

GIST OF THE BILLS

Introduced at Lansing by Our Representatives

RESPECTING JUSTICE COURTS

Representatives White and Anderson Each Have Ideas for Reforming the System—What the Bills Provide.

The subject of reforming the justice courts system of the city is again brought before the public by the introduction of a bill in the legislature by Representative White and the notice of another by Representative Anderson.

The White bill provides that the city furnish contiguous court rooms for all its justices and that three of them sit in banc at certain times or terms to try jury cases and as a sort of appellate court from the others.

Mr. Anderson's Measure. The Anderson bill aims to reduce the number of justices from four to two, but if it is amended to three, for instance, the main features would remain the same.

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MUST TEACH THE YOUNG.

Miss Mary E. McDowell's Views on Temperance.

Mary E. McDowell spoke last night in Division Street M. E. church on the license system of governing the saloon traffic and the influence that women might have if they would, in temperance work.

She spoke of life in Washington and the temptations to which young men and women are subjected there. She had spent one winter in Washington, and had not found it hard to say no when wine was offered her.

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January 21 the Burns' club will hold its anniversary celebration in Innes Rifles hall.

This Week's Union Meetings. The union meetings conducted by the young people's society of the central group of Protestant churches will open this evening in the Living Street M. E. church, where they will continue every night except Saturday.

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brought with them sterling worth. The trouble was that Americans did not go out and meet those poor fellows and try to teach them our methods of life. They were left to the saloon. Most of them were accustomed to the use of liquor, but did not know such a thing as a saloon as we know it in America.

Referring to Hull House and its work, she said more attention would be devoted to temperance work there. She appealed to her hearers to think of the helpless women and children, whose drink had ruined, crying out for aid. There was money enough to make our homes more beautiful, but not enough to take the little children and place them in kindergartens were they would have proper training.

WILL GIVE A HOP.

Charity Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, Will Entertain.

Charity Lodge, Daughters of Rebecca, will give a social hop Wednesday evening in the hall at West Leonard and Turner streets. This is the first hop ever given by the lodge, but the women have made such complete arrangements that the event can prove nothing but a success.

SURPRISED THE NURSES.

U. B. A. Hospital Staff Treat Them to a Ride and Supper.

The medical staff of the U. B. A. home gave the nurses employed there a pleasant sleigh ride Saturday night. A large comfortable sleigh with an abundance of warm robes was provided, and the drive of twelve miles was thoroughly enjoyed by the young women.

City News in Brief.

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Tuesday night the board of trade will discuss the matter of petitioning the legislature to amend the city charter in order to permit Grand Rapids to bond itself for the improvement of Grand river.

Prof. Morehead leaves today for Richmond, Ind., where he will bring a tenor solo part in the oratorio of Israel. From there he goes to New York on a business trip.

The members of the Grand Rapids Independent Athletic club are making preparations for a grand exhibition to be given in the gymnasium on Pearl street January 28.

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Republican club will be held at their club rooms Tuesday evening, January 17, at 7:30. All republicans are invited to be present.

Harry S. Lawton, formerly chief clerk in the office of Superintendent Amers of the Lake Shore road, has accepted a position in the office of Berkey & Gay.

The Rev. Father Wervert, C. S. S. R. of the Redemptionist home in St. Louis, has succeeded the Rev. Father Brant as assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus church.

Friday De Molai commandery will pay a visit to the Grand Rapids commandery of the Knights will leave at 2:30 by a special train over the C. & W. M. road.

Lewis H. Withey has been elected a director in the Consolidated Street Railway company in place of the late James Blair.

Adjutant General Stanley of Detroit delivered an address to the Ladies of the Macabees in their hall yesterday afternoon.

The old floor of the Grand Rapids Athletic club's gymnasium is being taken up and one of hardwood substituted.

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The churches don't roast heretics now—they simply fire them.—Menominee Herald.



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

DRIVEN OUT BY THE FIRE.

Thousands of Snakes Forced to Move by Mountain Fires in Pennsylvania.

One of the interesting features of recent forest fires caused by long-continued drought in the mountains of eastern Pennsylvania has been the revealing and dislodging of undreamed-of numbers of snakes which infest the mountain fastnesses.

At the foot of the mountain is a road, and there the corps halted to await developments. Standing there they saw thousands of snakes glide down through the grass and across the road, disappearing in the tangled brush on the lower side.

The rattler was five and one-half feet long and the blacksnake fully seven feet. The rattler was cutting across the road diagonally just as the blacksnake went across straight from the same side.

In a moment they collided and then clinched. The blacksnake with a sudden twist of his body caught the rattler tightly in his coils. Then he gave another twist and the game was up for the rattler.

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NICKEL AND ITS USES.

The Many Advantages of an Alloy of Nickel and Steel.

For a long time nature's hints were neglected or disregarded, but in 1888 patents were taken out in England and France by different individuals for the preparation of nickel steel.

Tests of this alloy have been made by competent authorities and the effect of the addition of small percentages of nickel to steel is seen in greatly reduced tendency to oxidation and increased strength.

"showed an ultimate strength of thirty per cent. and elastic limit of sixty to seventy per cent. higher than those of mild steel, with a nearly equal ductility, and the valuable quality added of less liability to corrosion."

It positively prevents the loss of the watch by theft, and avoids injury to it from dropping.

IT CAN ONLY BE HAD with Jax. Box Filled or other watch cases bearing this trade mark.

All watch dealers sell them without extra cost. Ask your jeweler for pamphlet, or send to the manufacturers.

Keystone Watch Case Co., PHILADELPHIA.

METROPOLITAN HOTEL, Broadway, corner Prince Street, NEW YORK CITY.

Edited and reprinted under new management on the European Plan.

On account of the great rush for linen during the past week we were unable to properly wait upon the thousands of ladies who visited our store for the purpose of purchasing, and as our stock seems inexhaustible, having received a large quantity of consigned

HARDLY HAD WE COMMENCED OUR GREAT HALF OFF SALE ON OVERCOATS

When imitators start to follow; but alas for them, too late! The tide has set in. Trade comes our way. We originate—let others follow.

1-2 Off This Week Overcoats AT THE TOWER.

It is the GREATEST SLAUGHTER SALE OF THE YEAR. Don't miss it! Bring this table of cut prices with you. It will save time and figuring. Every garment marked at original selling prices from which the lucky buyer gets Half, Third or Quarter off.

Table with 8 columns: Former Price, Now Half Off, Or Third Off, Or Quarter Off, Former Price, Now Half Off, Or Third Off, Or Quarter Off. Lists various overcoat prices and their discounted values.

NEXT WEDNESDAY

OUR GREAT NINTH SEMI-ANNUAL LINEN COLLAR SALE.

Seven styles—Genuine four-ply linen collars..... 5c Three styles—Cuffs, linen..... 10c

FOUR DAYS ONLY!

HUDSON'S TOWER CLOTHING CO., GREAT BARGAIN STORE.

table linen, napkins, towels, etc., from the manufacturers, which we intended opening after the sale, we have decided to offer them with the balance of the stock on Monday morning, and continue our offering one week longer, or until the stock is sold. Respectfully, SPRING & COMPANY.

Low Prices in Meat.

Even though the Western Beef and Provision company are forced to encounter such obstacles as a conflagration in their stores and the delay of invoices of meats caused by snow storms, they keep right along serving the part of a good Samaritan to the public by selling meats at the bottom notch, from what is apparently an inexhaustible supply.

Six Entertainments.

Balance of the Hartman Hall Lecture Course for \$1.00, only 26¢ left. Sale Thursday the 19th. First come first served.

To Florida

Dixie Flyer via the Swannee river route. Double daily sleeping car service from Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Louisville and Evansville, via Nashville, Chattanooga, Atlanta, Lake City, Jacksonville to Tampa. For rates and sleeping car, write B. F. Neville, No. 194 Clark street, Chicago.

Souvenir

World's fair half dollars office. Only one of every thirteen persons in the United States can have one of these coins. Will you be the lucky one or one of the unlucky twelve.



is an arbitrary word used to designate the only bow (ring) which cannot be pulled off the watch.

Here's the idea

The bow has a groove on each end. A collar runs down inside the pendant (stem) and fits into the groove, firmly locking the bow to the pendant, so that it cannot be pulled or twisted off.

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GIVE THEM AWAY Barlow Bros., 5-7 Pearl St., Near the Bridge.



Makes an every-day convenience of an old-time luxury. Pure and wholesome. Prepared with scrupulous care. Highest award at all Pure Food Expositions. Each package makes two large pies. Avoid imitations—and insist on having the NONE SUCH brand.

MERRELL & SOUPE, Syracuse, N. Y.

Ladies and Gents, when you dine or lunch down town call in to Fysh's, No. 13 Canal street, where we feel satisfied you will be pleased with what is set up in the way of a first-class Dinner or Lunch.

We have remodeled the premises and are now ready to handle all the business comes our way.

We have two flats over the store that we intend fitting up as soon as business will warrant it, so that we have plenty of room for all.

Our Bakery is one of the prominent features of our business and we invite a trial of our Bread, of which we make the following kinds: Cream, Graham, Boston, Brown and ordinary White Breads.

Candies—We keep a nice stock of Creams, Bon Bons, Crystallized Fruits, Taffies, Chips, etc., and which you can rely on being fresh.

Cakes—A large variety of Fine Cakes, Macaroons and Lady Fingers always on hand.

Give us a trial and we will do our best to give you satisfaction.

Visit our Hosiery Department.

Special Low Prices in our Silk Department.

Big Drives in our Carpet Dept.

Special Bargains in Dress Goods.

Blankets and Quilts at Prices to close them out.

Great Reductions on Cloaks.

For the Week of January 10th.

We are determined to close out our stock of Winter Goods of every description and shall make prices the drawing card.

BARGAIN WEEK!

Appreciating the public's hearty response to our Special Linen Sale last week, we have prepared

A BILL OF FARE

GOOD THINGS

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Give DR. PRICE'S DELICIOUS FLAVORING EXTRACTS a trial, and if they please you, recommend them to your neighbor; if not, return them and have your money refunded. No fears of your not being satisfied, as their perfect purity and excellent quality are so decided. Nice delicacies are never spoiled by their use, as they impart the sweet and natural fruit flavors. Dr. Price's Vanilla, Lemon and Orange can not be equaled.