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ONE trouble is, by the time we've really learned that "All is Vanity," and are ready to live accordingly, we have to pass on—so the man behind can get his lesson.  
—Jack Appleton.

**Law for the "Masher."**

The question of the disposition of the "masher" question is receiving considerable attention in the city of Detroit. The following suggestion from the pen of our townsman, O. W. Rowland, appeared in the Detroit Journal of last Saturday. In a measure it might explain the attitude of Judge Jeffries in several cases which have come under his supervision:

Editor The Journal: Perhaps, living so far from the metropolises of Michigan, away over here in the "fruit belt," where the principal occupation of the people is growing grapes and peaches, it may be considered presumptuous for us to disagree with his honor, Judge Jeffries, as to the adequacy of the law for the punishment of "mashers." Of course, out here in peaceful, tranquil, saloonless Van Buren we are seldom troubled with that class of offenders; but occasionally we have to institute proceedings under the provisions of section 11,737 of the Compiled Laws of the State of Michigan, which reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use any indecent, immoral, obscene, vulgar or insulting language in the presence or hearing of any woman or child within the limits of any township, village or city in the state of Michigan." The maximum punishment for a violation of this statute is a fine of \$100 or 90 days imprisonment. To us, who may not be as learned as Judge Jeffries, the above quoted statute appears to be all the law needed for the punishment of a "masher" who insults a woman on the public highway or on the streets of a city. But, possibly, our ideas of what constitutes an insult may be different from the opinion of Judge Jeffries. And then, we are not a police justice, and "mashers" have votes.

The announcement of Harry A. Cross of Lawrence as a candidate for the office of county clerk at the coming primaries appears in another column on this page. Mr. Cross was a candidate for the office at the primaries two years ago, and while he was defeated, yet he made a very creditable showing, and came through the strenuous campaign without a scar or blemish. He is well known throughout the county, and while the present incumbent, Wm. C. Mosier is again a candidate and has a strong following as was evidenced in the last election, the early indications are that the race for sheriff, in which there are so many candidates entered, will not be the only contest of the coming campaign. The two candidates above mentioned are the only ones to date who have announced their candidacy for the office of county clerk, although it has been rumored that others might come in.

**Break From Uncle Joe.**

It is evident that there has been a split in the Michigan congressional delegation and that our state will no longer put up a solid front for Speaker Joseph Cannon. In response to inquiries sent out by the Grand Rapids Evening News, Congressman Hamilton, Townsend and McLaughlin declared that they were not in favor of Cannon as his own successor in the speaker's office. Congressman Hamilton's reply to the inquiry was as follows:

"I think Mr. Cannon will not be the next speaker. I dislike that element in political human nature which prompts men to join in a hue and cry against a public man simply because it has become popular to do so. My objections to Mr. Cannon's leadership as speaker now and in the future, grow out of a fundamental difference between his view of things and my own. I disagree with him radically on certain vital questions, and our disagreement is not recent. Many of my constituents have known my attitude a long time."

Following the statement that there would be a break in the Michigan delegation, Congressman Diekema of the fifth district has announced his candidacy as Uncle Joe's successor. Diekema thinks the place is sure to go to the middle west, and that he will stand a good show of landing the place. It is said that he has already made a personal canvass among his friends in congress.

One of the state papers is authority for the statement that Hon. E. L. Hamilton, congressman from the fourth district, will have opposition to re-election, and that his opponent will be Hon. Cassius L. Glasgow, present state railroad commissioner. Mr. Glasgow has as yet made no announcement of any such intention, and it is extremely doubtful if any of the disappointed office seekers in the district can induce him to do so. Mr. Hamilton is one of the leaders of the state delegation in congress, and the probabilities are that he will be re-elected to a seat in the national house of representatives just as long as he may desire to be a member of that body.

SENATOR Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, gave an eloquent address before the democratic club of Jackson, Michigan, last Saturday evening. In a letter to a Paw Paw friend, giving the details of the meeting, Bert Bryar of that city, but formerly of Paw Paw, said among other things, "that the address of the blind senator was indeed eloquent. That he spared neither Taft or Cannon, Aldrich or Payne, and that he did not refer during the entire course of his address to 'Judge' Bryar of the Jackson county circuit court, or to Fred B. Ocobock, chairman of the democratic county committee of Van Buren county."

In reply to a rumor that Nick Whelan had deserted Pat Kelley as campaign manager, Mr. Whelan states as follows:

"Any one who says I have deserted Pat Kelley can call around and get a look." "I am still on the job and will be on the job until after the votes have been counted and show Pat to have landed the nomination. After that he will be perfectly able to take care of himself."

THE Courier's "Pome Machine" suffered another spasm in last week's issue of that paper, and inflicted the same on the patient and long suffering public. A few more similar efforts, and she will be ready for a long ride to the crest of the hill in our neighboring city on the east.

REMEMBER that January 29 will be McKinley day. Don't forget to wear a carnation.

EATING some angel cake makes a man feel like the devil.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**For County Clerk.**

Without fuss or feathers I announce myself as a candidate to the republican electors of Van Buren county for the office of County Clerk, to be voted for at the primary nominating election to be held Sept. next and if nominated and elected I promise to perform the duties of the office faithfully and honestly.

HARRY A. CROSS

**For Sheriff.**

To the republican voters of Van Buren county:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Van Buren county at the primaries; and if you think my services in the past as an officer and a worker for the party entitle me to the nomination, you will please remember me at the polls. I have never asked the nomination before for the best of reasons. There is nothing connected with the office of sheriff that I am not familiar with, and if nominated and elected, I promise to serve the people of Van Buren county to the best of my ability. The good book says, "Ask and Ye Shall Receive."

Very truly yours,  
H. W. McCABE.

**"BUTTING IN."**

It's getting real exciting now,  
And begins to look quite like a row,  
For the "Pome Machine" we see  
Is getting pretty sore at me.

Now we should always do what's right  
Even though we're in a fight,  
So if you're hit you musn't get sore,  
But grit your teeth and slam some more.

It looks as if she was backing down  
When she spreads the news about our town  
That The True Northerner  
Has interfered with her.

Yes indeed we butted in,  
To let her go would have been a sin.  
Without a reply she surely ought not  
To be allowed to knock such a lot.

Her guilt she tries to remove  
By thinking that she can prove  
That we were the first to throw  
The stone that won us a foe.

One may throw a stone you know,  
And it may happen to go just so  
That it will hit nothing at all  
And then again it may hit a wall.

The first little stone she threw  
Hit only just a few,  
So we let that one go by  
And didn't make a reply.

So she thought she'd throw some more  
Since it did no harm before,  
And when one bounced back at her  
She shook her fist at the Northerner.

But she has such a little fist  
That we cannot resist  
Laughing to hear her try  
To make a decent reply.

Now wouldn't it make you tired  
When a girl gets so all fired  
Contrary that she will vex  
Her friends by denying her sex?

Well, we've done all we can  
To convince her she's not a man,  
So I think Kalamazoo  
Is the place for her, don't you?

Her little rule for success  
Is mighty good we'll confess,  
And if her goal she reaches  
She must practice what she preaches.

N. O. SLAM.

**WILL APPOINT ENUMERATORS**

Applicants for Census Enumerators Will Take Written Test on Feb. 5. Work Begins April 15.

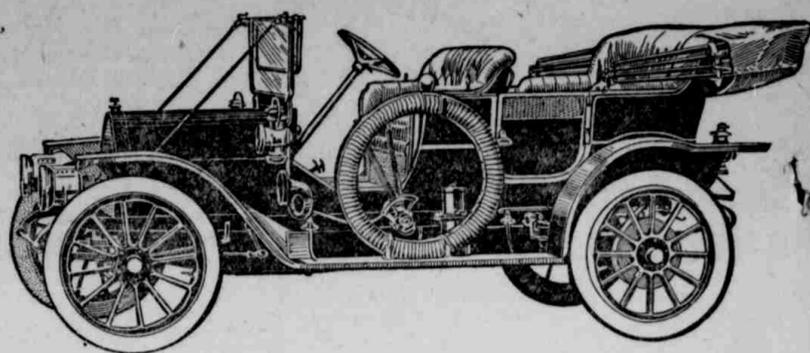
It is nearly time for the appointment of census enumerators. The time for the filing of applications has been extended from January 25 to January 31. All applications from the fourth congressional district must be made to Chas. F. Davidson supervisor of census Allegan, Michigan, and no application will be received after the above date. For the purpose of aiding the supervisors in determining the competence of the candidates, a written test will be required. The test will be held on Saturday February 5. In Van Buren county such tests will be held in Paw Paw, Hartford and South Haven, and will be under the supervision of the post masters of those places. Political recommendations are not necessary and will not be considered in the appointment of enumerators. The supervisors to whom all applications must be made, have been instructed to consider all candidates and to select solely on the basis of efficiency. The test is not a civil service examination, it is merely a practical test and will be similar to the one used in 1900. The post masters who conduct the examinations will have nothing to do with the examination and marking of the papers. That will be done by the supervisors of the census, or members of the census bureau.

It should be borne in mind that applications must be filed with the supervisors of census on or before January 31st, and that any person between the ages of 18 and 70 years who is a citizen of the United States is qualified to make application, and will be permitted to take the written test.

**COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO.**

As was anticipated our local poultry fancier, F. P. Grimes carried off his share of prizes at the big poultry show in Kalamazoo last week. He won on white wyandottes with 80 in the class, 2d, 4th and 5th on cockerels, 3d on pullet, 2d on hen, cock 4th, and 2d on breeding pen with five birds. Mr. Grimes is highly gratified at the showing made by his birds in competition with such large classes.

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**CLUTCH** The clutch is of the multiple disc type. It differs from the ordinary clutch of this type by its smooth engagement and positive release. The clutch positively lets go when the foot-lever releases it.

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**FRAME** Pressed steel. **SPRINGS**, front, ½ elliptic; rear, ¾ elliptic. **AXLES**, front, I-beam, drop-forged, ball-bearing spindle; rear, tubular semi-floating, roller-bearings at wheels. **WHEELS**, wood artillery 34x3½. **WHEEL BASE**, 108 inches; quiet and smooth running. A big car with plenty of room for five people. Now on exhibition at my store.

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