

PERSONAL POINTERS

Brief Mention of Culverites and Their Friends Who Have Come and Gone

PLEASANT ITEMS OF GOSSIP PERTAINING TO PEOPLE

Gathered From Many Sources for Readers of The Citizen.

L. C. Wiseman and family spent Christmas day in Argos.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Hahn will spend Christmas at Bremen.

Bert Ziuk of Mishawaka was calling on Culver friends Monday.

Miss Edna Hayes of Canton, Ill., is spending Christmas week with the home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. church have gone to Chicago and Kokomo to spend the holidays.

Earl Zochiel has returned from Lafayette where he has been at work for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miltenberger of South Bend were Sunday visitors at C. G. Replegle's.

Odie Stahl has gone to Ohio to spend Christmas with her uncle, Joseph Stahl, and Mrs. Klopfenstein.

Mrs. L. B. Simcox and daughter Delight will spend Christmas and the week or two following in Marion and Wabash.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Swigart of Logansport are Christmas visitors of Mrs. Swigart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Than Gandy. Otto and Wil-

Ernest Chester, Cromley, Esther Stahl and Will Bea are home for a good old Christmas time.

Mrs. Ida Johnson of South Bend and A. L. Porter and family of Plymouth spent Christmas with the family of D. A. Bradley.

George Davis and family and Mrs. George Rennells spent Sunday with Floyd Clemons and family three miles east of Leiter's.

The families of I. S. Hahn and W. M. Hand took a sleigh ride to Twin Lakes and spent Sunday with the family of H. W. White.

O. T. Goss and family are in Bremen celebrating Christmas. Mr. Goss returns Thursday night, but his wife and daughter will remain until Saturday.

J. F. Starkey of Anderson, Ind., division passenger and freight agent of the Indiana Union Traction company, was in town last week on business for the Logansport-Indianapolis line.

Rev. Mr. Nicely will join his wife at Jamestown, Ind., for Christmas. Mrs. Nicely, who has been visiting in Jamestown since the first of last week, will return to Culver Saturday with Mr. Nicely.

Rev. Mr. Walmer and family will go to Bremen to spend Christmas at a family reunion with Mrs. Walmer's parents, and will go from there to South Haven to spend New Year's with Mr. Walmer's mother, brothers and sister.

CHURCH NEWS.

Items Pertaining to the Work of the Local Organizations.

There will be preaching at the M. E. church next Sunday evening.

Rev. Mr. Nicely has just closed a series of meetings at Monterey which resulted in five accessions to the church. Mr. Nicely was assisted in this work by Miss Laura B. Cline of Frankfort, an evangelist, and Miss Nellie Guley of Indianapolis, an especially fine singer.

Removal.

I will remove my dental office to the new bank building about Jan. first. 12 N. S. NORRIS.

To Rent—Three rooms over Citizen. Newly decorated and warm.

SUPERVISORS.

Many Duties which New Law Imposes on Road Officers.

The road supervisors elected recently are allowed sixty days' time in a year at \$2 per day to work out the poll and land tax and perform other duties. Supervisors are under the direction and subject to the orders of the trustee.

To qualify requires a \$500 bond. Any person elected and refusing to qualify can be fined \$5, excepting old supervisors, who cannot be forced to serve a term, and a person cannot be fined if he cannot give bond.

Voters under 50 years of age must work two or four days each year in the spring time, under orders of the supervisor, unless excused on account of being physically unable to work and too poor to hire a man to do the work.

Supervisors must warn each owner of land and personal property to work or pay cash. One warning is all the supervisor is required to give and if the party does not respond he can be made to pay the tax in cash.

Supervisors are to keep animals off roads in townships where they are not permitted to run at large. They are required to take up animals upon "view" or "information," or they can be fined. Supervisors can collect from owners of stock taken up \$1.50 a head, which is extra to their salary.

Supervisors must see that all dead animals are buried or burned.

Supervisors must see that the rural mail routes are kept free from snow and obstructions.

Supervisors are to keep bridges and culverts in safe condition for public travel.

Supervisors are to see that weeds are cut along the roads and Canada thistles destroyed.

Supervisors are to drag the roads when possible.

Supervisors are liable on their bond for damage resulting from neglect of duty.

Supervisors knowing of dogs that have "worried, chased or killed sheep," must see that the dogs are killed or the dog's owner is arrested, provided that the owner of such dogs will not kill them after proof of their guilt has been made to him.

Fact versus Fright.

The crops of 1907 are valued at \$7,000,000,000, and the mineral output at \$2,000,000,000 more, an increase of 200 per cent in ten years, says the General Merchants' Review. For three years past the immigration from foreign lands has been over 1,000,000 a year, while the increase of the native population has been very great. The wealth of the United States is now \$120,000,000,000, which is more than the combined wealth of England and France.

Those who take a gloomy view of the outlook for business in the United States, says James W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, should ponder these facts: While the United States has only 5 per cent of the world's population, it produces 20 per cent of its wheat, 25 per cent of its gold, 33 per cent of its coal, 35 per cent of its manufactures, 38 per cent of its silver, 40 per cent of its iron, 42 per cent of its steel, 52 per cent of its petroleum, 55 per cent of its copper, 70 per cent of its cotton, and 80 per cent of its corn.

And yet the producing possibilities of the country are beyond calculation. In agriculture millions of acres of fertile land remain untouched, while the rapid and steady growth of the oil, coal and mining industries demonstrates the inexhaustible wealth that lies beneath the soil.

With such a country and such a people why, indeed, should prosperity not continue?

PUBLIC SCHOOL ITEMS

Half-Year Session Closes With a Good Record—Christmas Exercises in All the Rooms.

School has closed for one week's vacation.

Report cards were given out last week.

There has been very little trouble this year with cold rooms.

Mr. Grayson and Miss Downing have gone home to spend vacation.

The high school basket ball team will play Bremen here New Year's afternoon.

Supt. Hahn was judge on an oratorical contest between the high schools of Starke county at Knox Friday night.

Attendance for the term this far has been good; punctuality on the part of some could be improved. Parents should see that their children are on time during the short winter days as well as the longer spring days.

Each of the teachers received

several nice presents from their pupils Friday as expressions of good will. The teachers also, by the aid of the janitor, succeeded in halting Santa at the school building long enough to secure a sack for each pupil, and school closed with amity and general good cheer. The rooms below the high school had no special program to which visitors were invited, but each departed from their regular work and gave such exercises as were suited to instill a true Christmas spirit. In the high school a program consisting of orations on some phase of Christmas, recitations, special songs, instrumental music, and the Star was given by the Lew Wallace club. A number of visitors were present and the program was interesting throughout.

Railroad Time Tables.

How often during the past year, have you looked into a newspaper expecting to find the railroad time tables in its columns and been disappointed and inconvenienced? The reason for the newspapers not publishing time tables is that the railroads will not pay for the work. Thus the patrons of the roads are allowed to find out as best they can the information to which they are entitled. The legislatures should pass a law requiring the railroad companies to keep their time tables in every newspaper on their respective lines. The expense would not be prohibitive, by any means. For instance, in Marshall county, it would cost the Vandalia about \$3 per month. Neither the Pennsylvania, Lake Erie & Western nor the Nickel Plate would pay more. Nearly the entire population of the county would thus be kept informed of train connections, and in case of changes of time the information would be valuable. We suspect that the railroads are actuated by a feeling of retaliation against the public in return for they regard as hostile legislation.

A First-class Concert.

The Merrill Concert company is one of the best troupes that visit Indiana. It consists of a cornetist, violinist, pianist and reader. Each member is an artist in his line and they will give a concert that will highly please the lovers of good music and reading in Culver. The company could not have been secured for Culver, but owing to an open Saturday night date they made a price that was within our reach. We trust everyone interested in good entertainments will attend this one, at 8 o'clock, Saturday night, Jan 4, in the school auditorium. Reserved seats can be secured at Slattery's drug store. The concert is in the interest of the school.

NORTH BEND NOTES.

Mrs. Jane Castellan, Correspondent.

No sickness to speak of in our locality; people cheerful and busy.

Ray Mitchell and wife are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Casper.

Harry James and family and Joseph Sellers and family are visiting at the home of George Sellers.

Mary Blachki, teacher of school No. 4, went to her home in North Judson to spend the holidays with parents and friends.

Mrs. Lavina Wagner has returned from Logansport where she has been visiting at the home of her son-in-law, John Romig.

Mr. Klott and men have been working on the piece of gravel road running west from Clay street. They will have it completed in another day.

Mail Order House Indicted.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the great Chicago mail order house, must stand trial in the federal court at Des Moines, says the Leader of that city, on charges of using the United States mails to defraud. An indictment containing three counts was returned against the firm by the federal grand jury. The penalty upon conviction will be a fine of \$500 on each count.

The first count charges that on June 13 the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring, 231 Utica building, Des Moines. On that date a letter was mailed to him in which the following statements were made:

"All our paints contain white lead made in our own great paint factory under the supervision of the finest paint experts. They have given universal satisfaction, and we are to place them over the most liberal guarantee, which you are doubtless familiar with."

As a matter of fact, so the indictment sets out, Sears, Roebuck & Co. did not manufacture paint in its own factory. Its paint was not of the highest grade and was not equal to any ready mixed paint on the market, regardless of price, as advertised in its catalogue. Furthermore, the paint did not contain white lead, so the indictment charges.

R. H. Miles, rural route No. 1, Des Moines, is the victim named in the other two counts of the indictment. On May 25 Mr. Miles ordered a ring advertised in the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogue to contain four pearls and four sapphires. The ring that he received did not contain either pearls or sapphires and was materially inferior in quality to the ones described in the catalogue.

On May 6 Mr. Miles ordered another ring advertised to contain twelve pearls and two rubies. The ring he received contained neither pearls nor rubies. Both the catalogues and the rings were sent through the mails, making the alleged misrepresentation a violation of the federal statutes regarding the use of the mails.

New Real Estate Agency.

Seeley Bros. have rented the building adjoining the Citizen office and will open a real estate office. These gentlemen have had experience in handling real estate and are in touch with people who desire to come into this section and locate. An active real estate agency can accomplish a great deal to develop a town, and we may expect to see results from the efforts of the new firm.

A telling... about the... ing a kraut factory... its accruing to growers.

He said that Clyde... large kraut factories, and the... huge growing industry is a great income to the town, the payment for cabbage and help frequently exceeding \$200,000 per year. In addition to cutting the cabbage into kraut they process it, and prepare it for the market by both barreling it and canning it. About 40 hands are employed at each factory during the fall and early winter season.

But the most interesting feature was the description of cabbage raising. It is cultivated like corn, the setting out of the plants being the most tedious work of the crop. They plant 7,000 plants to the acre. About 70 per cent of these grow into solid cabbage, and the yield is 8 to 20 tons per acre. The price ranges from \$3 to \$9 per ton, \$4 to \$5 being the average price, early cabbage usually selling for the highest price. The cabbage is cut off the stalks in the field and gathered up and hauled to the factory.

A factory building and equipment cost something like \$10,000 and at Clyde the banks furnish the money to carry on the business, the season for buying and marketing being comparatively short—three or four months each year. Such a factory would take care of a crop from 150 to 250 acres. Each farmer, he said, in the beginning should put out not to exceed three acres, but after he learns how some plant 15 acres. The banner crop he knows of this year was cabbage from 15 acres selling for \$915.

The Well-Kept Farm.

The well kept farm is a joy to the community in which it is located. Every man is proud of it, for the community does not live by itself. Every farm is an example to every farmer, and the man that keeps up his own farm spurs other men on to keep up their farms. A newly painted farm house makes the unpainted farm house next to it appear more shabby than it is. The man who keeps up his farm is wise.—Farmer's Review.

Masonic Election.

The following officers of Henry H. Culver lodge, 617, A. F. and A. M., have been elected: W. M.—Frank Joseph. S. W.—Chas. McGaffey. J. W.—William Riggins. Treas.—D. A. Bradley. Secretary—N. S. Norris. S. D.—E. J. Bradley. J. D.—John Osborn. S. S.—Simon Hatten. J. S.—Henry Buckheister. Tyler—George Groves.

OAK GROVE DAIRY.

The revivals are still in progress at Antioch. Did you hear the wedding bells on Christmas eve? The "jolly four" attended church at Ora one night last week. Harvey Good of Rochester visited old-time friends here Sunday. Lola and Benj. Kessler attended church at Ora Sunday evening. The Jordan boys and Gust Fell called on John Borg Sunday evening.

Several of our lads and lassies attended the box social at Ora on Saturday night.

Our school is closed during holidays and the larger boys are making the cotton-tails feel scarce.

Willie Cox has purchased a Portland... allow notice that the sleigh... to North Union quite frequently. Wonder why?

Let The Citizen do your printing, and you will get the best.

Note Book News for Past Seven Days.

—J. W. Riggins has bought Pettis barber shop.

—Ed Bradley has opened bowling alleys at the Maxinkuce club house.

—John Blain of Plymouth Friday night. His wife died a week previous.

—There was skating on the at Long Point Saturday and Sunday—the first of the season.

—Harley Dawson has moved from north of Argos to the D. Marks farm near Maxinkuce.

—Henry Pecher has sold his acre farm southwest of town Jesso Pulley of Marion, Ind., \$1,400.

—If there's a family within a dozen miles of Culver that n't got a Teddy bear, it must be because the dealers ran out of stock.

—Next week's paper will be printed on Tuesday on account of the holiday coming on Wednesday. Correspondents kindly note.

—All Saints' guild will meet with Mrs. Lamson at the Hidden Inn next Tuesday, Dec. 30. It is expected that Rev. Mr. Howards will be present at this meeting.

—A verdict of \$7,500 was rendered in the circuit court last week against the Chicago & Erie railroad in favor of Mrs. Bessie East, who sued for \$15,000 for injuries received at Myers' crossing April 14, 1906.

—The Bourbon Advance will discontinue publication at the end of the year. The town is too small to support two papers, and the increasing cost of doing business rendered the undertaking especially difficult.

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Princeton.—The people of Gibson and Posey counties are planning for a big level drainage system in an effort to reclaim a large tract of land in the Wabash river bottoms that is rendered almost worthless by overflows that come twice to three times a year. Thousands of acres of land in the two counties are swept by the overflow waters, and, while much of the land is valuable for certain crops, a large percent of it cannot be put under cultivation on account of the periodical overflows. Last year alone at least \$60,000 worth of corn and growing wheat was damaged in Gibson county, and almost that much in the county of Posey. Not only do the overflows from the river cause heavy losses, but in many places the land is so low that the creeks and small streams pour their waters over the fertile fields and, unless the land is well tilled or ditched, there is no hope for the growing crop. The Big Creek drainage commissioner—George W. Smith of Owensville and Thomas J. Johnson, surveyor of Posey county—filed a report on the petition for the drainage with the clerk of the circuit court here. According to the plans it is to extend from a point about seven and one-half miles south of this city along the Big Creek valley through Gibson and Posey counties to the Wabash river, a distance of 80 miles. It is probably the longest drain ever planned for any section of the state, and the estimated cost is something like \$75,000.

Says Thousands Are Kidnaped.

Terre Haute.—Dr. L. S. Ryers, of Seelyville, whose four-year-old son was kidnaped in May, 1906, and who has vainly followed clues to all parts of the country, said: "There are thousands of children now wanderers in this country who have been kidnaped. When these thousands of gypsies whose assets are an old wagon, a horse or two, and children to beg a living for the whole gang, are brought to justice, child stealing will measurably cease."

Well Known Indiana Man Dead.

Greensburg.—Mr. Lewis T. Heck, telegraph editor for the last nine years on the Cincinnati Enquirer and a native of Greensburg, died at his home in this city from a blood clot on the brain. Mr. Heck had a wide acquaintance among newspaper men. He was 41 years of age, a native of Indiana, having been born near Greensburg.

Trousers Cause Upheaval.

Lafayette.—One pair of corduroy trousers has caused a general upheaval in the student body at Purdue university and sent to court for final determination the question of whether upper classmen have a right to restrict freshmen from wearing an article of clothing which the senior class has adopted as a distinctive garb.

Escapes with Fine.

Anderson.—Although charged with attempted murder, when it was alleged that he became angered and fired his revolver at James N. Stillwell and family in an automobile that passed him on the highway, a circuit court jury returned a verdict fining Henry Hartzell, farmer, \$25 and costs.

Aged Man Walks Far.

Kokomo.—Seventy-eight years of age, once wealthy but now penniless, Josiah Hully left Kokomo afoot for Peru, to which point he has been walking from McKeesport, Pa. He wishes to see once again the town of his birth, which he has not seen for 52 years.

Free Fight in Jasonville.

Jasonville.—There was a free-for-all fight in Main street in which 40 and more foreigners engaged. The quarrel started over a keg of beer. Stones and clubs were used as weapons, and there were numerous knockdowns, but no person was seriously hurt.

Wealthy Alderman Dies.

Fort Wayne.—Otto Seidel, a wealthy member of the city council, who shot himself Thursday with suicidal intent, is dead. The shooting was the result of a threat of impeachment proceedings for his removal from the council. Seidel leaves an estate of \$150,000.

Nine-Hour Day Restored.

Ekhart.—Over 500 men employed in the locomotive shops of the Lake Shore Railway company here are working now on the nine-hour basis instead of the eight hour, which has prevailed since the effects of the financial flurry became noticeable.

Sues Minister for Divorce.

Bloomfield.—Rev. John R. Cobb, a minister of the Baptist church, has been made the defendant in a divorce suit and faces the charges of threatening to kick and strike his wife, Mrs. Maggie Harrel Cobb.

Take School Census.

Terre Haute.—Corrected returns of the field books of the enumerators who had charge of the recent count of school children in Terre Haute shows a list of 14,696 boys and girls of school age.

THROUGH THE STATE

NEWS GATHERED FROM VARIOUS INDIANA POINTS.

WATCH HICKORY TESTS

Valuable Experiments Followed at the Purdue University—Government Interested. Lafayette.—Carriage-makers and manufacturers of farm implements, as well as the men of a number of other industries which are concerned in the use of hickory, are following with interest a series of tests of this valuable wood about to begin at the forest service timber testing laboratory at Purdue university, Lafayette. The importance of the tests lies in the fact that they will furnish accurate data on the relative strength of the different kinds of hickory, which is a wood for which no satisfactory substitute has been found. The timber of no other tree possesses the peculiar properties which make hickory necessary in the manufacture of parts of vehicle and farm implements.

TO PLANT VINEYARDS.

Swiss Colony Buys Land Near Jasonville—Engage in Culture. Jasonville.—Farmers in this part of the state are much interested in the activities of the members of a little colony of Swiss who settled here recently for the purpose of cultivating vineyards from which to make grape wine. The foreigners are straight from their mountain homes, where they and their families for generations back have been engaged in growing grapes. They have purchased several acres of land southeast of Jasonville heretofore considered worthless, and are fertilizing it with a view to settling out the vines next spring.

Defends Home; Killed.

Bethlehem.—While defending his shanty home from the eyes of three Indiana constables and four Kentuckians, Arthur Kelling, 21 years old, was shot and killed off the Indiana shore of the Ohio river near Bethlehem. His wife, Lottie Kelling, was shot in the right arm, and his one-year-old child, Agnes, was shot in the right hand during the fusillade. Clarence Scott, one of the Kentuckians, was shot through the right lung and probably fatally injured.

Indianapolis Is Third.

Washington, D. C.—The controller has received reports from 27 reserve cities and six states showing the condition of national banks on December 3, the time of the last call. Of these only two cities showed a higher percentage of reserve on hand than Indianapolis. They are Galveston, 38.29, and San Antonio, 38.18. Indianapolis' percentage was 32.86.

Official Call for Session.

Indianapolis.—In an address to the Republicans of the state James P. Goodrich, state chairman, and Carl W. Riddick, secretary, issued a call looking to the reorganization of the state committee and fixing the dates for the district meetings for the election of members of the state committee. The meetings are to be held on Tuesday, January 14.

Beasley Called for Trial.

Bloomfield.—The trial of George R. Beasley, who shot and instantly killed his wife at their home in Linton last June, was called in the circuit court here. The first act in the trial was the filing of a special plea of insanity, after which the work of impaneling the jury was begun.

Face Trial for Murder.

Reelsville.—On the charge of murdering an unidentified man at Reelsville September 5, William Fisher and Ad Mullinix were placed on joint trial in the Putnam circuit court. The case is attracting unusual attention, as the defendants are prominent known in Reelsville.

Shows Relics of State.

South Bend.—The Northern Indiana Historical society will open new quarters in the old courthouse Wednesday and on that occasion will exhibit to the public what is probably the finest collection of relics relating to the early history of Indiana in the state.

Attorney Stricken in Court.

Warsaw.—Owing to the sudden illness of Judge William H. Davis, of Goshen, who was stricken in court, the case of the state against Attorney John C. Graves on the charge of embezzlement was continued indefinitely.

Commits Crime for Family.

Richmond.—In order that his wife and children might not suffer from the cold, William Lutz, 22, stole 25 cents' worth of coal. For this offense he was arrested and arraigned in the city court.

SLAUGHTER IN MINES

THREE TIMES AS MANY DEATHS PER 1,000 AS IN EUROPE.

BULLETIN ON ACCIDENTS

Inquiry Ordered by Secretary Garfield Demonstrates the Need of Regulations That Can Be Enforced.

Washington.—The coal mines of the United States are killing three times as many men per 1,000 employees as those of most European countries. In the last 17 years 22,840 men have given up their lives in the mines of this country. As many violent deaths have occurred in the mines during the last six years as during the preceding 11 years. The number of fatal accidents each year is now double that of the year 1895. In 1906, 6,861 men were killed or injured in the mines, the dead numbering 2,061 and the injured 4,800.

These terrible facts have been gleaned by government experts acting under orders from Secretary Garfield of the interior department to investigate the nature and extent of mine accidents, particularly those resulting from explosions, and also to make suggestions as to how mining conditions may be improved and accidents prevented. The conclusions of the experts are found in a bulletin issued Wednesday on coal mine accidents; their causes and preventions.

CIGARETTES CAN BE SOLD.

Illinois Law Doesn't Prohibit It, Says Supreme Court. Springfield, Ill.—The supreme court Wednesday handed down an opinion declaring the anti-cigarette law passed by the legislature this year does not apply to cigarettes which contain pure tobacco, but only to those cigarettes which contain substances deleterious to health. It holds that the legislature has the right under the exercise of its police power to pass an act prohibiting the sale of cigarettes, but that it cannot prohibit the sale of cigarettes under the present act, the title of which only provides for the regulation of the sale of cigarettes.

STUDENT HANGS HIMSELF.

Kansas City Youth Commits Suicide in Philadelphia. Philadelphia.—Frank Wise Miller, a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania, whose home was in Kansas City, Mo., committed suicide in his room at the dormitories of the institution Wednesday by hanging. Miller, who was 22 years of age, according to his fellow students, was undoubtedly a victim of suicidal mania. About the time of the mid-year examinations, it is said, he attempted to end his life by inhaling chloroform.

Diamond Jo Line Sold.

Burlington, Ia.—The Diamond Jo line of steamers has been sold, or soon will be, to a syndicate of men who will improve the present fleet of passenger and freight boats and increase its carrying capacity very materially. The statement is made that the sale has already taken place. The price is stated at a million and a half dollars.

Yaquis Murder Twelve Men.

Nogales, Ariz.—Information which has just reached here tells of the frightful murder of 12 men by a band of 150 Yaqui Indians 45 miles southeast of Magdalena, State of Sonora, Mex., Wednesday of last week.

Bank Examiner in Charge.

North Attleboro, Mass.—By order of the comptroller of the currency, Henry F. Currier, national bank examiner, took charge of the Jewelers' National bank Wednesday night. Its vice president and cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead Tuesday night in a bathtub at his apartments. By vote of the directors the bank was not opened for business Wednesday, and a notice posted on its door announced that it would remain closed pending an examination of its books. Liabilities are \$1,000,000.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

The fleet of great battleships under command of Rear Admiral Evans set sail from Hampton roads for the Pacific ocean. President Roosevelt gave the word to start and reviewed the fleet as it passed out toward the ocean.

Messages from the battleship fleet, reporting "all well," were picked up by the wireless stations at Norfolk, Va., and Charleston, S. C. Secretary Cortelyou pronounced unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest and declared he was not a candidate for any office.

A law by congress authorizing an emergency issue of currency through the clearing house associations or other machinery now existing should be passed at once, says Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely in his annual report. Senator Tillman made a speech in the senate, filled with denunciation of the president, the secretary of the treasury and the department of justice, of financiers and "captains of industry."

Mr. Ansberry, of Ohio, introduced in the house a bill providing for a survey for a ship canal to connect the cities of Toledo and Chicago via the Maumee river and Lake Michigan. The president signed proclamations creating the new Vegas national forest in Nevada, and making an addition to the Aquarius national forest in Utah.

Postmaster General Meyer ordered that all letters addressed to Santa Claus be turned over to charitable societies. Senatorial committee uncovered gross frauds by which the Kickapoo Indians were swindled out of their lands at Shawnee, Okla.

Mrs. Alice Longworth, wife of Representative Nicholas Longworth and daughter of President Roosevelt, was operated upon successfully for appendicitis. Delegates to the Central American peace conference in Washington made public an abstract of the general treaty agreed upon, providing for the establishment of a permanent court to settle all disputes that may arise between the countries of Central America in the future.

After deciding to hold the next Democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1908, the Democratic national committee entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. It was finally decided to take it all.

MISCELLANEOUS.

One of the civil war bombs found in the old custom house at New York exploded and nearly killed M. J. Howell, an employe of the bureau of combustibles, while on its way to be dumped into the sea. "Unfair" and "We Don't Patronize" lists used by the American Federation of Labor in its warfare against open shop employes were declared unlawful and their further publication enjoined so far as the Buck's Stove and Range company of St. Louis is concerned, by Justice Gould of the court of equity of the District of Columbia.

A decision was handed down in the St. Louis court of appeals against Miss Lillie Belle Pierce, who laid claim to the \$300,000 estate of the late Luther E. Imboden as his widow. Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died at Glasgow, aged 83 years.

Frederick E. Sargeant, cashier and vice president of the Jewelers' National bank of North Attleboro, Mass., and prominently identified with Providence, R. I., and North Attleboro business firms, was found dead in the bathtub of his home.

Smallpox broke out in Chadbourne hall, a dormitory for women students at the University of Wisconsin, and 100 young women who live in the dormitory were ordered vaccinated and to leave for their homes.

Seventeen social democratic members of the second Russian duma were condemned to labor in the mines and deportation to Siberia, and ten to perpetual banishment to Siberia.

The Fairbanks Banking company of Fairbanks, Alaska, closed its doors on account of a lack of currency.

Mrs. Martha A. Campbell, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school at Steubenville, O., and wife of a wealthy Greenfield township farmer, was arrested in Sandusky on a secret indictment charging incendiarism.

The Zepplin airship and the half a which it was kept at Friedrichshafen, Germany, were seriously damaged by a hurricane. Virtually a complete transformation in the state railroad system is about to be introduced in Prussia. On all except main trunk lines, automobile cars, which run singly, will replace locomotives drawing ordinary trains.

James and William Campbell and the latter's wife were struck by an Illinois Central passenger train at a crossing near Epworth, Ia., and killed. Frank Frankenberg, aged 60 years, cashier of the Colonial Savings bank of Columbus, O., dropped dead. Fire destroyed the four-story building of the Harmony Knitting mills at Troy, N. Y. The loss is \$150,000.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Lewis, who inherited a fortune of \$1,500,000, has been released from a New York insane asylum after 25 years' incarceration and will now be allowed to look after her estate. The geological survey is planning to establish an experiment station in Pittsburgh for the study of mine disasters with a view to abating the dangers of underground explosions.

The permanent relief committee, headed by Gov. W. M. O. Dawson of West Virginia, to provide for the widows and orphans in distress through the recent explosion at the mines of the Fairmont Coal company at Monongah, issued an appeal for \$200,000. Louis B. Stenberg, a grocer in Kansas City, Kan., was killed and his wife, Mrs. Mattie Stenberg, was mortally injured by robbers.

The crown prince of Korea arrived at Tokio and was greeted with much ceremony. Abraham Hummel, the lawyer, who is serving a sentence in Blackwell's island penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, is near death from kidney affection. Playing that he was a cowboy and his four-year-old companion was an Indian, Ned H. Starmer, aged 11 years, shot and instantly killed George Blakeley, four years old, at St. Joseph, Mo.

Immigration to America during the year ended June 30, 1907, was vastly greater than in any previous year of the history of the United States, the number of aliens admitted being 1,285,349. Frank P. Glazier, state treasurer of Michigan, was reported to be near death. Sunday closing laws were not generally obeyed in Omaha and Kansas City.

Gen. Funston Arrived in Goldfield

and announced that he would stay until the danger of trouble was over and that the troops probably would remain there for some time. The three band mills of the Chicago Lumber company were destroyed by fire at Manistique, Mich., and two men were burned to death.

Seven firemen were injured in the burning of the Saginaw Produce & Cold Storage company's plant in West Saginaw, Mich. Otto Schmigler, a Hungarian tailor, shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster and seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence, and then killed himself at Columbus, O.

The pope received Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco in private audience, and the Catholic situation in the United States in general and in the diocese of San Francisco in particular was discussed at length. Rev. Thomas E. Judge, 42 years old, pastor of St. Finbarr's Roman Catholic church and editor in chief of the New World, the organ of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago, died of heart failure, brought on by bronchial trouble.

Col. G. T. Simonson, at one time owner of the Mount Vernon (Ind.) Republican, a prominent politician and organizer of the Eightieth Indiana regiment during the civil war, died at the home of his son, W. A. Simonson, of St. Louis.

To practice his understanding of theosophy on the union of souls, Boris Minoff, a Bulgarian designer, attempted to kill Jessie Schroeder, 13 years of age, and then committed suicide at Cleveland, O. Leighton Coleman, Episcopal bishop of Delaware, was found dead in bed at his home in Wilmington.

R. P. Easton, 48 years old, cashier of the state bank at Herscher, Ill., shot himself to death in the bank. No reason is given. Prince Robert de Broglie announced that he had remarried Estelle Alexander under the French law.

Boris Sarafoff, the most famous of all the leaders of the Bulgarian bands in Macedonia, was shot dead at the threshold of his home by a Macedonian. Acting Gov. Sanchez of Chihuahua, Mexico, commuted the death sentences of Dr. C. S. Harle, William Mitchell and C. T. Richardson to 20 years in the penitentiary.

The fleet of battleships at Hampton roads was declared to be ready to start on its cruise to the Pacific and to do any service that might be required of it. The Bank of Aldrich, at Aldrich, Mo., was robbed of \$3,000 by three bandits. In carrying out a mock lynching in Memphis William Gordon, a 16-year-old negro, was caught in machinery and killed.

A brilliant naval and military ball was given at the Hotel Chamberlain, Old Point Comfort, in honor of Admiral Evans and the other officers of the 16 battleships assembled at Hampton roads. The condition of Queen Carola, widow of King Albert of Saxony, was stated to be hopeless. The last sacraments were administered and the queen was not expected to live many hours.

The Girl from Tim's Place

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SYNOPSIS.

Chip McGuire, a 15-year-old girl living at Tim's place in the Maine woods is sold by her father to Pete Bolduc, a half-breed. She runs away and reaches the camp of Martin Frabee, occupied by Martin, his wife, nephew, Raymond Stinson, and guides. She tells her story and is cared for by Mrs. Frabee. Journey of Frabee's party into woods to visit father of Mrs. Frabee, an old hermit, who has resided in the wilderness for many years. When camp is broken Chip and Ray occupy same canoe.

CHAPTER III.—Continued.

A more serious subject was under discussion in the other canoe, meantime, as to the future disposition of Chip herself.

"I feel it my duty to take care of her," Angle said, after relating her conversation with Chip and that morning's incident. "She is a homeless, outcast wail, needing education and everything else to Christianize her. We must bring her to the settlement, but to turn her adrift might mean leaving her to a life of vice, even if she escapes her brutal father and this worse half-breed. Then, again, I am not sure that her parentage will bear inspection. She has told me something about her earlier life, and about her mother, who evidently loved her. One course only seems plain to me,—take care of and educate this unfortunate."

"We must take the girl back with us and begin her reformation at the camp. If she shows any aptitude and willingness to obey, we will take her to Greenville. If not, you must arrange to get her into some institution."

"And suppose the half-breed finds where she is, what then?" inquired Martin.

"What do you say, Levi?" he added, turning to his guide, "you know this fellow; what will he be apt to do?"

"I s'pose you know what a panther'll do, robbed of her cub," Levi answered, "an' how a bull moose acts in runnin' time, mebbe. Wal, this Pete is worse'n both on 'em biled into one, I callate. If you're goin' ter take the gal back, you've got to keep her shady, or some day you'll find her missin'. Besides, Pete, ez I told ye, don't know the meanin' o' law and is handy with a gun."

But Martin did not quite share Levi's fears, and so Angle's decision was agreed to. Levi's advice to "keep shady" was accepted, however, and all through that summer's somewhat thrilling experiences it was the rule of conduct.

When supper was over came the lounging beside the cheerful fire, and as the shadows thickened, forth came Ray's banjo once more, and with it the light of admiration in Chip's eyes.

All that day he had been her charming companion; his open, manly face, his bright brown eyes, had been ever before her. His well-bred ways, so unlike all the men at Tim's Place, had impressed her as those of a youth of 18 will a maid of 16; and now, with his voice appealing to the best in her, he seemed like Pan of old, once more wooing a nymph with his pipes.

No knowledge of this was hers, no consciousness of why she was happy came to her. She knew what splices were; but the god Pan and Apollo with his harp were unknown forms.

Neither did she realize that born in her soul that day, on the broad shining river, was a magic impulse woven out of her heart throbs, and destined to melt out to her more sorrow than all else in her life combined.

She had entered the wondrous vale of love whose paths are flower-strewn, whose shores are rippled with laughter, and whose borders, alas! are ever hid in the midst of tears.

CHAPTER IV.

A week was spent by Martin and his party at the settlement, during which he acquired the title to township 44, range 10, which included the little lake near the hermit's hut, and made a four-square-mile tract about it.

Chip, thanks to Angle, secured a simple outfit of apparel and—surprising fact—evinced excellent taste in its selection, thereby proving that eight years of isolation and a gunny-sack and red-shirt garb had not obliterated the deepest instinct of woman.

To Levi, Martin's woodwise helper, was left the selection of fittings for the new camp. A couple of husky Canucks were engaged to bring them in a bateau, and then the party started on its return.

Only one incident of importance occurred during the wait at this village known as Grindstone. Angle and Chip had just left the only store there, in front of which a group of log-drivers had congregated, when Angle, glancing back, saw that one of the group was following them. She quickened her pace, and so did he, until just as they turned into a side street, he passed them, halted, and turned about.

"Wal, I'm damned if tain't Chip, an' dressed like a ledgy," he exclaimed, as they drew near.

"Hello, Chip," he added, as they passed, "when did you strike luck?"

Chip made no response and he muttered again, "Wal, I'm damned, jest like a ledgy!"

It was annoying, especially to Angle, and neither of the two realized how soon this blunt log-driver's discovery would reach Tim's Place.

And now, leaving the bateau to follow, the party started once more on their journey into the wilderness. No sight or sign of pursuit from the half-breed had been thus far observed. A few idle lumbermen in the village—the only visible connection between the vast forest and a busy world—were little thought of, as their canoes crept slowly up the narrowing river and gave no hint of interference from this low brute to anyone except Levi.

He, however, seldom speaking, but ever acting, kept watch and ward continually. At every bend of the stream his eyes were alert to catch the first sight of a down-coming canoe in time to conceal Chip, as he decided must be done. When night camps were made, a site at the head of the lagoon or up some tributary stream was selected, and while not even hinting his reason for this, he felt it wise. As they drew near to Tim's Place, it began to occur to Martin that Chip's presence had best be concealed until that point was passed. He also desired to learn the situation there. He had always halted at this clearing in all his up-river journeys, so far, usually to buy pork and potatoes, and he now intended to do so again. He also felt it imperative to conceal Chip in Ray's canoe, before they reached Tim's Place, and let Ray paddle slowly on while the halt was made. But Levi dissented.

"Tain't best," he said, "to let Tim know there's two canoes of us and one not stoppin'. It'll make him s'picious o' suthin', an' what he 'spects, Pete'll find out. I callate we'd best pass thar



"They Are That," He Returned.

In the night, leave the wimmen above, 'n' you 'n' I go back 'n' git what we want."

"But what about the Canucks following us with the bateau?" returned Martin. "They'll tell who is with us, won't they?"

"They didn't see us start," answered Levi, "an' can't swear wimmen came. We'll say we're alone, 'n' bein' so'll make it plausible, 'n' you might say we're goin' to build a camp 'n' 'nother season fetch our wimmen in."

"But how about our men, on the return trip, after finding we have wimmen at the camp?" rejoined Martin. "They will be sure to tell all they know on the way back."

"We've got to keep the wimmen shady, an' fool 'em," answered Levi. And so his plan was adopted.

It was in the early hours of morning when the two canoes crept noiselessly past Tim's Place. The stars barely outlined the river's course, the frame dwelling, log cabin, and stump-dotted slope back of them. All the untidiness existent about this dwelling was hid in darkness, and only the faint sounds and odors betrayed these conditions. But every eye and ear in the two canoes was alert, paddles were dipped without sound, and Chip's heart was beating so loudly that it seemed to her Tim and all his family must be awakened. Her recent escape from this spot and all the reasons forcing it, the fear that both her father and the half-breed might even now be there, added dread; and not until a bend hid even the shadowy view of

Two slovenly women peered out back door and window while the interview was in progress. Mike came and looked on in silence; two of the oldest children were down by the canoe where Levi waited; the rest, open-eyed and astonished, seemed likely to be trodden on by some one each moment. When the stores were secured and paid for, and Martin had pushed off with Levi, he realized something of the life Chip must have led there.

He had intended not only to obtain potatoes, but some information of value. He obtained the goods, paying a thrifty price, also a good bit of cold shoulder, and that was all.

But Levi, shrewd woodsman that he was, fared better.

"I larned Chip's gone off with old McGuire," he asserted with a quiet smile when they were well away, "an' that Pete's swearin' murder agin him."

"And how?" responded Martin, in astonishment. "I felt that silence was golden with that surly chap, and didn't ask a question."

"I'm glad," rejoined Levi. "I wanted to tell you not to, and I've larned all we want. Children are easy to pump, an' I did it 'thout wakin' a hint o' 'spicion. Tim's folks all believe Chip's gone with her dad. Pete thinks so, an' 's watchin' for him with a gun, I 'spect, an' if so, the sooner they meet, the better."

It was gratifying news to Martin, and when the other canoe was reached, the two again pushed on, with Martin, at least, feeling that the ways of Fate might prove acceptable. Three days more were consumed in

this plague spot did she breathe easier.

"I was nigh skinned to death," she whispered to Ray when safety seemed assured, "an' if ever Pete finds I'm up whar the folks is goin', I'm a goner."

"Oh, we'll take care of you," returned that boy, with the boundless confidence of youth; "my uncle can shoot as well as anyone, and then Old Cy is up at the camp, and he's a wonder with a rifle. Why, I've seen him hit a crow a half-mile off!"

Smoke was ascending from the chimney, and the rising sun was just visible when Martin and Levi returned to Tim's. Mike was out in an enclosure, milking; Tim was back of the house, preparing the pigs' breakfast. The pigs were squealing, and a group of unwashed children were watching operations, when Martin appeared. A pleasant "Good morning" from him and a gruff one from Tim was the introduction, and then that stolid pioneer started for the sty. Not even the unusual event of a caller could hinder him from the one duty he most enjoyed,—the care of his beloved swine.

"You have some nice thrifty pigs," began Martin, when the pen was reached, desiring to placate Tim.

"They are 'thot," he returned.

"My guide and I are on our way into the woods, to build a camp," continued Martin, anxious to have his errand over with, "and we halted to buy a few potatoes of you and some pork. I have a couple of men following with a bateau," he continued, after pausing for a reply which did not come; "they will be along in a day or two with most of our supplies; but I felt sure I could get some extra good pork of you and some choice potatoes."

"You kin that same," replied Tim, his demeanor obviously softening under this flattery, and so business relations were established.

Martin had intended asking some cautious question regarding Chip or her father; but Tim's surly face, his unresponsive manner, and a mistrust of his wisdom prevented. He was blunt of speech, almost to the verge of insolence, and the arrival of Martin with all his polite words evoked not a vestige of welcome; and yet back of those keen gray eyes of his a deal of cunning might lurk, thought Martin.

for the river was low, carries had to be made around two rapids, and when at last the sequestered, forest-bordered sheet of water was being crossed, Martin wished some titan hand might raise an impassable barrier about his possessions.

Old Cy's joy at their return was almost hilarious. To a man long past the spasmodic exuberance of youth, loving nature and the wild as few do, the six months' seclusion with the misanthropic old hermit, then a month of more cheerful companionship, followed by the departure of Martin and Angie, made the forest home-coming doubly welcome.

But Chip's appearance, and the somewhat thrilling episode of her escape from Tim's Place and her rescue, astonished him. Like all old men who are childless, a young girl and her troubles touched a responsive chord in his heart, and on the instant Chip's unfortunate condition found sympathy. Her bluntly told story, with all its details, held him spellbound. He laughed over her description of splices, and when she seemed hurt at this seeming levity, he assured her that splices were a reality in the woods—he had seen hundreds of them. It was not long ere he had won her confidence and good-will, as he had Ray's, and then he took Martin aside.

"That gal's chaser's bin here 'bout a week ago," he said, "an' the worst-lookin' cuss I ever seen. I know from his description 'twas him. He kept quizzin' me ez to how long we'd been here, if I knew McGuire, or had seen him lately, until I got sorter riled 'n' began to string him. I told him finally that I'd been foolin' all 'long; that McGuire was a friend o' mine; that he'd been here a day or two afore, borrowed some money 'n' lit out for Canada, knowin' there was a bad man arter him. Then this one-eyed gazoo got mad, real mad, 'n' said things, an' then he cleared out."

When Martin explained the situation, as he now did, Old Cy chuckled.

"Tain't often one shoots in the dark 'n' makes a bull's-eye," he said.

"I thank you and I had better keep mum about this half-breed's call," Martin added quietly, "and if Angie mentions it, you needn't say that you know who he was. It will only make my wife and the girl nervous."

The two tents were now pitched at the head of a cove, some rods away from the hermit's hut, and well out of sight from the landing, and to these both Angie and Chip were assured they must flee as soon as the expected bateau entered the lake, and remain secluded until it had departed.

In a way, it was a ticklish situation. All knowledge that this wail was with Martin's party must be kept from Tim's Place and this half-breed, or she wouldn't be safe an hour; and until the Canucks had come and gone, she must be kept hidden. Another and quite a serious annoyance to Martin was the fact that he had counted on these two men as helpers in cutting and hauling logs for this new camp. Only man-power was available, and to move logs a foot in diameter and 20 feet long, in midsummer, was no easy task; but Levi, more experienced in camp-building, made light of it.

"We'll cut the logs we need, clus to the lake," he said, "float 'em 'round, 'n' roll 'em up on skids. It's easy 'nough, 'n' we don't need them Canucks round a nimit."

It was four days of keen suspense to Chip before they appeared. Neither she nor Angie left the closed tent while they remained over night, or until they had been gone many hours, and then every one felt easier.

The ringing sound of axes now began to echo over the rippled lake, logs were towed across with canoes, a cellar under the new cabin site was excavated, and home-building in the wilderness went merrily on.

While the men worked, Angie and Chip were not idle. Not only did they have meals to prepare over a rude outdoor fireplace, but they gathered grass and moss for beds, wove a hammock, and rustle chair seats out of sedge grass, and countless other useful aids.

Chip was especially helpful and more grateful than a dog for any and all consideration. Not a step that she could take or a bit of work that she could do was left to Angie; her interest and do-all-she-could desire never flagged, and from early morn until the supper dishes were washed and wiped, Chip was busy.

But Martin, and especially Levi, had other causes for worry than those which camp-building entailed. The fact that this "Pernicious Pete," as Angie had once called him, would soon learn of their presence here, and hating all law-abiding people, as such forest brigands always do, would naturally seek to injure them, was one cause. Then, there were so many ways by which he could do harm. A fire started at one corner of the hut at midnight, the same Indian-like malice applied to their two tents, the stealing of their canoes or the gashing of them with a hunting-knife, and countless other methods of venting spite, presented themselves. In a way, they were helpless against such a night-prowling enemy. Over one hundred miles separated them from civilization and all assistance; an impassable wilderness lay between. The stream and their canoes were the only means of egress. These valuable craft were left out of sight and sound each night, on the lake shore, and so their vulnerability on all sides was manifest.

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Graft is not a History of remote though perhaps the mates it now may belong created words, and may to the category of slang. In of Moses and Solomon there grafters, and the Egyptians and the Greeks had their priests and their oracles, common grafts of the times. History is replete from beginning to the present with tales of graft and grafters. Without graft to add its zest, the work of the fictionists and the historian would be prosy reading. Graft lends its charm to "The Epicurean," "Rassias," and the works of historians from Pliny down to the present would be woefully dead without the numerous recitals of the doings of quacks, charlatans and grafters in general. Who has not been charged with the tale of the "diamond necklace," and what reader of history has not laughed over the other operations of Cagliostro?

Perhaps never in the past has graft been reduced to the science that it is now. It is so closely interwoven in the mesh of legitimate transactions that there is hardly a branch of business that is free from it. Alas, not alone is it found in commercial and financial affairs, but is abundantly in evidence in governmental transaction, national, state and municipal. Revelations of the methods of great corporations, the timber land frauds, countless railroad transactions, government buildings, construction of municipal improvements, etc., give a wide knowledge of the world of graft.

Like an unbroken chain it extends from the highest to the lowest in power. The greater the interests, the greater is the opportunity for the operations for the grafters. The small politician lives by it. The big man in congress adds to his prestige and his bank account by it. It appears that it is only a matter of degree between the grafter who stands on the street corner and hawks his wares and the man of honor who holds a place in the United States senate; between the policeman on the beat who cautiously takes a dollar to close his eyes to the doings of the law-breaker, and the man of millions at the head of some mail-order house, or monopoly who can rob the masses high-handed six days in the week and teach a Sunday school class on the seventh.

Graft teaches an ignoble lesson. It is a creator of the hypocrite, and the heretic. It is a poison that benumbs the finer qualities of manhood, and strifes all that develops the spiritual.

Yet God reigns; immutable laws exist; and it is poor philosophy, indeed, that teaches that such qualities as sincerity, goodness, and other virtues are merely creations of the wind. They are real, living, lasting, eternal truths that cannot be dowed. Graft may exist, and have its baleful influences; yet in the end will be victorious.

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GOOD ROADS LESSON.

Highway Improvement Causes a Betterment in Agricultural Districts.

"Good roads for the people" means a saving of hundreds of millions of dollars yearly to residents of agricultural districts. Good roads mean better rural towns, better country schools, more happiness and greater reward for labor. Yet there are other things that should go hand in hand with good roads, and one of them is opposition to every means that will cause trade to drift from the home town. It matters not how good the roads, the country is impoverished if the roads are the means of sending more dollars to the large cities. In connection with the good roads improvement, let every taxpayer be impressed with the fact that the more money kept in each community makes the pro rata share of taxes for the maintenance of good roads less; that the dollars sent to the big financial centers will not help pay for local improvements.

Storing Produce for Market.

Almost every small town has an ice house of sufficient capacity to supply the people locally with ice. It would not be very expensive to conduct in connection with it a cold storage plant of capacity great enough to care for the storing of fruit, eggs and other produce brought in from the surrounding country. Such an establishment would often save farmers considerable money by enabling them to keep their products for a favorable market.

Lever's Tribute to Dickens.

The greatest imaginative writer, unquestionably, since Shakespeare, is the author of "Charles Dwyer" (wrote Charles Lever in 1845). With him we encounter no repetitions; all is varied, novel, and interesting as nature herself; and this great master of humor moves us to tears or laughter without the semblance of an effort on his part; and as for those "inexpensive guests" that sit beside our fireplace at lone hours, or stroll with us in our solitary rambles, we are more of them to Charles Dickens than to any other writer of the century.

well you about it with you will find that those who may at first call you will be willing to give you being an enterprising citizen who needed reforms are brought about by your work.

Give support to the local paper. It can be made a power for good in the community. By the news and advertising pages of it the stranger can gain an excellent idea of the importance of the place. Encourage the editor by giving him all the support that you can.

Good schools can be maintained only in live, up-to-date communities. It has been generally observed that the education of one generation means benefits to coming generations. No community can afford to let its educational facilities decay.

Remember that there are few places outside the courts and the reform institutions where a liar is useful. Don't be a liar. It may work all right for a time, but a single lie may cost a reputation that will be destructive to business and success. If you are at fault, better tell the truth and abide by the consequences.

SCHEMES FOR MONEY-MAKING.

Alleged "Clubs" That Operate to the Loss of Their Members.

Buying of goods from a distance has a charm for some people that in many cases proves expensive. "Fields are green far away," and it is too often that fads are responsible for many things that work against the interests of the individual. Opposition should be given to every plan and scheme that works toward the impoverishing the smaller towns, and which work against their progress. It is only by combatting the concentration of capital in the large financial centers can the rural towns be kept up to the standard that they should have. These small towns depend upon the business of the merchants for their life, and when this business is divided, the town is made so much the poorer and kept from advancing. Here is where there is justification in advising against the patronage of so-called "clubs," which agree to send premiums to the getter-up of orders for their wares. The secret of the "club" business lies in the selling of large lots of goods to individual purchasers and giving a premium, representing the lot as valued a twice the amount paid for it. The truth is, should the purchaser go to the average merchant, and desire the same class and quantity of goods and pay cash for the same, the saving in dollars and cents to the purchaser would enable him or her to buy a better piece of furniture or other prize than offered by the club concern.

Cash Vs. Credit.

A cash transaction is more desirable than a credit one. If customers would only pay the small town merchant cash for all things purchased, the same as the department stores and mail order houses in the large cities require, there would be no reason why goods could not be sold at lower prices. It is the constantly turning over of the money invested in business that makes the profit for the merchant. This is one of the reasons of the success of the big city concerns. Few farmers when they sell their crops are willing to wait six months for their pay. Why then should the small merchant in the town be asked to do so. If he has the ready cash to discount his bills, he will be enabled to sell his goods at a lower margin of profit. He cannot have the ready money to do so if he does a credit business.

Importance of Insurance.

Insurance against losses by fire, tornadoes and cyclones is a necessity. How many farmers estimate the vast amounts that are paid yearly to foreign insurance companies for which comparatively small returns are received? How few realize that farm insurance is the less hazardous of any, and that it is too often the case that the farmers are compelled to pay losses incurred on hazardous risks, such as factories of various kinds, and crowded city buildings? It is best to patronize some home insurance company which you know to be sound, and every state has a number of such ones. For the farmer good mutual insurance is always the best. It costs less, because the risks are select ones, and the insured is not compelled to make up losses on the more hazardous kind.