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For Secretary of State ..... JOHN W. JOCHIM of Marquette.
For Justice of the Supreme Court ..... FRANK A. HOOKER of Eaton.

WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—For upper and lower Michigan: Generally fair; south winds, warmer; winds shifting to southeast.

YOUNG REPUBLICANS.

Young blood is what is needed to give life and vigor to the present campaign. The effort to organize a Young Men's Republican club in this city next Tuesday should meet with success. Every young republican, eighteen years of age and over, should make it a point to be present at the initial meeting. The principles, and particularly the history, of the republican party appeal especially to young men. Governor Peck of Wisconsin, in the Chicago Evening Post, asseverates that "it is the young men who are going to to save this country for the democratic party," but if the governor of Wisconsin has heard from that other Peck over in New York, he will not be so sanguine about the "saving of this country to the democratic party," at least if the tariff is "the paramount issue," as Congressman Springer calls it. As to the declaration of Peck of Wisconsin that the young men are with the democratic party, that is mere assertion, and nothing else. Talk is cheap. The young men of the country will believe Peck of New York rather than Peck of Wisconsin, and vote the republican ticket. Peck of Wisconsin also blundered when he said, "then our colleges have had lots to do with this. They all teach free trade doctrines, and most of the college-bred young men are getting to be democratic." Here is where Peck of Wisconsin is again in error. If he had some of the ability to gather and handle statistics, which is possessed by Peck of New York, he would know that the majority of college men are and always have been republicans. At the University of Michigan there were last year 1,496 republicans and 900 democrats. But Peck of Wisconsin blundered into a truth when he virtually said that colleges teach free trade and that therefore the students ought to be democratic. The young republicans of Grand Rapids can give the lie to Peck of Wisconsin by turning out in full force Tuesday night.

PRISON REFORM.

There is no subject which presses itself so persistently upon the attention of the social reformer and lawmaker as the subject of crime and its suppression. In spite of the accumulated laws and the frowning walls of penal and correctional institutions, the prison population steadily increases, and the shadow and substance of crime abound with no signs of abatement.

As civilization progresses the more brutal and revolting aspects of crime are magnified and the number of professional criminals enlarges. The system under which the criminal is punished and the majesty of the law is upheld has advanced from the stocks and lash to the lecture hall and school room. Corporal punishment has been succeeded by the more humane and enlightened process of teaching the felon the essential evil of crime and its inexorable reward.

Penologists have abandoned the straight-jacket to substitute the study room. The criminal is not physically debased—his debasement is of mind. To inflict physical suffering breeds in the mind the ambition to be avenged. Thus an accidental criminal is made a confirmed one after his incarceration. The great desideratum in restraining the criminal of his liberty is to check his tendency and remove his opportunity to prey upon society. This is accomplished when the prison lock is snapped. But he will emerge again, and if his mind is not purged of a desire to be avenged for real or fancied wrongs he is even more dangerous than when first confined.

The mind of the criminal must be transformed from its abnormal trend toward the low, debasing and cunning, to a healthy condition, else his confinement amounts to nothing more than a burlesque. In this endeavor the state board of corrections and charities is lending magnificent aid and comfort. To that same work it invites the co-operation of all good citizens and has issued a circular setting apart Sunday, October 23, as a day upon which the subject of crime and its suppression shall be made the subject for sermons in all evangelical churches.

LIFTING THE FALLEN.

Among the numerous charitable institutions of the city none occupies a more praiseworthy position than the Emerson Home. It was conceived to give shelter to the poor creatures who, through their own perverse inclinations, or as unwilling victims to man's perfidy, have transgressed the edicts of social purity and are ostracized from the homes and society of decent persons.

The work is a thankless one in most features. It involves delicacy of sentiment on the one hand and contact with the vile and vicious on the other. The rewards however, are sufficient to enlist the sympathy of pure motherhood and exalt the virtue of common manhood. To redeem a woman from whose soul the afflatus of purity has been hurled into the maelstrom of unchecked lust is an achievement over which angels may exult. The poor outcast, homeless because the heart of a rich and unforgiving father is steeled against her, may have had the tender nurture of a loving mother. A misstep, precipitated by misplaced confidence in a lecherous villain, may have broken the mother's heart, and made the victim to be shunned by those that delighted to honor her in her innocent girlhood. There is but one refuge for such. Desperation drives more girls to wantonness than any other cause.

To rescue these, and others, is the laudable mission of the Emerson Home. It has passed through a vicissitous career; its downs have been more discouraging than its ups have been inspiriting. It has struggled against adversity and debts to emerge into a brighter and it is to be hoped more useful career. The scheme now being prosecuted to endow it with funds, and its removal to another part of the city, will materially enhance its worth to the city and the city's unfortunates.

PECK'S ALLY.

Labor Commissioner Peck finds an unexpected ally in Grover Cleveland. Mr. Peck has endured unlimited abuse because he has chosen to withhold papers that have been delivered to him as confidential communications. Those papers are the ones from which he compiled his recent report, with the contents of which everybody is now familiar. The democracy are enraged because a democratic official has upset one of their pet theories, and they are now engaged in a silly effort to offset that report by attempting to discredit Mr. Peck in the courts. They demand the papers, and Mr. Peck says that they shall not see them, and that he proposes to keep his pledge to the manufacturers who sent him those papers. Mr. Peck's contention is supported by no less a personage than Grover Cleveland. In 1886, Mr. Cleveland removed a district attorney in Alabama to make room for another man. The senate requested copies of all documents relating to the matter, but the president refused to surrender them on the ground that they were intended for his personal information and guidance, and were not public property, and that they were in fact confidential. He even said that if he "saw fit to destroy them no one could complain." Mr. Peck is therefore only imitating Mr. Cleveland. It is not exactly a parallel case, but it is interesting, and it illustrates how circumstances alter affairs with the conductors of Mr. Cleveland's campaign.

ONE of Pennsylvania's towns is taking steps to compel tramps to work on the streets, and the cholera is as nothing to the panic this decision has caused. Whatever shape the result takes it will be beneficial, for it is proved by experience that to make tramps useful is to make them scarce.

THAT free trade plank in the democratic platform is plain and easily understood. Why, then, should the democratic speakers seek to cover it with ambiguous interpretations? They cannot get away from it with all their rhetoric.

GERRYMANDERING in Wisconsin and gerrymandering in Michigan don't seem to thrive very well. Friday the second gerrymander of the Badger state was set aside and the legislature must convene to pass another.

RENEWED talk about republicanism in Europe is pointed by the marriage of a German prince to an American singer. After awhile women able to earn a good support will be at a premium among needy princelings.

READERS of today's HERALD are invited to compare its contents with those of any other paper printed in Grand Rapids, and then determine for themselves its superiority in every respect.

CHARLES H. WITHEY of Reed City has written a letter in which he renounces all allegiance to the republican party. Now who in blazes is Charles H. Withey?

IT is announced that Judge Gresham will vote for Cleveland. The evidences that the people's party is disintegrating multiply with great rapidity.

PRESIDENT HARRISON is said to be very fond of billiards. Probably that's the reason he makes such great runs.

FIVE full weeks and two days will elapse before Grover will be able to compute the extent of his defeat.

BOURKE COCKRAN'S throat is said to trouble him. Probably he's been trying to eat that Chicago speech.

HAS A NEW HOME

The Emerson Refuge Has Been Removed to a

SITE ON JEFFERSON AVENUE

The Society Has Taken Formal Possession of the New Quarters—Mr. Loomis' Financial Scheme.

For some years the Emerson home has existed in the city, doing the noblest work which human beings could engage in—the saving of fallen women. The society which supported the home has passed through many dark places and at times it has seemed as if the work must be given up, when some kind person would come forward with a donation that would lift the struggling institution to its feet again. When the society was first organized it was thought best to establish the home in the very hot bed of vice, Waterloo street, and there build up a pleasant home for such girls as wished to reform. The plan has proved unsatisfactory. It has been found that if permanent good is to be accomplished these fallen ones must be removed far away from the scenes of their former misdeeds and to some more quiet neighborhood. The house used for the home was rented from Georgie Young, through whose reformation the society was established. Some members of the society have opposed a change from the house, deeming that it was due to Miss Young that her house should be rented for the purpose.

The Society Reorganized.

A short time ago the society was reorganized with new officers and a new board of directors. The women who have heretofore directed the destiny of the home decided that a few men might prove beneficial to the society, provided they were in the minority where they could properly be kept in subjection. Consequently when the new organization was made, Messrs. C. M. Loomis, O. Udell and C. W. Ravan found places on the board of directors. The name was somewhat changed and the society is now known as the Emerson Industrial Home association.

In casting about for new quarters the directors found two houses at the corner of La Belle avenue and Jefferson avenue, about two minutes' walk from either the division street car line or the Lafayette car line. The houses and about one acre of ground are here secured for a nominal rent. One of the houses the association will rent for about $7 or $8 per month. The other house is ample for the purposes of the home. The fine large yard about the house will be devoted to flowers and shrubbery, making the place very attractive to those that will reside there. The neighborhood is all that could be desired and the surroundings are of the best that such an institution could possibly possess. The furniture has been removed from the old home to the new and the matron is in charge ready for business in the new place. The first meeting of the directors, to be held in the new place, will take place next Tuesday, at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Loomis' Plan.

Mr. Loomis of the board of directors has hit upon a financial policy for the maintenance of the home, which has been submitted to the business men of the city and has been heartily endorsed. The plan is this: The society has established what is to be known as the permanent guarantee fund. The society issues stock amounting to $5,000, divided into shares of $10 each. Those that take the stock pay 10 per cent down and afterward to pay 10 per cent assessment whenever it is necessary to raise funds: In this way the gifts to the home will not be burdensome to anyone. The society of course will in the future as in the past run the home on the most economical plan possible, so that those who take stock need have no fear of the money's being wasted. The women of the board are now selling the stock and are meeting with great success. When a person buys a share of stock a nicely printed certificate is given making him a life member of the association.

September Police Work.

The report of Clerk Stevens of police court for September shows the following amount of work done during the month: City cases disposed of, 128; fines paid, $276; costs paid, 142. The character of the cases is as follows: Intoxication, 72; disorderly, 41, violating street ordinances, 18; breach of the peace, 8; keeping house of ill-fame, 1; residing in house of ill-fame, 2; violating health ordinance, 1; jumping on trains, 4; gambling, 1; violating vehicle ordinance, 1. Of these cases sixty-one paid costs, forty-one were committed, twenty-four were nolle pros'd and dismissed, and two were acquitted. State cases disposed of, 37; fines paid, $45; costs paid, $20.02. The following disposition of state cases was made: Held for trial, 9; dismissed, 2; sent to reform school, 1; acquitted, 3; committed in default of fine 3; sent to industrial home, 1; released under suspended sentence, 4; nolle pros'd, 8; paid fines, 5; appealed, 1. Total fines and costs collected, $583.18. To be added to this is the amount of fines collected at the jail, which has not been reported.

Total Number of Street Signs.

Mosher and Hughes, who secured the contract for furnishing the street signs, have computed the number of street intersections in the city where signs are wanted. They have found 3,617 crossings, and as the signs for each crossing costs $1.35, the total cost of the signs will be $4,883.95. There have been several bets made among the aldermen as to the number of signs needed. These bets may now be paid. Some of the aldermen are not in favor of placing signs at all intersections. There are some streets in the suburbs on which not a single house stands. On such streets it is thought best not to place the signs.

Should Have a Temple.

"Grand Rapids ought to have a Masonic temple," said Grand Lecturer Arthur M. Clark of Lexington at the Morton yesterday. "Detroit is building a $200,000 temple, Saginaw one that will cost $70,000, and there are several others that are going up. The second city in the state, especially one so wealthy as Grand Rapids, ought not to delay in the construction of a temple that would be an honor and a credit to the Masons of the city. The consistory and Scottish rite have fairly good quarters, but the chapter and the other lodges are not in very good rooms.

Cedar Springs Bears.

Two bears, one of which has been purchased by the Morton house, are on exhibition at a Canal street meat market. The bears were killed at Cedar Springs, only twenty-eight miles north of this city, while stealing honey, and a label attached to one of them reads "Lived on corn and honey; died on bullets."

Heavyweight Wrestling.

Phin K. Smith of the Independent Athletic club and J. C. Comstock of Muskegon will wrestle Tuesday evening at the Athletic club rooms. The match will be a Greco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can, best three in five. It will be for $200 and the heavyweight championship of the state. The winner of the quickest fall has the choice of methods if a fifth bout is necessary. Smith weighs 200 pounds and Comstock 190 pounds, and both are in the pink of condition. The match will be of great interest to lovers of sport.

Harvest Song Service.

A harvest song service will be held in Trinity Episcopal church, corner of College avenue and Bridge street, Sunday evening, October 9. A special program of music will be rendered by the vested choir of forty voices. The church will be decorated for the occasion by a committee of young women, with fruit, vegetables, etc., which will afterwards be donated to the hospitals. Any person who has the welfare of the hospitals at heart can show it by sending anything he wishes to the Sunday school room on Friday, October 7.

Caught in an Excavation.

Martin Smidt, a laborer aged 32 years, employed on the excavation for the sewer in Buckeye street, was caught by a cave-in yesterday afternoon and seriously injured in the region of the hips and abdomen. He was buried nearly up to his neck. Dr. Thompson, who was called to attend him, thinks he will recover without suffering any serious complications. The injured man was taken to his home at the corner of Davis and Eleventh streets in the city ambulance.

Gone to Pittsburg.

W. E. Stewart left last night for Pittsburg, where he will accept a position with the McClintock Furniture company. Mr. Stewart has served many years in Company H, Second Michigan infantry, where he is at present a lieutenant. "Blondy Bill" Stewart is known to nearly every man in the state troops, and he will be missed by his old comrades.

Ottawa and West Kent Fair.

The thirty-seventh annual fair of the Ottawa and West Kent Agricultural society, held on the grounds at Berlin, closed Friday night with very successful results. The entries exceeded three thousand. All the exhibits were excellent and the crowds in attendance were very large.

Run Down on the Street.

Charles Dean, an old man fifty years of age residing at No. 50 Ransom street was run down on Canal street at 3 p. m. yesterday by a team driven by Peter Spike of Harrington. He received slight injuries and was taken home by his friends in a hack. No blame is attached to the driver.

Owashtanong Excursion.

The old members of the Owashtanong club will have a reunion and a trip down the river on the steamer Valley City next Tuesday. The committee on arrangements is composed of the Hon. I. M. Weston, Messrs. C. W. Black, I. M. Turner, C. W. Chauncey and J. E. Killean.

Weekly Health Report.

The weekly report of the board of health shows that thirty-two cases of contagion existed at the close of last week and that seventeen new cases have been reported. Nineteen have recovered, three died and twenty-seven are still sick.

Local Bank Clearings.

There was an increase of $23,655.91 in the bank clearing yesterday over the corresponding day of last year in a business of $164,625.32. The total for the week was $892,454.61, an increase of $33,459.60 over the corresponding week of 1891.

Led the Senate in Prayer.

The Rev. E. R. Clark of Spring Lake, ex-grand chaplin of the F. & A. M. and who claims to be the only Michigan minister who has ever opened the United States senate with prayer was in the city yesterday.

Special Church Notices.

Fountain Street Baptist—At the morning services the pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. Dr. Graves of Atlanta, Ga.; evening, "The Armor of Righteousness."

South Congregational—Morning, Reception of members; subject, "Invitation to the Wedding;" evening, "I am all right, you needn't fear for me."

Grand Rapids Spiritual Association—Morning subjects taken from the audience. Evening, "How to Develop Mediumship in Your Homes."

Unity — Morning, "Channing: A Prophet of Devout Freedom;" evening, "Why the Columbian Exposition should open on Sunday."

Mission Wood Presbyterian—Morning, "A Kingdom within a Kingdom;" evening, "Refuge Sought and Found."

St. Paul's—Morning, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they may go forward;" evening, "Dead Lies."

Trinity—Morning, "Power of the Passion." Evening, "How to be Insignificant."

Progressive Spiritualist Society—Lyceum at noon; subject, "What is Religion?"

New Jerusalem—Subject, "The New Church Rendering of Prohibition."

Universalist—Morning, "Revelation and the Psychic Life."

St. Mark's—"How to Get Good From Going to Church."

Society Miscellany.

James F. Barrett sailed from Southampton, England, eight days ago and is expected home the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruce Douglas nee Hazeltine will return from Europe in December. They will spend the winter in this city before going to their home at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The Misses Gage and Benedict will give their first hop at Armory hall Tuesday evening, October 4, and their regular evening classes will be held every Tuesday night thereafter.

The members of the South End L. L. C. will hold the first meeting of the club after the summer vacation, October 4, in Simmons' hall, corner South Division street and Fifth avenue.

Building Trades' Officers.

Officers were elected as follows at the last meeting of the Building Trades council:

President—John J. Williams.
Vice President—J. K. Stearns.
Corresponding Secretary — Joseph Lang, plumber.
Financial Secretary—Charles Peterson, painter.
Treasurer—H. H. Slusser, electrical worker.
Trustees—Chairman, James Welsh; R. G. Birdsell and one other. Financially the council is in a prosperous condition.

IS AFTER MR. SMITH

The Board of Public Works Says the Inspector

ALLOWS TOO SMALL BLOCKS

To Be Used on the Fulton Street Pavement—Half of Them Only Four and One-Half Inches in Diameter.

Nothing exciting occurred yesterday to mar the quiet which usually prevails in the meetings of the board of public works. All the members were present. So was William Aldrich Tateum. He came in to ask that a bill of $32 for wasted water be canceled. He explained that he had the water shut off as soon as the leak was discovered, and when the frost was out of the ground last spring he had the pipes repaired. The board promised to consider the case later.

Messrs. Worden, Harrington and Letellier spoke of the size of the blocks being used in the pavement on East Fulton street, near the bridge. Mr. Worden said he was sure one-fourth of the blocks are not more than four and one-half inches in size. The board at one time instructed Mr. Smith, the inspector, to see that none of these small blocks were used, but the inspector had failed to stop the work. No action was taken except to instruct Superintendent Davis to warn Mr. Smith that if he did not stop the use of small blocks another inspector would be appointed. Mr. Davis proposed to have all the small blocks removed. Mr. Worden said he had taken pains to measure the blocks and he found large quantities not more than four and one-quarter inches across.

The following bills were allowed:

Pump house pay roll	$ 543 65
Repairs	540 84
Engineer's pay roll and repairs	718 22
Office account	320 62
Pump house account	625 00
Foster & Stevens	44 48
Foster & Stevens	11 08
The Democrat	6 75
Fred Saunders	7 00
Leonard & Ellis	45 90
Clinton Iron works	95 99
Foster & Stevens	4 50
Grand Rapids Gas company	14 00
J. C. Herkner	32 50
A. Per Lee	87 50
Telephone company	10 00
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Weatherly & Pulte	8 11
Ed L. Gill	15 00
J. N. Davis	130 00
A. Himes	911 33
The Democrat	2 50
Kent county	834 00
Weatherly & Pulte	120 00
E. I. Sigler	61 00
R. Osper	32 50
R. R. Hazelett	56 25
H. Wagemaker	63 00
N. T. Smith	77 00
T. Doan	30 00
M. V. Curtis	28 75
G. M. McCray	30 00
I. E. Baldwin	30 00
T. W. Greenley	30 00
A. W. Orr	30 00
S. S. Hamilton	30 00
D. W. Boyes	69 00
L. L. Launier	30 04
C. G. Blickle	86 00

Doesn't Want the Patterns.

Butterworth & Lowe offered to deliver up the patterns and core boxes used in the construction of the north and south engines and the new flywheels now in the pump house for $200. The patterns cost $2,500. The clerk was ordered to notify Butterworth & Lowe that the city had no further use for the patterns.

The Chicago & West Michigan and Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroads asked for a reduction in water rates on account of the large consumption. Placed on file.

Residents on Terrace avenue protested against paying for the macadam on that street, claiming that the work had not been done according to contract. The remonstrance was placed on file.

Residents on Lyon street made a complaint against the contractor on Lyon street similar to the complaint made to the common council last Monday by the same parties. Mr. Letellier said the people expected that every word of the specifications was to be fulfilled, while the board did not expect it. The work was being well done and he wished the specifications could be amended to say just what was meant.

In reference to the extension of water mains to the new knitting factory on Sibley street, it was decided to have an estimate of the cost made and to make the extension as soon af possible. The following contracts were let: For the improvement of Woodlawn avenue, to Fred Van der Plong, $3,190; for a sewer in Bradburn street, to O. White, $344; for plumbing in pumping station, to F. Shriver & Son, $165.

ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS.

The Literary Society Pays Tribute to the Late Mrs. O. A. Ball.

The Ladies' Literary club met at their club house yesterday for the first time since the summer vacation. There was a large attendance to hear Mrs. Stone of Kalamazoo. The afternoon exercises opened with a piano solo, after which the president greeted the club with a few well chosen words.

A very interesting lecture was delivered by Mrs. L. H. Stone of Kalamazoo on the "History of the Development of Art."

The society adopted resolutions on the death of Mrs. O. A. Ball and also resolutions in memory of Miss Mary Morrison.

The resolutions on the death of Mrs. Ball are as follows:

In the midst of life we are in death, so slender are all earthly ties. For we fade away suddenly like the grass which in the morning is green and groweth up, but in the evening is cut down. Suddenly in the prime of life and in the full ripeness of her powers Mrs. O. A. Ball has passed away and we are called upon to commemorate the loss of one of our most efficient members. Mrs. Ball was one of the original history class out of which the club grew, and was for many years a member of the board and its treasurer.

Faithful in her attendance upon the meetings of the club, true in her attachment to its best interests, she has supported each step toward advancement and furthered its harmonious development.

The club has been wonderfully exempt from the loss of its earlier members.

Mrs. Ball is the first of the officers actively connected with the work from the beginning to be taken away.

As we contemplate the void which her removal has occasioned we are constrained to express our deep sense of loss not only personal, but as a club, and would extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That this recognition of Mrs. Ball's services to the club and memorial of our affection be spread upon the record and a copy of the same be sent to the bereaved family.

MUSICAL MATTERS.

The Brilliant Concert by the West Michigan College Faculty.

The first concert given under the auspices of the Western Michigan college was given by the college faculty Thursday night to a crowded house at Hartman's hall. The program was of the highest merit and each number was rendered with the exquisite skill which comes only with a thorough knowledge of and love for the art. It was announced that the Chevalier De Konteki was suffering from the effects of injuries received in a railroad accident, his arms having been badly bruised. Rather than disappoint an audience he consented to filling his part of the program, and it was done in a manner which excited wonder as to the chevalier's genius when in good health. The notes dropped off in "The Lullaby," the opening number, like rippling waters down a little rill. His playing is wonderful. Mr. Landon was unfortunate in having selected two pieces too purely classical to be thoroughly appreciated by the average concert goer, though there were many auditors who were charmed. Mr. Landon is a fine pianist and composer and is a valuable addition to musical circles in this city, being an authority in musical matters. Mr. Paddon's violin playing excited the deepest attention and applause. Mrs. Bryant has a powerful contralto voice of great range and her numbers were generously applauded. Stanton Becker Grabill, a pupil of De Konteki on the piano and in composition, played a romantic tone poem composed by himself. The readings by Mrs. Belle McLeod Lewis were beautifully given, and Edward Ryan in his violin duet with Mr. Paddon, showed that he has made great progress in the art of violin playing. Miss Cowles is a painstaking accompanist. A novel feature was the descriptive programs, each number being described in detail as to conception, composition and rendition.

HENRY MEMORIAL FUND.

What Has Been Done to Relieve Suffering Little Ones.

Report of the Henry Memorial Fund for 1891-2—This fund was instituted in 1880 by members and friends of L. L. C., in memory of Miss Dora E. Henry. Its income was to be devoted annually to some charitable purpose in this city consistent with the desire of Miss Henry while she was living, to assist and educate suffering and needy children.

The present principal is $373.12. This is loaned on real estate security, with interest at 8 per cent.

The donations during the year have been $10 from one member and $5 from another. The sale of "Noll's Journey," a story of Miss Henry's, has aggregated $7.87 this year, and there are still a few copies unsold. The penny collection on each Saturday of the club year has amounted to $49.12.

Although some feared that this collection would be forgotten like an "old story" yet it was but $3.00 less on the second year since its adoption proving that our members have in mind the fact the poor are always with us. And by these timely offerings many cases of destitution and suffering among God's little children have been relieved. With this sum eighteen pairs of shoes, eleven pairs of rubbers and ten flannel undergarments have been purchased, besides many other articles of clothing.

We can not half tell in a report the many cases of need that come to the notice of teachers, nor how thankful they are for this little fund which can be used to help children, who, without it, could not attend school comfortably clothed. But not least in usefulness have been the gifts of clothing. It would need a secretary who could give much time to the work to enumerate how many anxious mothers have gladly received additions to their little one's scanty wardrode from the bundles that have so generously been given, and by skillful planning and remodeling have kept their children warmly and neatly clad. But few appeal to us for help. We find the needy sometimes when we least expect them, and in many cases have learned only by diligent inquiry concerning absentees from school that the parents have met with reverses and need a bit of aid and encouragement. Not the least of the blessings of having some ready-made garments on hand is that cleanliness can be insisted on when a change is furnished.

We hope that our fund may receive an addition of $26.80 before 1893 that we may start out on our thirteenth year with a principal of $400. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. D. CODY,
MRS. M. E. CROSBY,
MISS EMMA FIELD,
Trustees.

Donations received by Emma Field, secretary of fund, No. 74 First avenue.

Ethel Smith's Birthday.

Yesterday a pleasant birthday party was given in St. Mark's hospital in honor of little Ethel Smith. She, with a brother and sister are convalescing from typhoid fever. Tables were set in the children's ward and were prettily decorated. Mrs. Jerome Smith's Ten of Kings daughters furnished the decorations and presents. Nine of the hospital's little sufferers had their lives brightened by the event, and there were thirteen friends of the little hostess present besides. Some of the children in the ward were able to sit in chairs at the table and the others were drawn up in their cots. The little patients forgot all about their pains and ills, and had what everybody declared was "just a lovely time."

Progress Toward Consolidation.

A meeting of the two committees appointed by the board of trade and the improvement board to confer with reference to the proposed consolidation of the two boards, was held in the board of trade rooms last night. The matter was referred to a sub-committee composed of Col. George G. Briggs and John A. Covode of the board of trade and Fred A. Maynard and Isaac M. Turner of the improvement board. This committee will compare the constitution and by-laws of each organizations and formulate plans upon which the two organizations shall be merged. The committee will report at a meeting hereafter to be called.

Looking for Plaster.

J. J. Hubbell of Chicago, E. W. Bassell of Chicago, and H. B. Gill of Columbus, O., are at the Morton House. They are here on business relative to the Grandville Plaster company, the stock of which is largely owned by Mr. Hubbell.

MAY COST TOO MUCH

The Board of Education Has a Squabble

OVER ERECTING FLAG STAFFS

To Aid the Children in the Celebration of Columbus Day—Financial Report of the Secretary.

The only question which disturbed the equanimity of the school board last night was a resolution sprung by Trustee Locher to aid the school children in the celebration of Columbus day by erecting flag-staffs for them to place their flags on. Several speeches were made in which "Old Glory" and "Patriotism" had a conspicuous place, and the dignity of the assembly was so far forgotten that the speakers were actually applauded.

All the members were present. The first business was the reports of committees. The committee on teachers recommended the following changes: That the resignation of Fannie Daniels, from South Division street, be accepted; that Nora Matthews be transferred to the vacancy. The transfer of Eva Clark from North Coit avenue to Jefferson street. The transfer of Eva Ames from Oakdale to North Coit avenue. The appointment of Mary Hubbard to North Division street school. The appointment of Minnie Lowes as a cadet in Oakdale. The granting of leave of absence for one-half year to Elvire Everhart. The report was adopted.

New Districts.

The committee on schools recommended that the portion of the Plainfield avenue district lying between East Leonard street and Quimby street and between the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad and the river be added to the North Ionia street district; that all of the North Coit avenue district lying east of Plainfield avenue be added to the Plainfield avenue district; that the north side of Bradford street be added to the East Bridge street district. The committee also recommended the closing of a room in Hall street and in the Oakdale school, and that a room be opened in the North Division street school; that tuition in the ungraded school be fixed at thirty-five cents per week for non-resident pupils. The report was adopted.

The committee on text books recommended the adoption of "Montgomery's History." The publishers agree to sell the books for $1 each and to allow thirty cents for old books in good repair. The committee also recommended the purchase of 300 normal third readers and 175 Harper's third readers. The report was adopted.

The library committee recommended the purchase of a list of forty-nine books at a cost of $61.27. Adopted.

The report of the secretary showing the receipts and disbursements of the past year was read as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance, September 2, 1891	$ 88,800 27
Received from estimate on one mill tax	206,420 32
Received from unpaid taxes	1,156 61
Received from rejected taxes	1,452 20
Primary money	2,582 46
Tuition	942 62
Interest on daily balance	7,266 61
Sale of bonds	175,455 92
Fines	4,280 71
Sundries	97 28
Total	$534,403 10

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' salary	$156,785 67
Janitors' salary	16,024 16
Bonds	8,000 00
Interest	12,400 85
Printing	748 00
Fuel	8,239 56
School sites	5,500 00
Heating apparatus	1,088 00
School furniture	2,211 16
Secretary's salary	600 00
Superintendent of construction	1,000 08
Repairs	4,796 02
Library books	2,000 [illegible]
Library expenses	1,279 62
Grade and sewers	836 40
Improvement of grounds	677 00
Contingent	30,653 96
Insurance	165 76
Water tax	800 00
High school building	46,211 63
Building fund	34,190 00
Total expense	$336,247 94
Balance in treasurer's hands September 26, 1892	177,945 16

Librarian's Report.

The librarian yearly report was submitted, showing that the library now has 29,772 volumes—English, 28,234; German, 718; Holland, 710; French, 110. Divided as to subjects: Philosophy, 367; Theology, 773; Sociology, 853; Philology, 66; Science, 881; Useful Arts, 543; Fine Arts, 550; Literature, 1,937; Travels, 1,357; Biography, 1,946; History, 1,827; Polygraphy, 897; French, 110; German, 718; Holland, 710; Juvenile Fiction, 2,600; Fiction, 6,775; total circulating department, 22,930; Reference Library, 3,228; Documents, 2,851; Reserve Stock, 763; final total, 29,772.

The taste of the people who patronize the library is shown by the following figures of the number of books issued: Philosophy, 619; theology, 1,009; sociology, 998; philology, 76; natural science, 2,088; useful arts, 812; fine arts, 1,365; literature, 3,010; travels, 3,229; biography, 2,014; history, 204[illegible]; polygraphy, 2,467; French, 148; German, 2,954; Holland, 7,290; juvenile fiction, 43,088; fiction, 73,[illegible]44. Total issues, 147,562.

Squabble Over Flagstaffs.

The special committee that was appointed to consider bids for printing the annual reports, recommended that the contract be let to the Dean Printing company.

The committee on special training recommended the appropriation of $200 for the purchase of kindergarten material. The report was adopted.

Secretary's Report.

The committee on claims and accounts recommended the payment of bills amounting to $3,451.58, divided as follows:

Contingent fund	$1,246 39
Printing and advertising	100 61
School furniture	20 00
Fuel	40 52
Repairs	930 45
Library expense	10 00
Library books	22 [illegible]
Water tax	800 00

The report was adopted.

The committee on buildings re-appointed most of the janitors in the various buildings at the old salaries. The report was adopted.

Trustee Locher moved that the board purchase and erect flagstaffs for each school building in the city. The staffs are to be erected either on the buildings or on the grounds. A long discussion followed. Some favored the scheme. The matter of expense was spoken of. Trustee Bradfield said it would cost $25 each to erect the poles either on the grounds or on the buildings. Several motions were made, intended to kill the measure. A motion to refer to the building committee with power to act was carried and the board adjourned.

Dwight Goss chairman of the republican congressional committee was in Holland yesterday on political business