THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13, 1887.

Money to Loan

LAKENAN & BARNES, financial correspondents of Eastern capitalists, have unlimited capital to loan for 5 to 7 years time at a low rate of interest on farms in Audrain and neighboring counties. Privilege of paying part or all of loan before due. We also loan home money on very reasonable terms. If you desire a loan call on us and we will give you terms that defy competition.

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Real Estate, Loan and Insurance Agents,
MEXICO, MO.

TO PUBLISHERS.

About 200 lbs. good long primer in cases for sale at a bargain. Three full, even cases with sorts. Apply to LEDGER office.

Gov. Hardin is sick

Easter offers special bargains this week before moving.

Water is being put into the elegant new Kemper building.

The Board of Directors of the Mining Company will meet soon.

Easter's new store is onthe West side, one door south of Llewellyn's.

Hardin College is represented at the St. Louis Exposition this week.

Easter, the cash grocer, moves into his new store the first of next week. Don't forget it.

Mrs. Anna L. Krausse, of St. Louis, has purchased the H. Hall property, this city, for $5 000.

Birt Ringo is going to Chicago in a few days in the interest of the Ringo-Nelson washing machine.

Geo. A. Morris and family will occupy their elegant new suburban residence—Red-top—in a few days.

Work continues steadily, night and day, at the derrick. No new formations have been penetrated.

The Water-works Company will work night and day until they get their main on Jefferson St lowered.

The Liberty Street M E Church, when completed, will be one of the handsomest church buildings in the city.

Jacob Childs, United Sates Minister to Siam, has the thanks of the LEDGER for a copy of the Bangkok *Times*

Bob Graham says he will give a liberal reward to any one who can beat a Hardin College school girl climbing a tree.

C. F. Clark gave his trotter, Marshall T., a record of 2:29 in a private trot on the St. Louis race track last week.

Work has been delayed considerably, from different causes, on the new Ferris Opera House, but the building is beginning to assume shape.

Judge Gilliam, who has just returned from Hot Springs, Ark., presented us to-day with some as fine mineral specimens as we ever saw.

A new formation has been penetrated at the "gas" well. The rock is of a reddish color, and is much harder than that previously passed through.

A letter received at this office from Jesse Dodson states that he is much pleased with California. He is working at the printing business at San Jose.

The improvement work on the Liberty St. M. E. Church is nearing completion. This will be one of the neatest church edifices in the city when finished.

Easter will move in Kemper's old stand; W. I. Paul will move to Easter's, and French will move his drug store into the room now occupied by W. I. Paul.

Curtis E. Smith, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of the county, died at his home north of Laddonia at 6 p. m. last evening. He leaves a wife and one son.

A protracted meeting will begin on Tuesday night, October 18th, at Liberty church, conducted by Rev. T. N. Kincaid. The meeting will continue about one week.

Cash Blackburn reports business at Vandalia booming, and says everybody will be at the big circus next Monday. The "heavy man" of the LEDGER will be with you, Cash.

From the railroad and telegraph tax book for 1887 is obtained the following:

Amount of State, County and municipal tax due from W. St. L. & P. R. R.	$4,632 52
K. C. St. L. & C. R. R.	3,048 96
L. & M. R. R. R.	4,739 75
South Branch	502 75
W. U. T. Co.	181 35
Total	$13,145 14

An alternative writ of mandamus was served upon the justices of the County Court of Jasper county yesterday requiring them to issue a saloon license to R. M. Sharp. The writ was issued by Judge Sherwood, of the Supreme Court, and its object is to test the constitutionality of the local option law.

A double team attached to a spring wagon became frightened this Tuesday and started out Jefferson street on a run. The team was last seen going over the hill north of the city on the Paris road. The ordinance requiring all teams to be hitched should be rigidly enforced in Mexico.

LATER—The team belonged to Mrs. N. W. Edmonston. No damage.

The Mexico Deer Hunting Association will leave on the annual hunt next Monday. The party this year will consist of Messrs. John Daniel, Captain; John Spottswood, Peyton Morris, Jesse Carter, Sam Northern, Fred Miskell, Bird Daniel, J. T. Coons and A. Cook. The party will be joined at Jefferson City by W. H. Morlock. The hunters will go overland, as usual, and of course will have a good time.

SECRET SESSION.

LONG SESSION OF THE CITY FATHERS MONDAY NIGHT.

"Coon" Johnson's Dive to Remain Closed—The Sunday Law—Officer Marshall Makes a Statement.

There was a good crowd in attendance at the opening of the City Council meeting Mnoday, the major part of which was attracted there by the report that several interesting bits of business were to be disposed of, but the crowd was disappointed.

The Mayor tapped the Council to order with only four of the members in their seats.

Mr. Steele read the report of City Treasury Gentry, and moved its approval, and the warrants were burned.

An ordinance, heretofore presented, relating to prisoners' board, was laid on the table, after considerable discussion. Upon motion of Mr. Steele, the Marshal was designated by the Council as the Jailor.

Mr. Clark, a member of the committee appointed to talk over the bridge matter with the railroads, reported rather unfavorably. The companies wanted too much, and as he had not much of a chance to get a straightforward proposition from them, he moved that action on the matter be deferred until next meeting. It was laid over.

The following sidewalks were ordered repaired and built upon motion of Bunton. The orders were introducted by Messrs. Turner and Bunton:

Ordered built: Emily E. Dill, west side Water street; C. A. Douglas, west side Water; J. B. Flint, east side Calhoun; Nannie F. Pool, south side Bolivar.

Ordered repaired: J. C. V. Baskin, north side Bolivar; B. F. Dobyns, north side Bolivar; C. E. Purnell, east side Calhoun; Wm. Pollock, south side Clay; Walker Pollock, north side Clay; C. E. Purnell, south side Clay; J. J. Haden, south side Clay; C. E. Purnell, north side Bolivar; Liberty street M. E. Church parsonage, south side Clay; F. P. Canterberry, west side Water; Burford Menefee, north side Bolivar; J. C. V. Baskin, south side Clay; John Brace, north side Bolivar; Wm. Pollock, north side Bolivar.

The finance committee made a report, showing that there were only $84 44 in the treasury. The money paid into the treasury from all sources during September amounted to $2,974 30.

Bills to the amount of $252 35 were read and allowed. After their reading Mr. Walker presented a claim from the Water-works company for $1,969. which, itemized, is as follows:

April 1, 1886.	
To hydrant rental deducted for alleged non-pressure	$ 100 00
July 1, 1887.	
To hydrant rental 2nd quarter, 1887	900 00
October 1, 1887	
To hydrant rental 3rd quarter, 1887	900 00
Interest on $100 for 638 days	10 52
" " 900 for 38 days, defer'd pay't	3 99
" " 900 for 124 days, " "	13 44
" " 900 for 54 days, " "	5 67
" " 900 for 62 days, " "	6 61
" " 900 for 183 days, " "	19 21
" " 900 for 92 days, " "	9 66
Total	$1969 00

The Council rejected it.

Mr. Steele wanted the insurance companies to be notified of the damage to the City Hall by fire and water, that some settlement might be arrived at.

"Coon" Johnson, formerly proprietor of the notorious dive under the corner of Jackson and Washington streets, made a pathetic appeal to the Council for a renewal of his license, promising to keep an orderly place. The Council did not seem to think very favorably of the colored gentleman's proposition, and upon motion of Councilman Johnson, the matter was deferred.

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hisey mentioned to the Council that certain reports had been circulated about one of the night policemen which would bear investigation. Upon motion, the officer, J. R. Marshall, was sent for, and the Council went into executive session to hear a statement from him. After hearing Mr. Marshall, Messrs. Johnson and Turner were appointed a committee to investigate the reports in circulation, or whatever charges might be made, as the Council was not disposed to act unfairly.

The "Coon" Johnson question was brought up in the executive session, and the opinion seemed to prevail that the proprietor of the place should not be allowed to open its doors.

Mr. Turner broached the "Sunday law" subject and a general talk on the question resulted. Johnson wanted the law enforced. He wanted every place of business in Mexico closed on Sunday; he wanted the law enforced to the letter. Clark believed that a man should be allowed to serve the Lord according to the dictates of his own conscience, and that he would not favor setting aside one particular day for closing. If it was possible, he would like for the merchant to do business on any of the six days he wished, but the seventh—let him pick his day—he must rest. This idea did not meet with the general approval of the members. Steele was very much in favor of respecting the Sabbath, but did not want to run the subject into the ground by enforcing it "to the letter." Turner did not believe with Clark, for he thought a man in Rome should do as Romans do, that the Sabbath be observed. Walker was strongly in favor of enforcing the Sunday law, and believed that the City Marshal and police force should see that it is observed.

The discussion was brought to a close by an informal request of the Council for the Mayor to issue a proclamation closing such places of business on Sunday as his judgment would direct. Mayor Hisey was seen by a LEDGER reporter at the City Hall this afternoon. He told the reporter that he would issue no proclamation. He said:

"I do not want to proclaim to the world that the people of Mexico are so uncivilized that they break the Sabbath to an extent warranting the order. Why, hit would soon be common talk that our people do not observe Sunday at all. I was not ordered by the Council to issue the proclamation, and I shall not do it."

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North Side of Square.

Largest and Most Complete Stock

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OF ALL KINDS!

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When you want the style you have to go to BARTH'S.
You will always find it at this house.

See Our Elegant Hats and Ties!

KEMPER BUILDING.

One of the Handsomest Business Houses in the City—A Description of the Interior.

Without doubt, the finest building for its purpose in the city, is the one now being rebuilt by Wm. Kemper, on the West side, just south of Llewellyn's, which will be occupied when finished by H. Easter, the grocer, will put into it one of the finest line of groceries carried in Mexico. It was originally occupied as a meat market, at which time the room was only some 40 feet in depth and part of its width was taken up by a stairway, leading to the dwelling rooms above. Mr. Kemper has now extended the room to the alley in the rear, so that it is the same depth as the Opera House, and by removing the front stairs he has made it some three feet wider. The old front has been replaced by one of the newest designs, with elegant French plate windows, 6x12 feet in size, that will compare favorably with any in the large cities. The entrance is eight feet and seven inches in width, giving plenty of room for the busiest of Saturdays. The cellar is the best in the city, being seven feet high at the lowest place, and is paved with brick throughout. An elevator, running through to the second story, makes it possible to handle the heaviest goods without difficulty. At the back there is a heavy platform, capable of holding nearly a car load of salt, with room underneath for wagon shelter and coal house. The interior of the store has been finished in elegant style, regardless of expense, after Mr. Easter's own ideas of what a grocery store should be. Under the shelving, at the left, as you enter, there are a series of bins, with rolling tops that effectually exclude all dust, mice, etc. These are for the reception of hominy, rice, oat meal and the like, which are generally kept in barrels and boxes, and are always more or less in the way. Above these bins the shelving is protected by glass sash, behind which will be kept such articles as would be spoiled by dust and flies. Under the second counter will be kept the sugars, in barrels, with trucks under them, so that they can be handled with the least possible trouble. Beyond this counter is the office, safe, and scales, sunk to the level of the floor, so that heavy packages can be weighed before going to the elevator. On the right hand side, there is first, a short counter for tobacco and cigars, and then a sixteen foot counter with coffee bins, which, when closed, give the appearance of a solid front. Next comes a table twenty-five feet in length for general purposes and beyond this the water pipes, wash stand, etc, leaving enough space for the cellar stairs. On the whole the building is as complete as can be imagined and reflects great credit on its genial and enterprising owner. Mr. Easter, it is safe to say, will keep up his reputation as a grocer, and parties in need of any thing in his line will find the freshest goods and the lowest cash prices. He was the first to introduce and stick to the cash system in Mexico, and his trade mark, the "Cash Grocer," can beseen on all roads leading to Mexico.

Easter has the finest room in Mexico. Call and see him.

Stock Shipments.

Robt. Freeman, 1 load calves.

S. S. Northern, 1 load cows and calves.

F. Vaughn, 1 load mules.

Wallace & Dowell, 1 load hogs, all to St. Louis.

Buy one of those elegant new cloaks at Ricketts & Emmons.

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PROGRAMME.

Ninth Annual Convention of the S. S. Association of Audrain County, Mo., to be Held at Vandalia, Mo., October 29, 30.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Singing conducted by W. L. Corner, chorister.
Opening song, Pap No. 365.
Prayer.
Scripture lesson by Rev. J. H. Kaltmeyer.
Song, G. H.
Address of welcome by C. G. Daniel.
Response by President, Eld. J. W. Higbee.
Song, G. H.
Appointment of committees.
"What is the Sunday School; a place to learn a lesson or to recite a lesson already learned?"—Miss Pearl Hughes, of Laddonia.
Song, G. H.
"Best methods of teaching."—Eld. J. A. Dearborn.
Miscellaneous business.

EVENING LESSON, 7:00 P. M.

Song.
"Ought parents, especially church members, attend Sunday School, and why?"—Rev. James Reid.
Song by twenty-five little girls and boys, conducted by Mrs. Laura Read.
"Outpouring of the Spirit on our Officers, Teachers and Pupils;" Zech. 4. 6.—Rev. J. J. Smiley.
Song.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment with benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Opening song, G. H.
Scripture lesson by Rev. J. C. Heiskell.
Prayer by Eld. J. A. Dearborn.
Song.
"Who is responsible for the success of the Sunday School?" J. H. Parsons.
"What are the Qualifications of a Good Sunday School Superintendent?"—Rev. D. N. Epperson.
"What should be the Qualifications of a Good Sunday School Teacher?"—Miss Josie Baker, Laddonia.
Song.
"How can parents, who cannot attend, contribute to the interests of the Sunday School?"—Rev. N. S. Johnston.
Reports of schools and townships.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30.

Song, G. H.
Essay—Miss Maggie Sturgeon.
"The Origin of the Sabbath School and its Office."—Rev. D. W. Nichols.
Song.
Essay: "How to Teach."—Miss Laura Clark, Rush Hill.
Model "Teachers' Meeting."—Eld. J. W. Higbee.
"What benefit have we derived from this Convention?"
Short volunteer speeches.
Miscellaneous business.
Adjournment with benediction.

All Sunday School workers are cordially invited to attend and participate in the exercises. This is not a convention for Union Sunday Schools, only, as many erroneously suppose, but a union of efforts, for more thorough preparation for the great work of Sunday School teaching. We hope to see delegates present from every Sunday School in the county. Let this be a general outpouring of earnest Christian workers. Several townships are still unorganized, but we request all schools that feel an interest in this work to send two or more delegates to this convention and prepare to help make our next State S. S. Convention, which will be held at Mexico, June 5, 6, 7, 1888, a grand success.

J. W. HIGBEE, Pres.
J. N. CROSS,
R. S. PEARSON,
J. F. SWANSON,
Executive Com.

Letter List.

MEXICO, MO., Oct. 13, 1887.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post-office at Mexico, Audrain County, Mo., and which, if not called for within four weeks from date, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington City:

Adams Belle miss	Johnson J B
Armstrong J G mrs	Lewis Geo
Baines Johanna	Miller Judie mrs
Barry Carry miss	Moore Polly mrs
Brown Anna L miss	Myers Jessie
Buckner Ella mrs	Neuberg Anton
Brown (2) Fannie miss	Powell H W mrs
	Powell P E mrs
Brooks Geo	Reynolds Florence miss
Burchett Julian mrs	Robinson Anna mrs
Blythe Betty	col
Davis T J	Robertson John B
Dillard Geo	Robinson M W miss
Dill Daniel	Stacey James E
Boydon John	Silbery A F
Ellsworth Kell	Spotswood jr J T
Fletcher (2)	Turner Caleb
Gatewood John	Weaver (2) James
Green (2) Mary mrs	Whitterger Max
Hagan Daniel	William Noah
Johnson J A	Williams S F.
Johnson Stephen	

JOHN SAUNDERS, Postmaster.

MEXICO should have a union market.

BLACK SQUIRREL.

His Colts Capture Premiums at the St. Louis Fair and Wherever Shown.

That Audrain stock and Audrain horses will compare favorably with that from any part of the world is not questioned. This county has long held a reputation for fine animals, and that reputation is increasing daily. At the great St. Louis Fair, where the finest from all parts of the United States is entered into competition, a colt of the well known Black Squirrel, of this city, took three first premiums. The animal, Red Squirrel, is owned by J. W. Haydon, of Keene, Kentucky, and is a most promising one. He captured three first premiums, as follows:

For saddle stallion, five years old and over, $75; for all purpose horse, $150; sweepstakes, $150.

Mr. Morris is justly proud of Black Squirrel. This horse has a reputation extending over several States, and at home is as much admired as abroad. Squirrel has captured a great many premiums in Missouri, and his colts take the ribbon where ever shown. Besides the three premiums taken by Red Squirrel in St. Louis last week, several other Squirrel colts were honored. Black Squirrel is kept at the stables of Mr. Morris on Promenade street.

Complimentary Resolutions.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the members of the Promenade street Baptist Church last night:

To the members of the First Baptist Church:

Your committee appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the feelings of the body towards our sister and organist, Mrs. Hands, beg leave to report the following: That Sister Hands having tendered her resignation as organist of the church, and stated her intention of removing to another State to reside permanently, therefore, be it,

Resolved by the First Baptist church of Mexico, Mo., that in the removal of Sister Hands, the church has lost an energetic tireless worker, a prompt, faithful and efficient organist, and that we prayerfully commend her as such to those with whom she may cast be lot.

A. M. VARDEMAN,
E. S. FROST,
Committee.

October 9th, 1887.

Personal Mention.

John Abbay is home.

J. C. Bassford is in St. Louis.

A. M. Harrison is in St. Louis.

C. D. Rodgers is in the country.

Dick Shell, of Laddonia, is here.

Mrs. P. W. Harding is in Fulton.

J. B. Clark, of Rush Hill, is in town.

Capt. Bryan is home for a few days.

Maj. Lawder is home from Colorado.

Jim McDearmon, of Vandalia, is here.

C. G. White, of Vandalia, is in town.

Joseph Coons is back from Harris Springs.

Judge Gilliam is home from Hot Springs.

Ed. Dingle, Marshal of Vandalia, is in the city.

Miss Stella Dingle has returned from Moberly.

Chas. Hutchinson, of Vandalia, was in the city to-day.

Mrs. Lewis Hord is the guest of relatives in Fulton.

Joe Moore and Mark Pilcher are home from St. Louis.

Miss Nora Branstetter is the guest of Vandalia friends.

Miss Beulah Williams is the guest of Vandalia friends.

Mrs. Charles Hodges and children left to-day for Louisiana.

Judge Edwards and wife returned from St. Louis to-day.

Wm. Weinand and bride have returned from St. Louis, and this afternoon left for Glasgow.

Miss Utie Headington is among the visitors from this city at the Christian Convention in Fulton.

Geo. Barre, of Washington, Pa., is in the city. Mr. Barre's father, Wm. Barre, is a large stockholder in the Mexico Mining Co.

J. W. Jacks, of the Montgomery *Standard*, was in the city to-day, *en route* to Fulton to attend the Missonary Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cox have returned from an extended visit in Tennesee. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hickman.

W. H. Rownd and Misses Emma and Rose Rownd have left for their home in Cedar Falls, Iowa, after a visit of two weeks in this city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bassford.

J. W. Carson is home from St. Louis.

Rev. W. Pope Yeaman is in the city.

Dr. R. W. Bourn is home from St. Louis.

Miss Pinkie West is home from St. Louis.

J. H. Wear, of St. Louis, is at the Windsor.

R. M. White returned from St. Louis last night.

Horatio Wood, Esq., of St. Louis, is in the city attending court.

H. J. Wigginton is the guest of Linneus friends and relatives.

Gen. Jno. A. Hockaday and Hon. I. W. Boulware, of Fulton, are in the city.

Elder John A. Brooks and wife were in the city to-day on their way to Fulton.

B. F. Tomlinson, the City Recorder, leaves to-night for a week's visit in West Missouri.

Harry Turner left this afternoon for a week's visit in Randolph and Macon counties.

Edgar Dudgeon passed through Mexico Sunday, on his way to Kansas City from St. Louis.

Miss Comer, of Carrington, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. L. Sappington, has returned to her home.

Joe Welmer is in St. Louis. From that city he will go to his old home in Illinois, where he will spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Hon. Henry A. Newman, of Huntsville, is in Mexico attending court. Besides being a genial gentleman he is one of the best posted politicians in the State.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pasqueth are in St. Louis and will be in Mexico the last of the week. Mr. Pasqueth will not go into business at Paris, as has been reported.

BOUND TO GO!

Our Big Stock of Clothing!

Owing to the large increase of our Dry Goods trade and not having ample room for it, we have concluded to CLOSE OUT our entire stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and Overcoats at such prices that will astonish everybody. Call and inspect our stock and get prices and we will convince you that we mean business,

M. Blum & Co.

Corner Monroe and Jefferson Streets, Mexico, Mo.

The Sportsman's Music.

Under the above title W. J. Henderson contributes to the *Century* an article on the calls of the various game birds with their musical notation. We quote as follows: "Unfortunately for the goose, it can be imitated to perfection, and the unhappy birds frequently meet their end by paying too much heed to its deceptive notes. One instance of peculiar interest has come to the writer's knowledge. The destroyers in this case were Captain Walter S. Green, of Life Saving Station No. 5, Long Branch, and Mr. Bright. These two shooters live on opposite sides of a large pond, and are on the constant watch for birds of any kind that may come in from the sea to rest. Early one morning Mr. Bright heard a distant but vigorous honking. He soon saw a flock of seven geese flying in toward the pond. Quickly getting his gun and some heavy cartridges, he hastened down to the edge of the pond, keeping himself hidden behind a heavy hedge. As soon as he had selected his position, he uttered a vigorous honk, to which the leader of the incoming flock responded. Flying low, they sailed majestically in over the opposite shore, a hundred and fifty yards away from Mr. Bright. They were evidently weary, and anxious to settle down in the smooth waters of the pond. Suddenly out of the tall marsh grass on the shore opposite Mr. Bright, two puffs of blue smoke and two booming reports rolled out. The leader of the flock folded his wings and fell to the ground dead. Mr. Bright then knew for the first time that Captain Green was at hand. The birds swerved from their course and flew toward Mr. Bright, who easily killed the second bird. Both he and Captain Green did not cease honking, and the birds, after going away to a considerable distance, sailed back again, passing over Mr. Bright's head at some height. With his heavy gun he killed two of them, when they circled and swept across the pond, where Captain Green killed two more. The remaining bird, which had been wounded by scattering shot, made a hard struggle to rise to a safe height. Captain Green hastily slipped in a cartridge and took a long shot. A few feathers fell from the bird, and he flew across the pond. Mr. Bright then got a long shot at him, breaking his wing and bringing him down."

Business Women.

Women who can make money can't always keep it. Harriet Hosmer shiseled herself into fame and fortune, invested a large part of her earnings in Keely motor stock, and lost it recently. Anna Dickinson made a large sum as a lecturer and lost it as a stage manager. Mrs. Bryan, of Georgia, has charge of certain cheap publications in New York at a salary of $5,000. Mrs. Anna S. Stevens, at her death a few months ago, left a handsome fortune of $300,000 the result of her literary work and profitable investments.

Not long ago the Secretary of the Treasurer of one of the largest street-car lines in Pittsburg was taken ill, and his daughter, who had never had any practical training for the work, undertook to manage his business. She kept the books in good shape, attended to the collection of money, paid the employes, and bought feed and stock for the company. Her father died, and she had done so well in her official capacity that the company thought the best thing to be done was to elect the girl to fill the position permanently.

There are women of such great business ability that they have proved themselves a match for the very best financiers. From Chili comes the report of one Dona Cousino who rivals the financiers of all times. She is almost as famous for her charities as for her business ability. She is one of the richest women in the world. At her husband's death he gave her absolute control of his immense wealth, and she has proved herself a veritable queen of finance. She manages her business, exhibiting great foresight, breadth of purpose, and great ability as a manager of affairs. She has a power of control that can direct and harmonize the different branches of trade and business in which she is engaged. She has a trained superintendent for each separate department. These she has the tact to pay well, thus binding them to her interests. On one farm of vast extent she has 400 men. Every house in a village of 6,000 or 7,000 is hers, and so the people of this village and one adjoining she pays out monthly from $100,000 to $120,000. She owns the only large coal mines in South America. From them she receives $30,000 each month. She has copper and silver smelting works of great value and a fleet of eight iron steamships. All this vast enterprise she controls and directs.

The Champion Girl.

"So this is your birthday, is it, daughter?" asked old Judge Ictus, for it was he. "It is, papa," replied his daughter, for it was indeed no other "And how old are you, my child?" asked Judge Ictus, for that was his name. "I am getting to be an old woman, papa," said the girl shyly, "though I will always be your little girl. I am 22." Her father, for we can no longer conceal his identify from the reader, turned to the old family bible and looked up with a proud smile. "Bless you, my daughter," he said, recognizing his child for the first time; "bless you, my daughter, you are the boss girl; this is the fourth time you have broken the record in three years." —*Brooklyn Eagle.*

Husband (at the breakfast-table)—"Why, aren't we to have those fish I caught yesterday for breakfast, my dear?" Wife—"No, John. When I came to look them over I found they were all stale." Husband (putting on a bold front)—"Stale! That's funny!" Wife—"Yes, very funny."—*New York Sun.*

The fact that her majesty presented all the crowned heads of Europe present at the jubilee with a copy of "Leaves from the Highlands" has made a new edition necessary. The sale of the book has not been extraordinary, but the number of copies she has been able to give away has afforded her Majesty great satisfaction.—*Life.*

"Does your watch keep good time, Mr. Gonever," she asked of her caller about 11 o'clock that night as he consulted his chronometer. "O, dear yes, very good time, Miss Weary; very indeed; why did you ask?" "I imagined it might be an hour or two slow, you know," she answered, and yawned behind her fan. It was a quarter to 12 before young Gonever apprehended her meaning and acted on it.—*Buffalo Courier.*

Dr. Talmage's First Cigar.

The time had come in my boyhood which I thought demanded of me a capacity to smoke. The old people of the household could neither abide the sight nor the smell of the Virginia weed. When ministers came there, not by positive injunction, but by a sort of instinct as to what would be safest, they whiffed their pipes on the back steps. If the house could not stand sanctified smoke, it may be imagined how little chance there was for adolescent cigar-puffing.

By some rare good fortune which put in my hands three cents, I found access to a tobacco store. As the lid of the long, narrow, fragrant box opened, and for the first time I owned a cigar, my feelings of elation, manliness, superiority and anticipation can scarcely be imagined, save by those who have had the same sensation. When I put the cigar to my lips, and stuck the lucifer match to the end of the weed, and commenced to pull with an energy that brought every facial muscle to its utmost tension, my satisfaction with this world was so great my temptation was never to want to leave it.

The cigar did not burn well. It required an amount of suction that tasked my determination to the utmost. You see that my worldly means had limited me to a quality which cost only three cents. But I had been taught that nothing great was ever accomplished without an effort, and so I pulled away. Indeed, I had heard my older brothers in their Latin lessons say, *omnia vincit labor*, which translated means, if you want to make anything go you must scratch for it.

With these sentiments, I passed down through the village street, and out toward my country home. My head did not feel exactly right, and the street began to rock from side to side, so that it became rather uncertain to me which side of the street I was on. So I crossed over, but found myself on the same side I was on before I crossed over. Indeed, I imagined that I was on both sides at the same time, and several fast teams were driving between. I met another boy, who asked me why I looked so pale, and I told him that I did not look pale, but that he was pale himself. After some further walking I sat down under the bridge near my house and began to reflect on the prospect of early decease, and on the uncertainty of all earthly expectations. I had determined to smoke the cigar all up, and thus get the full worth of my money, but was finally obliged to throw three-fourths of it away. I knew, however, exactly where I threw it, in case I should feel better the next day.

Getting home, the old people were frightened, and demanded of me an explanation as to my absence and the rather whitish color of my complexion. Not feeling that I was called upon to go into particulars, and not wishing to increase my parents' apprehension that I was going to turn out badly, I summed up the case with the statement that I felt miserable at the pit of my stomach. Mustard plasters were immediately administered, and I received careful watching for some hours. Finally I fell asleep, and forgot my humiliation and disappointment in being obliged to throw away three-fourths of my first cigar.—*T. De Witt Talmage in Brooklyn Magazine.*

Amateur Botanists.

The proper direction and utilization of the work of amateurs is of especial importance in this country. The amateur abounds more with us than in any other country with the exception of England. We have an immense variety, from the gay and galiant young man who is going to do something for science, but who now can barely pay his club expenses in winter and a steam-yacht in summer, down to the impecunious ignoramus who informs you that he going to write a book, to include all the fungi of this continent, and coolly asks you to give or lend him all your books and specimens, and tell him how to begin. We have the male bore, who kills our time by forcing us to help him kill his; and a copious supply of mild-eyed, sweet-tongued women, whom we can not scold, because they are conscientious, and whom we can not get rid of, because they really have no other amusement. But the botanist has a slight twinge of conscience when he thinks that the kinds of amateurs of which I have spoken are tolerated mainly in the hope, sweet but prolonged, that they may contribute funds to some botanical endowment. But, alas! the gold-mills of the amateurs grind slowly, and they grind exceedingly small. The large sums seldom come from amateurs, but generally from hard-headed business men who do not pretend to be botanists, but, who, with a liberality which does infinite credit to us as a nation, give their money for the public good. It is superfluous for botanists to express their admiration of this class of liberal men. We more than admire them—we live on them!

But fortunately for botany in this country, we have many amateurs of another class. We have many men and women, rich in money. They are scattered all over the country. They are found on the coast of New England, in the smaller towns of the West and South, and in the still more recently settled coast of the Pacific. The time which they can spare from their necessary and not unfrequently arduous occupation is given with enthusiasm to botanical pursuits. The spare money which they can command is spent on books which they read. Their collections do not lie idle on the shelves. It is such amateurs as these of which we may justly be proud, and it is by their labors that a large, if not the largest, share of our botanical investigations must be made in the near future, and it is of the greatest importance that their energy and enthusiasm should not be misdirected.—*Professor W. G. Farlow, in Popular Science Monthly.*

In Paris, the other day, Mme Huot, the anti-vivisectionist, delivered a sentional lecture which caused such an uproar among the students and disciples of Pasteur present that the chairman was compelled to dismiss the audience before the close of the address. Mme. Huot is the lady who thought fit to interrupt the proceedings at the unveiling of the statue of the physiologist, Claude Bernard, by whistling with a key, and who during a recent lecture at the Sorbonne protested so loudly against Pasteur that even the gallant M. de Lesseps lost his patience and remonstrated with her.

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At Grange Hall, Wednesday, Nov. 9th.
At Farber, Thursday, Nov. 10th.
At Vandalia, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7th and 8th.

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP.

At Laddonia, Friday, Nov. 11th.

LOUTRE TOWNSHIP.

At Martinsburg, Monday Dec. 5th.

SALING TOWNSHIP.

At Friendship, Thursday, Nov. 17th.
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Lots five, (5) and seven, (7) and the north one-half of lot six, (6) block twenty-two, (22) in Ladd's extended addition to the City of Mexico, Mo.

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Saturday, Nov. 12, 1887,

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