

ALLOVER

Joe Bowers is on the gain.
Fred Parks is on the gain.
Byron Dawson of Troy is on the sick list.
Mack Chaffield spent Christmas with relatives in Sterling.
Mrs. Coos, of Pontiac, recently visited Mrs. G. W. Wilson.
James McFarland and family of Southfield spent Christmas with relatives in Delray.
Stephen Chaffield, of Troy, gave a Christmas dinner to relatives from Detroit.
Mrs. Effie Dawson and daughter, of Detroit were recent guests of her aunt in Troy.
Mrs. Core Knight, of Ypsilanti spent last Saturday with her sister, Frank Hill.
Louis Stumpf and family of Royal Oak, spent Christmas with Francis Rook in Troy.
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Moore, of Sterling, entertained relatives from Warren, Christmas.
Wm. Harrison and family, of Troy, took Christmas dinner with his mother on the Town Line.
Mrs. C. Stump and son Ray of Troy spent last Saturday with her son in the hospital in Detroit.

Dave Blakely, of Troy, spent last Saturday with his brother James in the hospital at Orion. Mr. Blakely is doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Silas Logan, of Troy, entertained last night their daughter Mrs. Theopson and husband of Detroit, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Fisher Christmas.
A Log Cabin school with Christie Hunt as solicitor and with the aid of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Floyd Hunt raised money enough to present State Bean of Clawson a fine pair of skates and some money.
On their return from church last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Halsey had quite a surprise awaiting them. Their children had prepared the dinner and the table set with a beautiful set of dishes, a gift from the children.

I say never mind Melchior regarding Rondo or his faithful friends who will work on minding their own business and trust in their Savior. The bell will ring clear enough for you and the rest to hear when Rondo succeeds.

R. D. NO. 1

Lott Cavanaugh and wife entertained relatives for Christmas.
Halsey Stephens and family took Christmas dinner at the Fairview farm.
Gas Shultz and family at Christmas dinner with father and mother.
Mr. and Mrs. Lew Fitzhugh entertained friends from Detroit for Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson had all of the family at the Old Homestead for Christmas.
Vol-vey Nixon remembered the R. F. D. boys with a nice dish and a pair of gloves each.
Conley St. Clair is keeping bachelor's hall, and he is a dandy cook.—see says R. R. Carrier No. 1.
Mr. and Mrs. Zigler and family of Howell, Mich. were the guests of her brother, L. J. Haack for Christmas.
Mrs. R. J. St. Clair started from the Two Oak farm to visit her mother and sister at St. Johns last Saturday for holidays.

George L. Henning is at home from Agricultural College Lansing, for the holidays. "Home, sweet home," says George.
Elmer Haack is helping to distribute Christmas mail at Detroit P. O. during the holidays. He is a hustler as a substitute 18 to 20 hours per day.
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson had part of their family home for a good Christmas dinner and everybody did justice to the pumpkin pie that mother made.
J. M. Henning entertained for Christmas dinner the following relatives: William Bell and family of Romo; Dr. McCauley of Pontiac and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cannon.
Now the R. R. boys were all beautifully remembered this Christmas by all of their patrons. Now the boys wish to thank all the donors for their many gifts, and wish all Prosperity with a big "M" for 1912.

FRANKLIN

Mrs. S. G. Foreman was a caller at the Sly farm on Christmas day.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Colby and son spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinnicut, of Willis.
Turner Broughton, who is attending the Agricultural college, is the guest of his parents for the holidays.
Mrs. Mattie Cummings has returned from Holly and is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. N. T. Shaw, of Birmingham.
The oyster dinner and annual bazaar given by the Ladies' Aid society at the hall on Saturday, Dec. 16, was very successful. The program was much enjoyed and in spite of bad weather and roads there was a good attendance and every one had a good time.
The treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Wood, reported net receipts from the table (after deducting \$5 for rent of hall) to be \$18,920, from sale of aprons and fancy work \$11,900, from sale of quilt \$8, from sale of candy popcorn, etc., \$4,500. Total net receipts for the day \$41,980.

News of Yesterday

By E. J. EDWARDS

Urged Mexican Railways

Gen. William S. Rosecrans, Who Was Minister to Mexico After Civil War, Was Largely Responsible for Their Development.

No soldier who had served with prominence in the Civil war and who was afterwards elected a member of congress ever attracted more attention from the galleries than did Gen. William S. Rosecrans, "Old Rosie," as his soldiers called him, when he entered the house of representatives in 1881. He had as a colleague Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, with whom he was on most friendly terms, and in the senate were Gen. John A. Logan and Ambrose B. Burnside, and a little later, Gen. William Mahone. Rosecrans was the personification of sincerity, of perfect democracy, and he had as so many great soldiers have, a distinctive quality of innocence, almost childlike in its simplicity.

At the time General Rosecrans became a member of congress a great deal of discussion was prevailing as to the practicability of constructing a ship railway across the Tehuantepec isthmus of Mexico, in order to do away with the long voyage around the Horn. The plan had been advocated by Capt. James H. Eads, who had gained an international reputation as an engineer partly through the construction of the Eads bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis and partly through his successful building of the trolley system near the mouth of the Mississippi, which resulted, in the long-desired deepening of the river's channel. Before General Rosecrans entered congress he had been minister to Mexico, and he was very much interested in Captain Eads' plan for a ship railway across the Tehuantepec isthmus, and at the first opportunity he introduced a bill which he would tell me whether he thought Eads' plan was practicable or not.

I have no doubt that the practicability of the construction of a ship railway across the Tehuantepec isthmus," he said, with emphasis. "It isn't a very difficult scheme from an engineer's point of view. All that would have to be done would be to build a railroad of six tracks that could accommodate platform cars; then the ships could be hauled from the Atlantic harbor by an incline to the Pacific side. And vice versa. The only trouble with Eads' plan is that it would cost a great deal of money."

There never yet existed a mountain chain through which somewhere or other passes could not be found. For some time after it ceased being minister to Mexico I stayed in the country and agitated the railway development of the republic. I believe that it was the first man in the world to propose government officials adequate railway development of the Mexican republic, and I have no doubt that before I could get my plans well under way business reasons called me to California. I am opposed to war under any, as regards a central railway, though I am not to reap any material benefits from it. And I venture to make a prediction to you that within the next fifteen or twenty years a true transcontinental line will be built across the Tehuantepec isthmus, and when it is, Mexico's progress as a commercial nation will be magnificently advanced.

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He Was Faithful to Burke

Rufus Choate Owed His Manner of Thought and His Style to Chief Student of the Master of English.

When Rufus Choate, universally conceded to be one of the greatest of American lawyers and orators, and a most brilliant exponent of the classics and English literature and history, entered Dartmouth college in 1815, Rev. Dr. Alvan Bond, who was for nearly forty years pastor of a Congregational church at Norwich, Conn., and in his day one of the foremost champions of his denomination, was a tutor at Dartmouth.

class conversation with him one day he remarked that, greatly as he admired Milton and Bacon, and facilitated as he was by Shakerly, the earnest he thought that in some things, especially in his command of the English language, Burke was the superior of both prophets and poets.

"Choate was graduated from Dartmouth shortly after I finished my tutorage there and entered the ministry in the same year. I remember him after that until he had gained a reputation both as a lawyer and as an orator, though I had looked for him to take up literature and teaching, probably in Dartmouth. Then, one day, in reading a speech that he had delivered, I was struck with the thought that he had been influenced in his manner of thought and his style by a close study of Burke. Instantly I began to think of the remark that Rufus Choate, when a college lad, had made to me about Burke. Since then I have read speech after speech of his, and I have made it plain to me that as a man, he has been faithful to his boyhood admiration for Edmund Burke. And perhaps the best reason for this is that he is so great an orator, so wonderful a master of the English language, that I have been able to see that his father had told me of this talk with Dr. Bond it became known to me that Rufus Choate, at the time his cousin, Joseph H. Choate, formerly ambassador of Great Britain, was beginning the study of law, wrote to the latter these words: "Remember that these four are the great minds of England: Shakespeare, Bacon, Milton and Burke. And remember, also, that of these Burke is not the least."

"A little later I discovered that he was reading a great gift for the Latin classic, young Choate was a precocious reader of the English classics. I remember that in a casual conversation with him one day he remarked that, greatly as he admired Milton and Bacon, and facilitated as he was by Shakerly, the earnest he thought that in some things, especially in his command of the English language, Burke was the superior of both prophets and poets.

Some weeks after the close of the "HARD BATTLE FOR THE DOG" sport killed the Big Bob Cat, but He Suffered Severely in the "ombata."

State Will Own Reelfoot

Disputed Property Which Was the Scene of a Tennessee Tragedy Will Be Disposed Of.

"The state of Tennessee is going to buy Reelfoot, and convert it into a reservation for the pleasure and benefit of the people," said R. J. Strayer of Memphis, according to the Baltimore American.

"Reelfoot lake, you will remember, was not long ago the scene of a tragedy of national wide interest, a tragedy of blood in Ohio county, in northwestern Tennessee, not far from the Kentucky line, some thirty miles long and in part of it, which was prior to the Lisbon earthquake of 1811, and is believed to have originated in the seismic disturbances of that year. The lake was and the farmer folk of the surrounding country went to the lake to take out bass, perch, blue and gold sunfish, with which it was watered. The idea that there was any private ownership was never given a thought; it was as free as the air of the heavens and any man who walked to fish could help himself.

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"But there came a change. Shrewd lawyers, some of them the heirs of the owners of the land prior to the time it had been covered by water. There were still headlands and jutting points by which the old property was being subdivided. The courts confirmed the titles thus established and so the lake came to be owned by a number of people who had purchased the property for a song. The owners, seeing a chance for revenue, issued notices that public fishing must cease, and that those who continued to take fish must pay for the privilege. This edict created a furor of indignation on the part of the people of the lake, and the years before them had taken fish at their pleasure and no monetary fee was levied could come in and change the old order of things.

"So they laughed the notice to scorn, fished as of yore and the trouble arose. Judge Rankin and Judge Taylor, two well known and high class lawyers, went into the Reelfoot to enforce the decree against the poaching on behalf of their clients. A mob formed, seized both men in their boats, killed Rankin, and would have killed Taylor, who made a miraculous escape from the frenzied lynchers. This, however, is a matter of history, but the fact is that the state has before itself the disputed property and no further troubles can arise."

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HARD BATTLE FOR THE DOG Sport Killed the Big Bob Cat, but He Suffered Severely in the "ombata."

After a battle in which he came near meeting death himself, Sport, a medium sized rough dog, the property of W. M. Butterbaugh, a rancher living in Le Roy, Mich., had had a bob cat that measured six feet from nose to tip of tail.

"I have always liked Matt Quay personally," said Senator Frye. "I know that I first knew of him. I must confess that I knew that he was a 'fetter' farther in political management than I was willing to go when I was chairman of the Republican state committee in Maine; you may remember that I succeeded Blaine as chairman of that committee. However, that is neither here nor there; what I want to say to you now is that Quay gained my unbounded respect and admiration when he appeared before the sugar committee and in reply to the question whether he had not been speculating in sugar securities frankly and bluntly told the committee that he had. It is my opinion that there is today not a man in that great assembly who is more enterprising than Quay a higher feeling of respect because he had the courage to tell the truth and to be unflinching than he ever felt for his former.

"And I was to add," went on the man who was for so many years president pro tem. of the senate, and throughout his long public career was greatly esteemed by the public for his integrity, of purpose and character. "I want to add that it made me at heart to see several specimens go before that committee and deliberately perjure themselves, though they knew as well that members of the other senate were fully aware that they had been speculating in sugar. I have yet been able to get rid of the feeling that this is one of the most pitiable exhibitions ever made of the sort of depravity which men who are in politics and who are seeking to make money at the same time are so likely to sink into."

England's Coal Fields. A French author, M. Loye, has again brought up the question of the probable duration of the British coal fields. Assuming that the property and jobs of Great Britain depend upon her supply of coal he thinks that "the coal of Britain is due within the present century. The date of the year 1950 for the complete exhaustion of the attainable supply of coal in the British Isles."

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Do Away With the Blues. Mixing Paint. Well, now, when all is said and done, after you recovered from that little thing called "the blues," just as it is the proper thing for inaugurating the Blythe-ism, anyone else, any good to have it vertiginous to make it bright, and green to see what happens?—Atlantic.

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