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ROYAL OAK. The cold weather makes the garden look sick.

Mrs. P. McBowen is seriously ill at present writing. The Ladies' Aid met at Rev. Ling's Wednesday last. Memorial services will be held in the M. E. church the Sunday evening before Decoration day.

BEYOND A DOUBT. This should encourage any Person to Try It.

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TRIOY.

The Farmers' Club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dennison in June. Mrs. Geo. Elliott entertained the Ladies' Reading Circle Saturday afternoon at 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Wm. Jennings is spending a few days in Pontiac with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank. Court 49 of F. A. of Troy, met in their new Court Saturday evening. Dr. Brownell, of Rochester has joined said Court.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jones have been the guests of Mrs. Jane Niss part of the week. They return to Appleton, Wis., in the near future.

The Arthur Jessup Wagner Memorial Association will unveil in the Crocker cemetery, on Decoration Day, at 2:30 p. m., a suitable monument dedicated to our Santiago hero. Program as follows: Invocation, Rev. Clark; choruses, Battle Hymn of the Republic; unveiling of the monument by president of society, Mrs. Elliott; declaration of monument by the vice president, Miss Niss; Eulogy, by a friend; singing; recitation by Miss Mickle, of Farmers' Creek; firing of military salute; Taps by Bugler; benediction. Friends and friends kindly invited to bring flowers. Everybody welcome.

CLAWSON. Nick Mooney has gone sailing. G. W. Hunt has purchased a new windmill.

The dance at Sam Cromie's proved a grand success. Mrs. Myron Bailey visited Troy relatives Monday. Mrs. A. P. Baell, of Detroit, visited several friends here last week.

COUNTY LINE. Geo. H. Paine has planted 2,900 plum trees on his farm.

Mrs. Banner has bought a horse and lot from G. W. Hoard. Joe Bleakley is able to break out calling on old friends again.

Both saloons at Warren are running, having taken out licenses. C. Evans is drawing brick for G. W. Hoard's new store at Warren.

The County Line school has raised a poplar about fifty feet high. Wagon fleets, have the new mill at Warren shod and roofed all with steel. Parties are boring a well for them.

Danger Signals! Do you take cold with every change in the weather? Does your throat feel sore? Are your joints aching and your chest tight? Don't you know these are danger signals which point to pneumonia, bronchitis, or consumption? If you are ailing and have lost flesh lately, they are certainly danger signals. The question for you to decide is, "What line of vitality to throw out of your disease?" Don't wait to try SCOTT'S EMULSION "as a last resort." There is no remedy equal to it for fortifying the system. Prevention is easy.

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HON. THOMAS B. REED.

HIS CAREER AS LAWYER AND STATESMAN. Was 21 years in Congress--retired to the Practice of Law with a New York Firm--Assured an Enormous Income from His Law Practice.

Speaker Thomas Brackett Reed's resignation from the Congress of the United States created a furor in national political circles. His long service in congress made him a figure of prominence in political history. When 21 years of age he graduated from Bowdoin College. One year afterward he became a law student. In 1864 he was appointed acting assistant postmaster of the United States navy, and in 1866, having been admitted to the practice of law with a New York firm, he was a member of the Maine legislature in 1868, 1869, and 1870, and in 1872 was made attorney general. For the four years following he was city prosecutor of Portland. At this time he aspired to congress, and in 1875 was sent to Washington, where he has remained through almost each successive session of congress.



He has now become the head of the law firm of Simpson, Brackett & Harman of New York. The speaker is said to have been assured an income of at least \$50,000 a year, an emolument equal to that of the president of the United States, from insurance companies alone. He will continue to act as referee for the several insurance corporations in which he has been recently acting, and friends say that his income may yet amount to \$100,000 annually.

INTERVIEW WITH STRAUSS.

The waltz king, Johann Strauss, has been interviewed by a woman. He G. W. Hunt has purchased a new windmill. The dance at Sam Cromie's proved a grand success. Mrs. Myron Bailey visited Troy relatives Monday. Mrs. A. P. Baell, of Detroit, visited several friends here last week. Miss Mauld Starr is visiting Mrs. R. Henderson, Piquette Ave., Detroit. Pleased to see our old friend Joe Bleakley in Birmingham one day last week. James McBride entertained some wheelmen friends from Detroit Sunday. It is reported that John Robinson has sold his farm to A. Bowman, of Detroit. Libbie Prickett of Old Point Comfort, Virginia, is coming back to Michigan to live. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hart, of Detroit, visited at Henry and Azel Blair's Sunday last. Ralph Bailey and his mother entertained about 45 members of the Farmers' Club Wednesday last week. James McClure wheeled to Detroit Sunday to spend the day with his aunt, Mrs. Fred White, Milwaukee Ave., where he was surprised to find a number of friends awaiting him to eat dinner on the island.

As the conversation drifted to Wagner, Strauss said: "I believe that I am the very oldest Wagnerite now living, and was one of the first. I introduced his music in Vienna in the overture to 'Tannhauser.' Fifty years ago the full score was sent to me, as it was to all of the other musical directors, and I looked it over. Difficult, it seemed to me the devilish difficult, so I at first arranged for a detailed rehearsal. Then I had the orchestra to come to my house and put them into two rooms there. After several attempts we played the overture through.

"My mother, who loved music, but did not understand very much about it--she could only play the guitar a little--came into the room suddenly and said: 'Well, Johnny, what was that you played just now? It was remarkably nice music; it stirred me strangely! That was the first Viennese criticism on Wagnerian music.'

"When Vienna's next concert in the Volksgarten we played the overture to 'Tannhauser' for the first time, its effect was wonderful, for we had to repeat the very oldest Wagnerite now living. As he said this the waltz king's brown eyes shone brightly, and he tossed his head in the air, his right hand and left arm strong, he looked hardly 50 years old.



JOHANN STRAUSS. "Then he added: 'But I am becoming a 'moose-bald.' I am growing crabbed. It is old age, yes, old age!'"

A British Cable. Plans are far advanced for the construction of a Pacific cable by Great Britain and her colonies. The projected route, with the landing stations all on British territory, is from Vancouver and Piquette Ave., Detroit, to Norfolk Island, and thence to Queensland and New Zealand. The estimated cost is from \$7,500,000 to \$9,000,000. The four Australian colonies concerned have volunteered to become responsible for four-ninths of the cost, and the remaining five-ninths will be divided equally between Great Britain and Canada.

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FACTS AND FIGURES.

Blind men outnumber blind women by two to one. Croesus, of ancient times, possessed about 200,000,000. A pound of phosphorus is sufficient to tip 1,000,000 matches. Three pints of liquid a day is sufficient for the average adult. The average person weighs nearly fourteen pounds of clothing. Fifteen thousand persons are employed in making violins in Germany. Pomer has been forbidden in Vienna, on the ground that it is a game of chance.

No fewer than 14,000 Italians have made their homes in the Swiss canton of Zurich.

The annual export of codfish from Newfoundland is about 1,350,000 hundredweight.

Acres of ground around Sandringham are devoted to the cultivation of lilies of the valley.

There are four sovereigns and nine nobles apparent among the fifty-seven descendants of Queen Victoria.

Seven hundred and sixty-seven tons of Russia, weighing 550 pounds, were sold in Berlin recently for 20 cents a pound.

There are seven admirals of the fleet in the British navy on the active list, ten admirals, twenty vice admirals and thirty-five rear admirals. There are also 190 captains, 285 commanders and 32 lieutenants.

Jingling bells for cycles and numerous other purposes are mounted on the ends of bell springs, the inner ends being attached to a hand or clip fastened on the moving objects, to be rung by the jar and motion.

There has been discovered in India a strange plant which possesses astonishing magnetic power. The hand touching it immediately receives strong magnetic shock, while at a distance of twenty feet a magnetic needle is deflected.

The oldest university in the world is at Peking. It is called the "School for the Sons of the Empire." Its antiquity is very great, and a gigantic register, consisting of five columns, 250 in number, contains the names of 60,000 graduates.

The Sunday school class has just finished singing "I want to be an angel and walk with the angels stand," when the teacher, observing that one of the boys had not contributed his voice to swell the sacred refrain, said: "And you, Johnny, 'Ye'll m' answer Johnny," but not right away. He'd rather be a baseball player a good deal first."

Tommy, aged 4, wanted to sit at the dinner table one day, when company was present, but was sent away with the remark that his whiskers weren't long enough for him to sit there. He was given his dinner at a small table by himself and while he was eating, a pet cat came purring about him. "Oh, go away," said Tommy. "Your whiskers are big enough to eat at the company table."

PERSONALS. C. P. Huntington has made a gift of \$12,000 to the Negro Reformatory of Virginia.

Mrs. Julia D. Grant has agreed to attend the unveiling of the Grant statue in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, on April 27.

Zola is said to be miserable at Bourneville, England. He says he cannot eat the English beef and hates the climate and the people.

It is proposed to erect a statue at Norwich, England, in memory of Sir Thomas Browne, the author of "Religio Medici," and "Utriusque Bursarum." The memorial is to be placed near the house where he died in 1628.

It is rumored that ex-Senator and General M. C. Butler of South Carolina, who now lives in Washington, has purchased a residence at Cloud's Mill, on the Little river turnpike, a few miles west of Alexandria, Va.

Col. Duncan M. Hood, commander of the Houlgin district of Santiago province, is the youngest officer of his rank in the army, and he is selected young men as officers of his regiment so far as the eligible list would permit. Col. Hood is a son of the confederate general of that name.

Miss Bradton is still, by the age of 32, as industrious as ever, and a new novel, "The Infidel," which has been promised for publication soon, makes it sure that 1899 will not go by without a novel from her pen. Her first novel, when she began to publish in 1867, form, she has skipped only two years.

Now, if Spain will make an effort to be neighborly, we will be able to give her numerous valuable pointers on the art of successful government.

Little 4-year-old Mabel was playing one day when she accidentally struck her head on a chair. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed, "I've hitted my arm right where it makes me feel like I could see stars in my fingers!"