.

I'm a rich young lady living in Albany, a beautiful city on the west bank of the Hudson River. I made up my mind years ago to be a missionary when I was old enough, and early in April, 1897, I boarded the steamer "City of New York" on my way to Calcutta for that purpose.

The ride down the Hudson River is very picturesque and beautiful. We passed the city of Hudson, then we passed Catskill City, with the mountains of the same name which seem to touch the sky just beyond. Then we passed many beautiful cities among which is Poughkeepsie, a large manufacturing city; West Point, which is noted as the seat of the military academy; Sing Sing, noted for the state's prison situated there; and Yonkers, the home of many rich New Yorkers. Our boat now steamed into New York bay.

I now chance boats for the large ocean steamer "Alabama," and leave New York bay with its ships from almost every part of the globe, floating the flags of every nation. For the first two or three days I was seasick and confined to my state room. The fourth day I felt better and went upon deck to enjoy the ocean and its breezes. It brought to my mind the lines we used to sing in school:

"Old ocean, old ocean,
Forever in motion,
Roll on in thy grandeur
Roll on, ever on."

We were 16 days making the voyage from N. Y. bay to Cape of Good Hope, a distance of 6,650 miles on the Atlantic ocean. After rounding the cape which we only saw in the distance, we sailed in a northeasterly direction on the Indian ocean toward Bay of Bengal. We again passed into torrid zone. After about 10 days of very hot weather we landed at our port the beautiful city of Calcutta. The people of Calcutta are the Malay or brown race. Calcutta is the Capital and chief city in commerce.

EVA MCLELLAN.

TOWN LINE TOOTINGS.

Mrs. Chas. Ogden is sick and her daughter Sara is taking care of her.

The educational meeting held in the Grey district and in ours were both well attended and very interesting, especially the program at the former.

Harry Featherstone and Clarence Hathaway gave a picnic together to their school-ars on Belle Isle Saturday.

Mrs. Hollingshead, of Traverse City, visited at J. Redick's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Robinson and Ethel Sundayed at Mr. Hendricks'.

Charlie and Clark Boomer are home from the "Sunny South" and say there is no money there but lots of sickness. Mr. Boomer is also at Fred's at present.

John Shay spends his Sundays at home now that warm weather has arrived.

The young people have meetings Sunday evening conducted by Howard Shug.

COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Henry Warner and daughter have been seriously sick with the measles but are convalescent.

Two other cases of diphtheria at Warren since the death of R. Davy.

Fred Grimm is building an addition to his barn. John Kimball, architect.

Mrs. Wm. Gillett died Monday, May 17, aged 81. She was buried at Warren. Deceased had lived in this vicinity a long time.

Warren township has received two new road scrapers for use in the township. Half the number is a good many more than will be used to advantage.

Terrence Dunn has brought suit against F. A. Redick as administrator for the Edgar Wilson estate for $3,700.

Alonzo Skinner is confined to his bed and but small hopes of his recovery are entertained.

The bad trouble is not settled yet with the saloons at Warren.

Some 10 dogs were poisoned at Warren last Saturday night. Dr. Flynn has only lost five so far.

David Wilson's little son has the diphtheria. Fears are entertained that the disease will be scattered widely, so many have been exposed.

C. Brace's widow lately received a pension. Charley's land, near F. Brace's, is to be sold the 29th.

Mrs. Fred Mason, of Cherry Tree Farm, was called to Rochester by the serious illness of her father.

FRANKLIN FLUTTERINGS.

Overcoats are still in order.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Beatty are spending a few days in Sanilac county. Mr. John Moore occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday.

Mrs. George Crawford died on Friday last at the advanced age of 78 years. Mrs. Crawford has been a great sufferer for years from rheumatic troubles. Funeral was held from her late residence on Monday, Rev. E. C. Allen, of Birmingham, officiating.

Judson Cummings has finished a very successful year of school teaching.

It is reported that Joe Gilboe, a former citizen of this place, was killed by a trolley car near Mt. Clemens a few days ago.

Mrs. Doc Loot has been quite ill for several days.

Frank Johnson has a good patronage in the vegetable line and is doing a hustling business.

Four per cent. interest on savings, Exchange Bank.

MICHIGAN'S LEGISLATURE.

The conference committee on the specific railroad taxation bill patched up a compromise which is practically a victory for the Senate. It increases the taxes to be raised by the original Merriam bill only $32,000 per year making the total not to be raised from railroads under the terms of the bill about $946,000, or an increase over the tax of the present law of about $205,000. By the terms of the compromise the House conference committee gave in to the Senate committee just $205,000 of annual taxes as compared with a concession of $32,000 on the part of the Senate committee. In the Senate the compromise was explained by Senator Merriam and then Senator Thompson made a bitter attack upon Gov. Pingree in a lengthy speech in which he criticised the governor's recent railroad taxation message as a tissue of falsehood and declared that if the governor does what he has threatened to do—refuses to sign appropriation bills and keeps the legislature in session all summer—then the duty of the legislature, he said, was to impeach the governor. At the conclusion of Senator Thompson's speech the Senate concurred in the report of the conference committee without a negative vote, but Senators Bostwick, Mudge, Hughes and Moore refrained from voting. The Senate then ordered the speech printed in full in the legislative journal and also ordered 5,000 extra copies of the speech printed. Action on the compromise bill went over for the day in the House. Gov. Pingree returned to the legislature three bills which he had vetoed, viz: The bill to increase the salaries of Detroit justices, which he considered out of line with the hard times; the appropriation of $3,000 for the Michigan Historical and Pioneer society; the appropriation of $5,000 for improvements on Mackinac island. There was a beautiful row in the Senate over the the uniform text book bill, which lacked one vote to pass, but was reconsidered and tabled. The second attempt to pass the bill to abolish local and electric railroads to exchange service was foiled by Col. Atkinson who said it was a scheme of the Grand Trunk railroad to secure possession of the Detroit and Bell Elemens electric road and cut off competition. The bill was referred for future action. Bills passed by the House: To prevent the spread of noxious weeds; amending the tax law so the owners of land sold for taxes shall pay the cost of advertising the same; limiting the liability of hotelkeepers in case of loss or theft of guests' effects to the value of $500, unless the guest gives previous notice of the value of such property; authorizing the building and loan associations to borrow money and issue paid-up stock and create reserve funds, also to increase or decrease their capital stock; authorizing the commissioner of highways in townships to purchase machines for road making. Bills passed by the Senate: Appropriations of $80,000 for the industrial home for girls, $3,700 for improvements to the upper peninsula prison, $134,800 for state normal school, $80,000 for the Michigan college of mines; for the appointment of fire marshals in every county; doing away with engrossing and enrolling legislative enactments in long hand and providing that they be printed and providing for a legislative proofreader; providing for a more accurate registration of deaths.

Senator Thompson's attack upon Gov. Pingree received a, red hot reply from Col. Atkinson in a communication in which he roasts the railroad conference committee for its communication with railroad officials while in secret session, which he terms a shameful scene. He jumps on Speaker Gordon for his appointments on the committee, intimating that the speaker was influenced directly by the railroads in making the appointments. Personnel-says in this connection that unless the people elect representatives who represent them instead of the railroads the people deserve to be oppressed. The charges that the set speech of Senator Thompson was prepared for him by the railroad companies, and characterizes much of the speech as fiction and a barefaced attempt to prevent facts. The House in committee of the whole agreed to an excise bill, by which it is proposed to raise $320,000 per year by a tax of one cent per gallon on all beer, ale and porter manufactured or imported into the state. The bill creates 32 new officers, to be known as excise inspectors, with a salary of $1,000 per year, to be appointed by the auditor-general, and to act as member of county excise boards with the county treasurer and prosecutor of each county. These county boards of review issue liquor licenses in place of the common councils, etc., as under the the present system. The House passed the following bills: For better protection against fraud in primary elections; appropriating $29,000 for the Central Michigan normal school at Mt. Pleasant; providing for the appraisal of property sold under foreclosure sale and to prohibit sale for less than two-thirds of appraised values; increasing the number of stockholders allowed in military companies and authorizing them to rent their armories; providing for a similarity of studies in Michigan normal schools; allowing building and loan association to create a reserve fund. The Senate passed the uniform text book bill with only one negative vote—Campbell. The bill will not go into effect until 1899, and between now and then the school districts must vote whether they will adopt the free text book or the uniform text book system. Other bills passed by the Senate: Prescribing an agricultural course for country schools; to prohibit paying labor in store orders or other script not legal tenders; for a lien upon horses and other animals for the cost of shoeing same; appropriating $22,000 for improvements at the agricultural college, including an electric lighting plant; appropriating $64,767 for the state public school.

While Rep. Atkinson and other opponents of the bill were absent Rep. Dudley attempted to push through the House the bill to permit the consolidation of steam and electric railroads. Reps. Elkhoff and Clute denounced the scheme, however, and it failed to work.

Representatives Stewart and January, of Wayne, had a scrap on the floor of the House which resulted in the latter being passed, over the bill to allow Detroit's board of public works to do $100,000 worth of repaving each year without letting it out on contract or securing the council's authorization.

The beginning of the closing week of the legislative session did not show any great desire on the part of the legislators to push matters through. The Senate held a short session in committee of the whole where the inheritance tax bill was sent away to its last slumber; the bill was killed to provide for maintenance of minor children when divorce is granted the parents; and the House cut in the mining school appropriation, was non-concurred in. The Senate passed the following bills: Requiring township boards to publish annually an itemized statement of township finances; fixing the per diem of members of the railroad crossing board at $5; permitting the annual meeting of stockholders of Michigan railroads to be held anywhere in the state; repealing obsolete laws; regulating the law for the collection of certain statistics; taxing the gross Michigan earnings of express companies 2 per cent. The Senate knocked out the bill permitting the townships between Lansing and St. Johns to grant electric railway franchises. Senator Thompson was responsible for its defeat. The House session was a little more lively and the following bills were passed: Making the offense of attempting to wreck or rob railroad trains a felony; for the incorporation of societies for the study of literature and fine, educational and philanthropic work; prohibiting employment of barmaids; permitting state institutions during the years of legislative sessions to draw upon the state's general funds for current expenses with the approval of the auditor-general, the amount being limited to one-third of previous year's appropriation for the institution making the draft; providing that musical societies' property shall be exempt from taxation, except where they rent their halls; permitting plank road companies to use gravel on road beds instead of plank. The committee of the whole agreed to the anti-trust bill which provides a penalty for all persons entering into agreements which tend to lessen free competition in the importation or sale of articles in the state, or which tend to advance the rates or control the prices of any such articles to the producer or consumer. The bill provides that no property shall be exempt from execution under the terms of the law, and declares void any co-partnership unless affidavit is made every year to the secretary of state that the partnership is formed to do business under the provisions of the bill. It also excludes from the state all foreign corporations that do not do business under the terms of the measure. The Lusk home rule bill for cities; the bill raising the franchise fees of corporations from one-half of a mill to one and a half mills on the dollar and providing that the minimum fee be $20 instead of $10; bill to increase the allowance for factory inspection under the labor commissioner from $8,000 to $12,000, and the bill to permit electric light companies to furnish gas were all agreed to.

Just as members of the House voted to adopt the conference committee report in the Merriam railroad specific tax bill and only one—Rep. Clute—voted against the report, Rep. Chamberlain, who was chairman of the conference committee, and Rep. Atkinson, who has all along fought both the bill and for a much higher tax than the report contemplates, had one of the hottest debates of the session, but finally the Pingreeites agreed to accept the conference figures and when it came to a vote the report was adopted by the vote above stated—89 to 1. As passed the bill will increase the specific taxes on railroads and depot companies $205,000 over the present law. It requires only the governor's signature to become a law. The governor says he will not decide upon his course in the matter until he sees how the people take it. The Lusk home rule bill permitting cities and villages by popular vote to amend their charters except in the matter of changing representation, raising the limit of taxation, borrowing money or extending limits, passed the House by a vote of 54 to 13. The anti-trust bill was held over to Rep. Adams, who contended that the bill was a dangerous one. The House also passed the following: Increasing the franchise fee of corporations from ½ to 1½ mills on the dollar, and making the minimum fee $20 instead of $5; appropriating $12,000 for the state factory inspectors, an increase of $4,000 over old appropriation; preventing appeals from justice courts in cases involving less than $25. The House concurred in the Senate amendments to the Graham uniform text book bill, and all it needs now is the signature of the governor to make it a law. The Senate passed the following bills: Providing half-pay pension for disabled and aged Detroit police, providing it never exceeds $50 per month; amending the divorce law so as to protect the interests of minor children; providing that the reserve funds of mutual and co-operative benefit associations shall be deposited in the state treasury; changing the time for the sale of delinquent tax lands from December to May. Senator Blakeslee's hanging bill was favorably reported by the Senate committee on state affairs.

The bill providing for a board of public works in villages of 1,000 was killed by the House.

Five Boys Drowned at Chicago.

Five small boys were drowned in that portion of the south branch of the Chicago river known as Mud Lake while playing on a log stream on an improvised raft. There were six on the board, but the lad who was the cause of the disaster from his having started a panic among his companions, saved himself by jumping into the water before the craft had drifted into the deep water.

Senator Hanna, of Ohio, is suffering severely from heart disease.

Godfried Balske, aged 83, a gunsmith at Defiance, O., constructed a small cannon which he loaded and fastened to a block of wood. He then seated himself in front of the cannon, deliberately ignited the fuse and was killed for death, which was instantaneous, the load passing through his heart.

A telegram received at the state department from Consul-General Lee, indicates that the number of Americans in need of relief in Cuba is much larger than was supposed at first. The consul-general says the number may reach 1,000. The consul at Matanzas reports 250 there, and the consul at Sagua 450.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

IMPORTANT AND INTERESTING MATTERS IN BRIEF.

The Debate on the Dingley-Aldrich Tariff Bill Opened in the Senate by Senator Aldrich—Senator Vest Says the Democrats Will Not Obstruct It in Any Way.

SENATE.—47th day.—The consideration of the tariff bill was opened in the presence of a large attendance of Senators and crowded galleries. Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, chairman of the finance committee, opened the debate for the Republicans. After speaking of the suspension in which the country was being held awaiting the action of the Senate upon the bill he announced it as his purpose to keep the bill continuously before the Senate until it was finally disposed of. He then reviewed the principal amendments made to the House bill by the Senate committee and justified the proposed temporary tariff on tea and the revenue on beer by showing that in view of the proposed increase in the taxes on wines, tobacco, sugar, etc., such large importations had been made that the anticipated increase in revenue from these articles would not be realized for the next year. Mr. Aldrich said that the secretary of the treasury estimates the expenditures for all purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898, at $466,946,047.28. The finance committee estimate the revenue to be derived in the same fiscal year from customs, if the provisions of the bill reported by them should be enacted by law, at $167,744,000. The committee estimate the receipts from internal revenue for the same period at $170,709,000. If we add to this the treasury estimate for miscellaneous receipts, $20,000,000, and the receipts on account of the postoffice, $96,227,076, we have a total estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1898 of $469,671,076, or an estimated excess of receipts over expenditures for that year of $2,725,028. If the estimated revenue from the duty on tea and the additional internal revenue taxes should be omitted from the committee's estimates of receipts, there would be an estimated deficiency of $29,175,000, instead of a surplus of $2,725,028. Senator Vest followed Senator Aldrich in a vigorous speech against the Republican tariff policy, but he said there was no disposition to delay the consideration of the bill. There would be no factious opposition and no unnecessary objection from the Democrats. Mr. Pettigrew presented the amendment of which he had previously given notice that when articles are manufactured by a trust, articles of such character imported from abroad shall be free of duty. HOUSE.—No session.

Cabinet Crisis Feared in Spain.

A heated debate in the Spanish senate at Madrid was followed by private discussions in the lobbies at the close of the session, and a dispute occurred between the duke of Tetuan, minister of foreign affairs, and Senor Comas, a liberal senator, which ended in the duke boxing the senators ears. The minister of foreign affairs at once resigned and the Liberal minority decided that it would attend no more sessions of the senate until the duke had made an apology to Senator Comas and to the Liberal party. Later the duke and Comas selected seconds preparatory to fighting a duel but the seconds decided that as the aggressions were reciprocal a duel was not necessary.

The Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo refused to accept the resignation of the duke of Tetuan because, he said, the government could not dispense with his services as minister of foreign affairs. The alone was acquainted with and able to conduct important and delicate pending negotiations with foreign governments (meaning the United States). The Liberals now absent themselves from the senate and branches of the cortes, and many of them predict that Senor Canovas will be thrown from power in a short time. Political passions are thoroughly excited and it is thought a ministerial crisis will result.

Cuban Insurgents Win Another Victory.

Apparently reliable news of the most important insurgent success in months has just reached Havana. Gen. Calixto Garcia and Gen. Rabi fell on a Spanish force which was carrying food and supplies from Manzanillo to Bayamo, captured the convoy, routed Gen. Luque's columns and pursued him so vigorously that he fled to the coast with the remnant of his brigade, and took a ship at Cabocorut for Manzanillo. This engagement, which is regarded by Cubans at Havana as more important than any battle since Carcarricara, goes to show how hapless the Spanish are in the country east of the trocha, which is well called Cuba Libre.

It is said that the Benton Harbor & Eastern electric railroad will be pushed through Sister Lakes to Dowagiac and Cassopolis, and will be in operation to Sister Lakes about July 1. Cleveland capitalists are behind the project.

Havana: The joint investigation of the Ruiz case does not get along very swimmingly, and there is some danger that Special U. S. Commissioner Calhoun will find himself forced to withdraw because of delay and the tendency to politely ask and insist upon undesirable conditions. Consul-General Lee and Mr. Calhoun are determined to investigate fairly and fully, and to consent to no polite and agreeable scratching of the surface.

President McKinley signed the bill appropriating $50,000 for the relief of distressed Americans in Cuba as soon as it was received from congress.

It is reported that negotiations have closed for the sale of the South Haven & Eastern narrow guage to the C., J. & M., and that a branch will be built to Benton Harbor, giving the C., J. & M. the long-coveted lake port. Another strong rumor is to the effect that the new Detroit, Lima & Northern will purchase the C., J. & M. with this new lake connection and will establish a line of steamers to Milwaukee.

Miss Mary Corcoran a well-known and beautiful girl of Escanaba, accidentally swallowed a tack which pin. An operation was performed, but she died a few hours afterward.

THE 55TH CONGRESS AT WORK

SENATE.—43d day.—The Cuban debate was continued with a series of red-hot speeches by Senators Foraker, of Ohio; Cannon, of Utah; Lindsay, of Kentucky, and Hoar, of Massachusetts. It was the first speech of any length made by Mr. Foraker since he entered the Senate. He announced some startling facts regarding the past and present condition of affairs in Cuba which had been gathered from the heretofore secret archives of the state department. Especially interesting was the letter from Secretary Olney, in which this country offered mediation to Spain, and the refusal of that country to accept the proffered aid. A number of consular reports told of such misdoings of the Spanish that it was feared that the cousuls would be kidnaped should it become known that they had given information. Mr. Cannon was bitter in his denunciation of Spanish atrocity. HOUSE.—No session.

SENATE.—44th day.—A brighter day in apparently allowing for Cuba. The Senate was crowded to the doors during debate and passed the Morgan resolution to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban patriots by the decisive vote of 41 to 14. The resolution as passed reads as follows: Resolved, etc., That a condition of public war exists between the government of Spain and the government proclaimed and for some time maintained by force of arms by the people of Cuba, and that the United States of America shall maintain a strict neutrality between the contending parties, according to each all the rights of belligerents in the ports and territory of the United States. The voting occurred after an exciting debate, participated in by Senators Thurston, Elkins, White, Faulkner, Hale, Spooner and Gorman. Mr. Thurston, who presided over the Republican national convention at St. Louis, recalled the stirring scene when that convention unanimously inserted a Cuban plank in the platform, and declared that this resolution was in partial fulfillment of that pledge. Messrs. Elkins and White urged a conservative course, and an inquiry by a committee was proposed. If the report fear that war with Spain would result, and he and Mr. Spooner protested against the Democrats and Populists dictating the foreign policy of the administration. Hoar—Cuban affairs furnishes the House with a text for another partisan debate. The resolution appropriating $50,000 for the relief of American citizens was adopted without a dissenting vote, but the Democrats endeavored to force consideration also of the Cuban resolution, with recognition of the belligerency of the insurgents. They accused the Republicans of endeavoring to evade this issue, but that party, through its spokesman, Mr. Hitt, made the important statement that the Republicans desired not to embarrass negotiations which were being projected by President McKinley to secure the independence of Cuba. While Mr. Hitt disclaimed presidential authority for the statement it was well understood that it was in consultation with Mr. McKinley on the question, and knew whereof he spoke.

SENATE.—46th day.—The death of Senator Earle, of South Carolina, was preferred to in eloquent terms in Chaplain Milburn's prayer, during which Mr. Tillman, of South Carolina, made the formal announcement of Mr. Earle's death and offered a resolution expressing the profound sorrow of the Senate. As a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned. Rep. McMillin, of Tennessee, introduced a resolution providing for the consideration of the Senate resolution recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents from day to day until disposed of." The resolution was referred to the committee on rules, but it is not likely that the committee will consider it, as the Republican leaders will decide for themselves when it is proper to act on the Cuban matter. The House adjourned without transacting any business, out of respect to Senator Earle.

THE MARKETS

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Spring Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades	$4 75@5 00	$4 90	$6 00	$4 30
Lower grades	2 75@4 50	3 90	6 00	
Chicago—				
Best grades	5 00@5 25	4 90	6 25	3 80
Lower grades	2 50@4 50	2 75	5 00	3 60
Detroit—				
Best grades	4 25@4 50	4 50	6 00	3 85
Lower grades	2 25@4 00	2 50	4 75	3 70
Buffalo—				
Best grades	4 00@4 50	4 60	6 00	4 05
Lower grades	2 25@3 80	2 50	5 00	3 90
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	4 75@5 15	4 75	6 50	3 75
Lower grades	2 00@4 50	2 50	5 25	3 60
Cleveland—				
Best grades	4 20@4 50	4 25	6 00	3 90
Lower grades	2 25@4 00	2 50	4 75	3 75
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	5 00@5 25	4 25	6 50	3 90
Lower grades	2 50@4 75	2 75	5 00	3 70

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	97¾@97¾	39½@39½	30 @32¾
Chicago	87 @87	34½@34¾	25 @25¾
Detroit	87 @87½	37 @37	23 @23½
Toledo	87 @87¾	35 @35½	19 @19
Cincinnati	89 @89½	36 @36½	22 @22
Cleveland	87 @87	35 @35	21 @21
Pittsburg	87 @87¼	36 @36	22 @22
Buffalo	87½@88¾	39 @39	26 @26

Detroit—Dec. 70¼; May 71¾; July 73¾c. $13 per ton. Potatoes, new southern, $1.45 per bu; old, 18c. Live Poultry—Spring chickens, 20c per lb; fowls, 10c; turkeys, 10c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 9c per doz. Butter, dairy, 16c per lb; creamery, 18c.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Unmistakable evidence of improvement comes in the general increase of commercial loans, mostly for merchandise, in great cities, though some well-known houses in the middle west are curtailing their credits, re-discounts from the south. Not for a long time have commercial loans been fully up to the whole. The distinct change gives proof that new business has been larger than many have supposed. The advance in merchandise imports to answer demands for half a year for some months involves a progress of exports when the anticipatory movement ends and crops begin to move, which fact renders large outgoes of gold less likely and gives the country a stronger position in international markets. Meanwhile there is a continuing increase, distinct though gradual, in the volume of business in demand for products of manufacture and, considering the time of year, a movement of grain.

Wetmore's book store at Ann Arbor was robbed of $200 in specie, jewelry, fountain pens, etc., amounting to about $100. No clue could be found by the officers until they discovered Henry Golz and Eddie Krug, aged 8 and 10 respectively, about the streets, showing some of the booty. They were arrested.

Rev. Jabez Snashall was killed by a street car while riding his bicycle at Grand Rapids. His funeral was held in Calvary Baptist church, Rev. C. W. Barker and seven other clergymen officiating.

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Four and one-third acres of land in the southeast corner of the village of Birmingham, with a frontage on Woodward avenue of 330 feet. Good house, small barn, grapes, peaches, etc., all ready to make some one a comfortable home with a chance to make money out of the very best strawberry land in the village. Electric railway to Detroit and Pontiac along the entire Woodward avenue front. Price $3,000. Terms easy. Don't whether you hold it or put it. Price very low and terms easy.

LOT 2.
Farm of 76 acres straight west of Birmingham. All plow land except 10 acres timber, very rich gravelly loam. Good barn 32x40 but will be moved. Fine orchard. Price $50 per acre. Terms $3,000 cash, balance on easy terms and long time. There is no better barley land in this section. Land not only inferior having been sold in the immediate neighborhood in the past two years for nearly double this price.

LOT 7.
A farm of one hundred acres within a mile and a half of the new Exchange Railway. Sixty acres cleared and under cultivation. Two barns and house in good repair. Insured for $1,200. Four acres of orchard all grafted trees. Two good springs furnishing an abundance of excellent water. Soil, a rich clay loam, price, $100, per acre. Land in the immediate neighborhood has been sold for nearly double the price asked for this place. The place is owned by Volney Goodwin, of Birmingham.

LOT 8.
We have had placed in our hands for sale one of the beautiful homes of pretty village is for sale. This place is handsomely located, and is finished with large maple trees, has ten large living rooms, all bedrooms with closets, good well and cistern. Cellar under whole house. Two-story house, wood-shed and all necessary outbuildings. Three lots 60x198 go with the place. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell for particulars.

LOT 9.
A farm of 66 acres within one and one-half miles of the village of Birmingham, in the township of Bloomfield. Fifty acres cleared, three acres excellent orchard and the balance in timber. Good house, barn and all necessary outbuildings in good repair. Never-failing spring of water running through the length of farm. One of the finest farms for grazing and stock raising that can be found. Owned by J. McCracken. Price $5,000. Terms easy.

LOT 10.
The farm known as the "Whaley Farm" in the township of Troy. It was awarded the first premium of many years ago as the best farm in the county of Oakland and there are none better to-day. The owner really wishes to sell and realizing that hard times are discouraged by us, has finally consented to put the farm in the hands for sale and has put the price down to $75 per acre. Finest flowing well in the country and never failing water. The best water all year round. One hundred and twenty-seven acres of land, fifty acres fine timber, fifty acres and maple, 4 acres orchard fine, grafted fruit trees, buildings, insured for $2,800. Terms, half cash, balance to suit. Or will exchange partially for Detroit property. You can't help but see this farm if you Come and see it.

LOT 12.
The Franklin Mills, situated at the village of Franklin, Oakland county. In one of the best farming countries in the state. The property includes house and lot and other buildings. Water power with old fashioned stone run for flour. Was formerly rented at $10.00 but owing to the poor health of the present owner it will be closed out at $5.00 which is remarkably low figure of $3,500, or will exchange for land or farm. At one time this mill had the largest patronage in the county and a hustling young man could soon bring it back to its former prestige and make it a remunerative investment. It is worth looking up a little and we will gladly answer all inquiries.

LOT 13.
Twenty acres of land adjacent to the little village of Big Beaver and about six miles from the village of Birmingham, with good house, barn and one of good orchard and everything ready for a man who wants a small farm to keep a cow, horse, a few chickens, etc. Price $60 per acre. Terms easy.

LOT 14.
Here's a chance for some one to make a little fortune in fruit. Ten acres adjoining—and that's what they are all looking after just now, too. Eleven acres bounded on the south by Harmon street, where the new electric railroad power plant is located to be erected, and on the west by Cemetery avenue, with a 60 foot street running north to intersect with Saginaw avenue. Some of the finest residences in Birmingham are in the immediate vicinity. The price now is $5,000 but we will make it a little lower figure if you buy from this date, (Jan. 15, 1898). This is, without a doubt, the cheapest land for acreage in the village. A good tile drain extends throughout the land and there is nothing in the way of platting the entire lot—and it is all of it—and see it and then if you are not satisfied with it—that's what we are here for.

LOT 15.
What better farming country could be found than the immediate vicinity of Birmingham? Where could you find a finer location for a good paying business only 30 miles from a city, right heavy road and doing a good business, and for sale at a price much lower than it was sold for before the roller process was put in, at cost of seven hundred dollars. The lowest cash price is $6,000 and half cash will do it. Or you can buy an undivided half interest free and clear for $3,000. The new mill is complete and all process consists of nine sets of rollers of the Geo. D. Smith pattern. The real estate consists of 40 acres and one-half acres and abundant water power, and the entire outfit will be sold as above, or will be exchanged for city property or a good farm. The property is in the Birmingham Mills and is owned by Jeremiah Jones, of Birmingham. We will be pleased to show you over the property at any time.

LOT 17.
The "Wooster Farm," 148 acres more or less, within one mile of Birmingham, Mich., the River Rouge runs through the farm. A beautiful farm, giving its owner the very finest, most coveted grazing lands, in the great state of Michigan. The best land for potatoes and grain raising in any section of the county. Well wooded, good large farm house, barns in sufficient number, good well, cistern and cellar. No better farm could ever be wished for, for a dairy farm or stock raising. We have placed this property a speedy sale at the price offered and will be greatly pleased at any time to visit the premises and show it thoroughly to anyone looking for a location.

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All the land advertised herein is in our hands and controlled by us exclusively. Those wishing to purchase will do well to call immediately, and it is not possible in any case to hold the property for any length of time after this you can from us. All the necessary papers will be drawn and sold at the office of parties interested and abstracts examined by attorneys, by a competent person, free of charge. Any of the above will be sold on the EXCHANGE PLAN or for cash, and your inquiries will be answered with pleasure and dispatch.

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