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For the Christmas and New Year holidays Pere Marquette ticket agents will sell tickets as follows:

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Dates of sale, December 22, 23, 24 and 25, good for return up to January 2, 1907.

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Dates of sale, December 29, 30, 31, 1906, and January 1, 1907; good for return up to January 2, 1907. Ask agents for further particulars. H. F. Moeller, G. P. A.

Prof. V. Kertcher, optician of Lansing will be at Hotel Garnet until the 15th of December. Eyes tested free.

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BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR SALE AND FOR RENT

To Rent—Roosevelt house on Front street Dec. 6 Inquire of Mrs. George Roosevelt, across from W. A. Wilder's. 24tf

For Sale cheap—small heating stove for either wood or coal Inquire Banner office

For Sale—Good baby cab in first-class condition. Enquire of John Shaw. 26tv

For Sale—Two short horn bulls 8 and 12 months old, both registered, both red in color and from a milking strain. John Carlyle, Rockford, Mich., citizens phone 85, 1 long 2 short. 27 4t

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Having purchased 1,000 cords of good sody and top wood, I will be pleased to furnish all customers with the same at living prices. E. E. Cook. 121f

For Sale—Farm of 20 acres inside corporation of Belding. Small house and other buildings. Inquire at Banner office

For Sale—Good second hand round oak stove. Ray Ring. 21tf

For Sale—A number of pens of different varieties of fowls for breeding purposes. W. J. Wilson.

For Sale—One eight foot Freeman special windmill, practically new. Enquire of H. H. Belding.

For Sale or Trade—Horse perfectly gentle not afraid of anything for new milch cow. Romaine Robinson.

For Rent—House on north side, seven rooms, clothes rooms, woodshed and cellar, good well and cistern, small stable. Mrs. Ruth Ellis. 26tf

House to Rent on North Side. Inquire of C. E. Holcomb. 26t

A good business for sale \$350 to \$400 cash required. See W. F. Bricker agent.

Fine new house with bath and all modern conveniences for sale. \$500 to \$500 cash, balance on time. See W. F. Bricker.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—Small open face silver watch Saturday, Dec. 8, on streets of Belding. Finder please leave at this office and receive suitable reward.

Lost—Saturday afternoon a ladies hand bag containing pair of gloves, set ring and some small change, finder please leave a Banner office.

Lost—Chain and plain locket with initials C. containing two pictures. Finder return to Banner office.

HELP WANTED

Wanted—Operators on power sewing machines making ladies muslin under wear and shirt waists. Good wages, steady employment. Will pay beginner, while learning. None but intelligent girls need apply. For particulars, address Standard Mfg. Co., Jackson, Mich. 26w2

Wanted—Competent girl for general household work. Good wages. Mrs. W. D. Ballou.

Wanted—Girl for general household work. Good wages for a good girl. Inquire of Mrs. Hattie Weaver. 22tf

FOR EXCHANGE

Farm to exchange for Belding property. See W. F. Bricker.

Two stores in Saginaw will exchange for Belding property. W. F. Bricker.

MISCELLANEOUS

Wanted—All your old iron, rubber rags, copper and other metals. Call on or address George Kingsbury, Belding, residence near Central school building. Second hand stoves bought and sold.

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NEARLY HALF ARE FARMERS.

THE FACT THAT about half of the recently elected members of the state legislature are farmers, and that some other members not directly connected with the work of the hoe and the plow are yet from the smaller villages and communities wholly dependent upon the farm, would seem to insure to the farmers of Michigan a fair hearing and strong voting representation upon every question that will be discussed and acted upon by the coming legislature. The farmers of Michigan have always been strong and sure in the support of republican principles, national and state, and they in turn have usually wielded the influence and possessed the power which directed and controlled their party. It is, therefore, fortunate for state and party that the next session of our lawmakers will be directed by sympathies which have their foundation in the life of the farm and the atmosphere of the home.

FULL AND FAIR PUBLICITY.

IN THE APPROACHING contests and controversies with which the recently elected members of the Michigan legislature will have to do, the selection of officers for the state senate and house of representatives, and the election of a United States senator to succeed Senator Alger, it will be desirable from every point of view, so far as the people of Michigan are concerned, to have all the proceedings in the open and subject to full and fair publicity. The republican party whose representatives will be held directly responsible for every action taken, is always strongest when most is known of its purposes and performances. It is desirable, too, that as little as possible should be left to the guessing and insinuations of unfriendly and unreliable press reports.

THE TROUBLE BREEDER.

IN THE TRIAL of Cornelius Shea, the Chicago labor leader charged with conspiracy and with accepting bribes, it has developed that a strike which has cost several lives and hundreds of thousands of dollars, was brought about through the payment to Shea of a few hundred dollars. The payment was made by competitor of his business which the strike was in ended injury. The hardest burdens that labor unions have been compelled to bear have come through the leadership of such fellows as Cornelius Shea.

The announcement recently made on behalf of the railroad passenger bureau of the state, that the deposit heretofore required in connection with the sale of mileage books would, after the first of the coming year be reduced from \$10 to \$5, is a further favor for the people of Michigan which comes as the result of Governor Warner's effort in that direction. The extra move in the same direction should be the sale of mileage books with the deposit feature eliminated. Opposition to that reasonable requirement may lead to demands not so profitable or desirable from the railroad point of view.

FEWER STRIKES than ever before in Michigan; workmen receiving good wages, better than ever before; hours no oppressive; the employer treating the employe better than formerly; and workmen throughout the entire state in better circumstances than at any former period—these are some of the statements accompanying Labor Commissioner McCord's announcement of a recent canvass as to labor conditions in all sections of the state.

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TITLES OF NO USE IN BUSINESS.

Foreigners in America soon learn to Assume Pileolan Names.

"Apropos of the society woman who recently eloped with a European nobleman concealed by fate as a riding master," said a German baron, whose New York name is plain Mr. Smith, "you have no idea what a drawback a title is in business in this country, and what trouble the owner has to go to conceal it. They talk about Americans worshipping titles. It is certainly not the case in the business world. For altogether justifiable reasons, perhaps, your Yankee newspapers and fiction writers are accustomed to describe the European nobleman, whatever his fatherland, as spineless, dissipated, and generally no good. This creates a prejudice which the titled foreigner immediately becomes acquainted with when he comes here for the purpose of making a living.

"I had been but three days in New York when I learned to discard the honored name I was born to. During those three days, although an expert engineer with a special field, I could obtain work nowhere. On the fourth day I became Mr. Carl Smith and got a job. It's all nonsense to say that the representative American worships titles. He doesn't. Plain Carl Smith has better chances any day than the foreigner with three hinges to his name."—N. Y. Press.

Mark Twain on Etiquette. "Mark Twain" at a dinner in New York talked on etiquette.

"I once read a book of etiquette," he said, "and I still remember many of the rules. The most important rules were these:

"How to accept a proffered cigar—Slip the right hand into the box, draw forth two, place one absently in the upper pocket of the vest, insert the other between the lips and look inquiringly around for a light.

"How to leave a room properly—Open the door, place one foot over the sill, follow it up closely with the other and then, turning slightly, shut the door.

"How to accept a dinner invitation—Eat a light breakfast and no lunch.

"How to accept an invitation to drink—Look careless. Say, 'Don't care if I do,' and fix the gaze on the other side of the room while the liquor is being poured into the glass. This will assure you a full portion."

Home of the Cocomanut.

The milk in the water cocomanut is a food as well as a beverage. The cart driven through the streets of Jamaica by the quaint old darky urging along his rebellious steed in the form of a native donkey is an interesting sight. One is amazed at the dexterous manner in which the vender takes the unripe cocomanut in his hand and deftly cuts a hole in the top, from which you drink the milk. Then you return the nut to the man and with his machete he cracks it into three pieces and cuts a spoon-shaped silver from one side, from which you eat the white, jelly-like substance scraped from the inside. These are the unripe cocomanuts. When ripe the jelly hardens into the hard white substance to which we are accustomed.

When the Dead Helped Trade.

A Capt. Taylor, his wife and daughter, of old Brig house, England, were buried side by side, standing up in their graves.

Two hundred years ago it was the custom in England to keep an open coffin or chest in the parish church, for common use, to carry the dead to the graveyard in. The body was wrapped in coarse linen, and held together with bone pins.

A few years later an act was passed by parliament ordering that all bodies be wrapped in woollens instead of linsens, in order to build up or foster the woolen industry, which was then in its infancy. The parish vicar was required to report that the burial took place in woolen according to the act.—The Sunday Magazine.

Derivation of "Spelling."

There is some doubt as to the derivation of the word "spelling." It is believed to be from the Anglo-Saxon word "spel," meaning discourse or story, and the verb "spellan," to declare, relate, tell, as in "spell," a charm, and "gospel." However, there may have been some confusion with "spell," a slip of wood, since such a slip was used in old-time schools to point to the letters of a word, one after another, in spelling them out.

Natural Inference.

"Last night, when I accepted George," said Miss Roxley, who was suspicious as she was homely, "he kissed me on the forehead."

"You don't say?" replied Miss Knox.

"Yes; now I wonder why he didn't salute my lips. O! horrors! probably he had been drinking!"

"Very likely. You say he proposed last night?"—Catholic Standard and Times.

An Accident.

Bystander—Come, cheer up, old man. You may not be so badly hurt after all!

Victim—How can I tell how badly hurt I am until after I have seen my lawyer?—Translated for Tales from Le Rite.

Have Their Uses.

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