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It is said that seasickness is a sure remedy for pomposity.

The United States has decided not to annex the Cuban debt.

It's difficult to convince a schoolboy that history repeats itself.

Paradoxical though it may seem, an odd genius is a genius who is not odd.

The grandchild's voice will always be raised in defense of the mother-in-law.

Lots of men who make witty remarks are too dense to realize the fact.

The voice of the man popping the question has the true engagement ring.

It's well to "know thyself" and it's just as important not to give thyself away.

It's all well enough to be up to date, but it's foolish to borrow trouble ahead.

The revolts of intelligence are more dangerous than the insurrections of ignorance.

Solomon was the wisest man in his day, but then, of course, that was long before your time.

No matter how proud a girl may be of her family name, she's seldom averse to changing it.

It is said that the whisper of a beautiful woman can be heard farther than the loudest yell of duty.

Perhaps the periodical toper realizes that there are periods in his life at which he should come to a full stop.

Gen. Gomez is holding out stoutly against disbanding the Cuban forces, but perhaps he is open to propositions.

Some people fancy that they can discard the bridge of faith which spans the swift stream that separates time and eternity. In the chill atmosphere which their doubts produce, they make the attempts to cross on the thin ice of their own human creation. It is too thin, and the outcome of all human philosophy is well illustrated by the predicament of its unfortunate victims in the following scene.

If Li Hung Chang lives until next February he will be 76, so that it is hardly likely he will come into office again. If report be true, he is the richest man in the world, his colossal wealth dwarfing even that of the Astors and the Vanderbilts. It is, perhaps, the most remarkable testimony to his astuteness that through all the vicissitudes of his political career he has always managed to keep the imperial fingers off his "pile." Li is also a diplomat.

Lady Frederick Cavendish lately addressed a meeting for young women in England, and referred to government interference in "our great complicated labor market." What English statesman could better her simple affirmation: "I am sure there is more to be done for ourselves than can ever be done for us by any government, simply by trying, employers and employed alike, to act toward each other on the great Christian principles of truth, honesty, unselfishness and brotherly love."

The great drawback in Porto Rico is a lack of roads. There is only one good road on the island, and that is the military road extending from San Juan to Ponce, a distance of about 80 miles. This road is described as a marvel of engineering skill and one of the best roads to be found in the world. Other parts of the island are traversed by bridle paths or narrow roads in miserable condition. The telegraph system, which is operated in conjunction with the postal system, is a one-horse affair. It has been taken in charge by the American military authorities and is now operated separately from the postoffice.

According to the estimates of the treasury department the war with Spain since the outbreak of hostilities, April 21, has cost $187,529,941, or a fraction over $1,000,000 a day. The civil war cost $3,965,413,425, or an average of $1,685,156 a day. The largest amount paid out during a single day in the Spanish-American war was $4,110,000. This was just before Spain sued for peace. The next highest expenditures were $3,775,000. The daily expense of the war frequently rose above $2,000,000. The highest daily expenditure was sufficient to construct and equip a battleship of the size of the illfated Maine.

The independent voter has become to be a potent factor in city elections, and his influence will be still more potently exercised in future elections. He has no respect for what is known as "regularity," and takes no stock in the machine theory that to fail to "vote straight" is to destroy the purpose of the party. He sees that sustaining whatever the party bosses may propose leads to the betrayal of the party cause to say nothing of the party honor, quite as much as opposition to "regularity."

Trust France to find a way of letting go one horn or both horns of a dilemma. It was dangerous to persist that Dreyfus was guilty. It was equally dangerous to revise his case. So the court of cassation will decide "there was no treason," and the prisoner of Devil's Island will be free.

It is a chilly day when Ohio can not in some way attract attention to herself. Just at present the newspapers of that state are trying to make the country believe that gold has been discovered near Malvern.—Ex.

HOME NOTES.

THANKSGIVING.

Lord, for the erring thought
Not into evil wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will
Betrayed and baffled still;
For the heart from itself kept,—
Our thanksgiving accept.

For ignorant hopes that were
Broken to our blind prayer;
For pain, death, sorrow, sent
Unto our chastisement;
For all loss of seeming good,—
Quicken our gratitude.

—W. D. HOWELLS.

'Twas Indian summer.

A fine time at the party Thanksgiving night.

Bicycles were in vogue the fore part of the week.

See what R. H. Traver has to offer you this week.

The Senior social Friday evening was a glowing success.

The weather clerk has put in some good work this fall.

W. R. Alger, of Flint, is a guest of Mrs. E. F. Peabody.

Contractor Smith is very ill with pneumonia at this writing.

Harry Groves has accepted a position in M. Levinson's store.

The apple "dryer" at Farmington was recently evaporated by fire.

Watch out for the meteoric shower next Sunday evening, Nov. 27th.

TO RENT—A whole or part of a house. Mrs. Flora Beattie. 29t3*

Which place is to have electric lights first, Royal Oak or Birmingham?

Escar Hough spent Saturday and Sunday in Columbiaville and Lapeer.

Mrs. L. W. Allen, of Clarkston, is a guest of her brother, C. W. Bruce.

Miss Hattie Douglas, of Redford, spent last week with Miss Emma Young.

The children crowded in our primary school room would like more fresh air.

Dr. and Mrs. Shaw have been enjoying a visit with relatives at Dawn Mills, Ont.

All kinds of meat, fresh oysters, and vegetables at Geo. E. Duff's meat market.

Miss Ethol Parkinson, of Port Huron, is a guest of Miss Belle Ward this week.

Misses Delia Crosby and Sarah Ennis visited the Holly and Fenton schools last Friday.

Mrs. George Ford, of Highland Park, Sundayed at the home of Arthur Ford in Troy.

Miss Kittie Ash and Ed Whitfield of Pontiac, spent Sunday at the residence of Pinder Worth.

Rev. Eugene Allen lectured on Abraham Lincoln at Port Huron last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robt. Grandy, of Bad Axe, Michigan, was a guest at the home of I. N. Baker last week.

Mrs. Frank Peabody and daughter Miss Mae of Detroit, visited their many friends here Sunday.

Mrs. F. McHugh is still under the care of Dr. Raynale. Her niece, Miss Egan is taking care of her.

TO RENT—A pleasant sleeping room furnished and heated. Terms cheap. Enquire at this office. 26tf

The saying that "Dewey did it' can now be safely supplanted by the truism that "Pingree did it."

FOR SALE—A Cook Stove, at E. F. Waldo's, near schoolhouse. The Stove with reservoir only $5. 30t2

Look for Tom Cobb's ad in this issue. He welcomes you all to his "triangle" store, with bargains galore.

FOR SALE—Two new milch Cows, on the Hall Farm, one mile north of North Farmington postoffice. 29t2*

Fred Miller, wife and two children spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Smith.

Chas. Waterbury, wife and two children, of Highland, were guests of their cousin, T. B. Eldred, Saturday.

Revival services still continue at the Methodist church with increasing interest. Several conversions are reported.

E. J. Rockwell, an esteemed citizen of Pontiac, died last week after an illness of many months. Deceased was father of Oakland county's newly elected prosecuting attorney, K. P. Rockwell.

The parties that have been in the habit of violating the laws by breaking into a vacant house here in town and smashing things generally on the premises, had better cease it at once as they are known, and if repeated the law will be enforced.

Be sure and take advantage of the numerous bargains offered by Ernst Kern in Detroit this week. They are winners.

How many of our "ladies of wisdom" will attend the Old Maids Convention in Pontiac next week? Don't all speak at once.

If you wish to enjoy an evening just go to Mrs. Wm. Reynold's Wednesday evening, Nov. 30th, to the Lady Foresters' social.

Mrs. Pinder Worth will entertain the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church, Friday afternoon, Dec. 2d. No committee this month.

Holly people have already been enjoying a whirl with cutters and breathing in an exhilarating atmosphere of 10° above zero.

Regular meeting of the order of the Eastern Star next Wednesday evening, Nov. 29th. All members requested to be present.

W. R. Owen, of Pontiac, is talking to you again this week, and you all know that when he speaks he means something. See ad.

A good roads movement has been started at Holly and prominent business men are behind the project for improving the thoroughfares.

Miss Jeanette Beattie, who is attending the Business College in Detroit, was obliged to remain home this week on account of illness.

Why did it take Conductor Wright so long to don his coat one day recently? Were there valuables securely stowed away in his pockets?

Work on C. H. Schlaack & Co's new store is progressing rapidly and the hardware firm will be located in their new quarters in the near future.

Rev. Thompson, of the Pontiac Presbyterian church preached a very interesting sermon in the Presbyterian church here Wednesday evening.

The Tecumseh Herald is the latest Michigan paper to fall into the twice-a-week column, and is now issued Tuesday and Friday of each week.

One of the largest congregations ever seen in the M. E. church on Sunday evening was the one present to hear the Japanese student last Sunday.

Rev. F. S. Retan, of Detroit, will give the first lecture of the B. Y. P. U. course at the Baptist church Friday evening, Dec. 2d, commencing at 8 o'clock.

LOST—A lady's gold watch and short chain with locket containing red set attached. Finder please leave at Dr. C. M. Raynale's and receive reward.

It is said that by next season there will undoubtedly be a double street car track between Pontiac and Detroit. Work begun on the same at this point last week.

The Lady Foresters will give a social at the home of Mrs. Wm. Reynolds Nov. 30. All are cordially invited. Admission 10c and this includes a nice lunch.

A correspondent writes us that to cure insomnia "one should jump out of bed and stand on one's feet." Well, our people are not in the habit of standing upon their heads.

A new frame building to be used for storing freight and sand is being built on the power house grounds and will be quite an acquisition to the electric line equipments.

It might have been that marriages were made in heaven in the days of our forefathers, but nowadays they are mostly made by doting mothers and newspaper advertisements.

Henry Foot will sell at public auction on his premises in Big Beaver on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at one o'clock, one horse, wagon, and farm implements. Martin Blunt auctioneer.

Mrs. Emeline Richardson, Mrs. F. Packard and daughter Miss Alice left Tuesday for Flushing, to spend Thanksgiving. They will return home the first of next week.

Butter, bacon, beans and apples were lost off the trolley car last Saturday night, a basketful, and returned to the distracted owner the next Tuesday. Everybody happy.

A W. C. T. U. woman wonders how our good temperance men voted at our late election. Liquor sellers did not run behind their tickets and the prohibition candidate got 18 votes.

Miss Iva Bruce is home from the U. of M. for the Thanksgiving vacation. She was accompanied by her room-mate, Miss Kate Healey, of Iowa, and the young ladies are having a jolly time.

M. H. Blunt will sell for Mrs. Jas. Cromie on the premises, one-half mile south and two miles west of Warren on Thursday Dec. 1st, at one o'clock p. m., horses, cows, pigs, chickens, buggies, and farm implements. Sam. Martin will act as clerk.

Just before Rev. Augustus Marsh left for Grand Rapids he left a package for Wm. Cummings (a marriage certificate) which no doubt in the future might be very valuable to William and his descendants.

Everything goes at one-fourth off at Miss DeLancey's millinery store in Pontiac, beginning next Monday, and continuing for three days Now this is an opportunity to improve. Be sure and read ad.

HOUSE TO RENT—A commodious centrally located house in the best of condition, at the low price of $10 per month. City water and everything comfortable. Enquire of J. M. Clement, Birmingham. 29t3

Lieut. Purdy, 6th U. S. Inft., of San Antonio, Texas, was a guest of Capt. Bigelow over Sunday. Mr. Purdy is a hero of the late memorable battle at Santiago, having received two wounds in that affray.

In the B. Y. P. U. lecture course we will be privileged to hear five of the leading ministers of Detroit, also a concert given by the choir of the colored Baptist church. Family season ticket only 50 cents. Single admission 10 cents.

The Y. P. S. C. E., of this place, were very much enthused by the presence of the Endeavorers from Pontiac last Sunday, and our local society will most certainly accept their kind invitation to visit the Pontiac Y. P. S. C. E. at their earliest convenience.

Martin Blunt will sell for H. N. Lavery on the old Dan Barwise farm one mile north and 1 1-2 miles east of Amy, and two miles south and two miles west of Rochester, on Wednesday, Nov. 30th, at 10 o'clock a. m., horses, cattle, pigs, sheep, harnesses and wagons. Free lunch at noon for people and horses.

Long Meadow Stock Farm sold their imported Hackney stallion "Fandango" to F. C. Stevens, of Attica, N. Y., for $1,500. Breeders in this vicinity lose a valuable acquisition to stock by this transfer, and the Empire state gets a bargain. Manager Walker had photos taken of His Lordship before shipping; this noted equine away.

Please send some missionaries to the state of Michigan. The spirit of destruction is loose among us and every boy, and grown-up men, even, seem to want to kill every living creature. Song birds, squirrels, things that do no harm and things they do not eat. It seems to be just the pleasure of making things suffer. Cannibals could do no worse.

As we go to press on Wednesday, instead of Thursday, this week we can not give many events pertaining to Thanksgiving. Some of us enjoyed family reunions, others passed the day quietly at home, attending religious services, etc., while still others took in the matinees at Detroit, and most everybody seemed to enjoy an abundance of the good things of life.

Do you love buckwheat pancakes? Of course you do. But they are much better to eat if you serve whitehead & Mitchell's honey and maple syrup with them. Is it true honey and maple syrup mixed? No indeed if it was it would cost at least $1.50 per gal. This brand costs a trifle more than the common, but it is enough better. Are you interested? Read new advt. this week. It is very interesting.

Yes. Dennis McKinney left this region, as before stated, and, becoming tired of single blessedness, has taken unto himself a wife. The young lady's name was Miss Claude Maynard and the wedding occurred at the home of the bride in Livonia Centre, Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at 6:30. The young couple have the best wishes of many friends from this vicinity.

The editor of the Clarion was a very patient man. A startling crash from the direction of the composing room caused him to push his spectacles on his brow and cease writing. When he found that the boy had let the first page form fall on the floor, where it lay in an incoherent mass he shook his head reproachfully and exclaimed: "Lemuel, I do wish that you could manage to break the news more gently."

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Robes of Night, made of nice outing flannel in best of style, **75c to $1.89.**

Corset Covers, a varied assortment, at **25c each.**

Children (6 months to 6 year) Drawer Leggings, **50c, 89c, $1.00, $1.25.**

Fleece lined Wrapper Cloth, large assortment of patterns to choose from, **10c a yard.**

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BIG BEAVER.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Baldwin, Monday Nov 14, a daughter.

Mrs. J. W. Anderson left Saturday for a visit with friends in Canada.

Miss Fanny Smith commenced working for Mrs. Geo. Clark, Monday.

The Phonograph Recital given last Tuesday evening was a decided success.

Quite a number of people from Big Beaver attended quarterly meeting at Troy, Sunday.

The Helping Hand Society held their monthly meeting at the home of Bessie Robbins, on Saturday evening last.

Mrs. Cole of Jersey City, who has been the guest of her neice Carrie Bingham, returned to her home Sunday night.

Chicken pie social at the Red Ribbon Hall, Wednesday evening, Nov. 23. Supper 10 cents. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

C. S. Travis' mother, of Ohio, who has been visiting him for the past two weeks, returned to her home Monday morning.

A Bay View Reading Circle was organized on Monday evening last with ten members. Pres., C. M. Bingham; Leader, Anna Quick; Sec., B. R. Robbins; Treas., M. B. Anderson. They hold their first meeting at the home of Mrs. S. L. Robbins on Tuesday evening.

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