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THE BENTON TRIBUNE.

VOLUME 6.

BENTON, KENTUCKY, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 10, 1894.

NUMBER 11.

Choice Bits

Gathered by Our Regular Correspondent the Past Week at the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—President Cleveland, the members of his cabinet and the ladies of their families, in accordance with a custom as old as our government, devoted New Year's day to receptions, official and general. For about four hours a procession composed of the diplomatic representatives of all the foreign governments, members of the cabinet, the justices of the Supreme Court, Congressmen, Army and Navy officers, minor officials and the general public poured through the White House where they were received by President Cleveland assisted by Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Stevenson, the ladies of the cabinet and several guests of Mrs. Cleveland, including the wife of ex-Governor Russell of Massachusetts and Miss Benedict, of New York. Later, receptions were held at their several residences by Vice President and Mrs. Stevenson, and by members of the cabinet and the ladies of their families.

Nearly all of the Congressmen have returned. There was a quorum of both house and senate at the White House reception Monday. By freely circulating among the returned members of the House your correspondent endeavored to ascertain whether conference with their constituents had increased or decreased the opposition to the Wilson tariff bill. In one respect it is apparent that it has increased it. That is, there are more democrats who will endeavor to secure, in the caucus to be held, modifications of various clauses of the bill. But as nearly all of them announce while stating their intentions that they will, whether successful in getting the bill modified or not, support the bill, it is clear that their opposition does not go beyond that which it is perfectly legitimate for strict party men to occupy towards a party measure not yet approved by a party caucus, and does not jeopardize the final success of the bill as approved by the caucus.

Senator Voorhees is getting a heavy mail these days, and not a few of his letters contain requests for hearing on the tariff before the Senate finance committee of which he is chairman. None of these letters have been specifically answered, because he believes that a circular letter which he is now having sent out, containing thirty odd printed questions and requesting a reply to each, will enable nine-tenths of his correspondents to lay before the committee all the information in their possession relating to the effects of tariff upon their business just as well as they could if given a personal hearing. It is not his desire to cut any one out of a hearing and those desiring to furnish information not embraced by the printed questions will, where their prominence as manufacturers or business men justifies it, be given personal hearings.

Representative Holman has not issued the call for a democratic caucus, but it is expected that he will do so this week. It is known that President Cleveland has lately given considerable attention to the selection of a new public printer and it is believed that he has picked out the man and that his nomination will go to the senate in a few days, probably this week. Rumor has connected the name of Chief Clerk Daniels of the interior department with the position. Mr. Daniels was not an applicant for the position, but his experience as editor and publisher of newspapers in North Carolina qualifies him therefore should it turn out that he is the lucky man. Nearly every democratic senator and representative has a personal preference for public printer but they will all be satisfied to see the position filled by any good democrat who will

give the democrats a show at the three thousand positions in the Government Printing Office, a very large majority of which are still filled by republicans.

A new batch of rumors concerning cabinet resignations are being sent out by republican correspondents. There is just about as much truth in them as in those which have been periodically sent out by the same men ever since the present administration came in.

No action is expected in the house concerning the finances of the government until after the tariff bill has been passed. In fact the ways and means committee, which will prepare whatever financial bill that may be determined upon, will not have an opportunity to devote any time to the matter until the tariff is out of the way.

Representative Springer wishes it understood that his bill for a new national currency, which was made public a few days ago, is simply his own idea. The subject has not been considered by the committee on banking and currency of which he is chairman. His principal object in making the bill public was to invite criticism and suggestions.

How's This!

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

E. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned have known E. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

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Obituary.

Ruth, daughter of J. R. and S. M. Wolf, of Fair Dealing, Ky., was born Dec 12, 1891, and died Nov 28, 1892, aged one year, 11 months and 16 days.

This simple notice may mean but little to many readers, but to the parents of the departed child it will be one of the innumerable little mementos of a life as sweet to them as their own. None but fathers and mothers know a parent's love, and none but those who have drunk from such cups of sorrow know the depths of these afflictions. They may think that words of sympathy will not lighten their grief, but they will surely find comfort in the words of Him who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

When called upon to yield our loved ones back to God who gave them to us we should endeavor to forget our sorrow and think of their joys. Little Ruth will never have another pain, will never shed another tear, will never know again the experience of suffering and death, but on the contrary will have an endless life of peace, happiness and heavenly joys. She will be looking out upon the battlements of heaven for you. Grieve not then for her, but only live so that she shall not look in vain. With David, say, "Though my child can not come to me, I will go to it." J. W. HOLAPPEL, Wichita Falls, Texas.

For pains in the chest there is nothing better than a flannel cloth saturated with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound over the seat of pain. It will produce a counter irritation without blistering, and is not so disagreeable as mustard; in fact is much superior to any plaster on account of its pain-relieving qualities. If used in time it will prevent pneumonia. 50 cents bottles for sale by R. H. Starks.

"Tote Fair."

Under the above headline and over the signature of D. L. Nelson in a recent issue of the Tribune appeared one of the grandest displays of legal learning concerning patent right laws which I have ever seen in public print. I will quote his introductory words: "Is Bro. Bynum 'toting fair' with the bee-keepers in regard to his patent?"

Brother Nelson, to this interrogation I answer most emphatically and in a way that I may be understood, and say to you that I am "toting fair" and am engaged in an honorable business and conduct my business in an honest way and try thereby to make an honest living. You ask the question whether or not I make the impression upon the people that I have a patent which covers the hive and frames which I am using and selling, and then say, "If it is a fact that he has no patent on the hive and frames, but on something else, is he not defrauding the purchaser who believes, through the misrepresentation of Bro. Bynum, that he is buying the right to make and use on his farm the hive and frame that Bro. Bynum is using, making and selling?"

My dear Bro. Nelson, I hereby serve notice on that I have a patent upon the beehive, frames and all the fixtures which I am using, making and selling, and on every part that I have ever offered for sale, and if you have any doubt about this being true I invite and dare you to infringe upon same, and if you are sincere in what you have insinuated in your former letter you will not be afraid to do so, and if you have not information sufficient to enable you to state clearly what you mean, or if you have not the nerve and backbone to back your judgment in this matter and try your hand in making and selling my beehives without my permission, you certainly have a corrupt and selfish motive in the course you have pursued (Guess you want to sell some of those queens you are now raising for the market.) You had better put up or else shut up. I have never defrauded or deceived any of my patrons in my beehive; I have at all times dealt honestly with them, and if you will go on in a quiet unassuming way and raise and sell your queen bees and give your attention to your own business, and not assume the position of defacto guardian of all the bee-keepers in Marshall county without their solicitation, you will do better by far. I am acquainted with a large number of the bee-men in your county and I find that they are all intelligent and know as much about bees, and more about attending to their own business, than you.

Speaking of Father L. L. Langstroth's patent on beehives, Bro. Davie, if you will take the pains to investigate you will find that it was invented, if not patented, in Europe. There are about 40 different patents on movable comb beehives, a few of which I will name: Langstroth, American Riddle, Phillips, Mitchell, Higginson, Golden, Armstrong, and many others. Langstroth was however the first, and all the rest are only improvements over it, of which mine is the latest. The Howe was the first sewing machine patented, but it has since been improved upon by quite a number, so now we have the Wilson, the Singer, the White, the New Home and many others. The McCormick was the first reaping machine patented, but it has been improved, and now we have a Champion, the Buckeye, the Wood, the Deering. All are improvements over the McCormick.

Now in conclusion I quote the following letter which accompanied the letters patent which were issued to me, and then submit this matter and the motive which prompted Bro. Davie in making his assault upon me and slandering me in the way he has.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14, 1892. G. H. Bynum, Murray, Ky. I am glad to announce to you the al-

lowance of your Beehive case. I am also glad to be able to say the claims were so constructed as to cover every feature of the invention including the feeder, and ventilator. J. S. DUFFEE. Respectfully submitted, G. H. BYNUM.

The Louisiana lottery has held its last drawing at New Orleans. Hereafter its distributions will be made in Honduras whither it will soon transfer itself bag and baggage. The Louisiana concern was by far the biggest lottery institution which ever operated in the United States. It has been operated successfully for 25 years in spite of the fact that it has had a hard fight for its life all along. The United States government long ago shut it out of the mails, but it managed to evade the prohibition. Finally the state of Louisiana took up arms against it. A renewal of the charter was refused, and an anti-lottery state government was elected and the tentacles of the devil fish were clipped. Now it is to transfer itself to Honduras, but it will hardly be so successful there as it has been in New Orleans.

Popular Everywhere. Beginning with a small local sale in a retail drug store, the business of Hood's Sarsaparilla has steadily increased until there is scarcely a village or hamlet in the United States where it is unknown. To-day Hood's Sarsaparilla stands at the lead in the medicine world, admired in prosperity and envied in merit by thousands of would-be competitors. It has a larger sale than any other medicine before the American public, and probably greater than all other sarsaparillas and blood purifiers combined.

Such success proves merit. If you are sick, is it not the medicine for you to try? Hood's Sarsaparilla cures.

Christian county is wrongly named. Hell's Half acre would be more applicable, if we are to judge by the amount of crime committed there. The New Era says that 2,777 criminal cases have been tried by one magistrate in three years and there are 38 magistrates in the county. This is worse than Texas where it is said that if a man owned that state and hell he would sell the former and live in the latter.—Exchange.

The success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in effecting a speedy cure of colds, croup and whooping cough has brought it into great demand. Messrs. Pontius & Son, of Cameron, Ohio, say that it has gained a reputation second to none in that vicinity. Jas. M. Queen, of Johnston, W. Va. says it is the best he ever used. B. F. Jones, druggist, Winona, Miss. says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly reliable. I have always warranted it and it never failed to give the most perfect satisfaction." 50 cent bottles for sale by R. H. Starks.

An exchange says that if any one of those 400 "amiable" people at Frankfort who have signed a petition to the governor asking for the pardon of defaulter Dick Tate know where "he is at" we think they would do the state a better service by giving the authorities a cue to secure his arrest and return to Frankfort to wear the stripes of a felon, rather than a pardoned citizen whose great breach of trust had been condoned.

Treasurer Hale received a few days ago from President Dulaney of the World's fair commissioners a check for \$20,000, to be turned back into the state's treasury, out of the \$100,000 appropriation.

"In buying a cough medicine for children," says H. A. Walker, a prominent druggist of Ogden, Utah, "never be afraid to buy Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is always sure to follow. I particularly recommend Chamberlain's because I have found it to be safe and reliable. It is intended especially for colds, croup and whooping cough." 50 cent bottles for sale by R. H. Starks.

Legislature.

It Was Duly Organized—The Governor's Message Read—An Adjournment for One Day.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 2.—At high noon today the Kentucky general assembly met and organized, in accordance with the caucus action of the night before. The senate is officered as follows:

President—Hon W E Goebel. Chief Clerk—T G Poore. Enrolling Clerk—Mrs F B Richardson. Sergeant-at-Arms—Charles Sommers. Asst Sergeant-at-Arms—Geo. A Hendrick. Doorkeeper—J E Whitaker. Clerk-room Keeper—Edward Stanton. Pages—Steve Fulton, Stuart Tracy, James McDonald. Following are the officers of the house of representatives: Speaker—Hon A J Carroll. Chief Clerk—J E Stone. Assistant Clerk—Green R Keller. Enrolling Clerk—Ulie J Howard.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Robt Tyler. Doorkeeper—A G King. Janitor—Todd Hall. Clerk-room Keepers—J Oscar Glenn, Seth Beckner.

Pages—Harris Alexander, Will Hines, Willie Johnson, William F Whentley.

The governor's message was delivered before the two houses in joint session. In it he deprecates the extraordinary length of the last session, favors the sixty day limit, and will not prolong it unless extraordinary conditions arise. He compliments the work of the inspector in supervising public accounts, of the secretary of state regarding new corporation laws, and of the adjutant general. The governor also calls attention to the necessity of enlarging the Central Insane asylum. Also recommends a reduction of the tax rate; believing that there will be a large balance in the treasury on June 30 next. He discourages appropriations of an unusual nature for public improvements until times improve, and then only after the people have consented at the polls. He recommends a supervisor of public printing and supplies. He refers to the loose management of the penitentiaries, and recommends the establishment of a board of control. A good deal of attention is also paid to the railroad consolidation question, with especial reference to the L. & N. and C. O. & S. W. deal. He says he will oppose the consolidation to the last extreme. He favors conferring on railroad commissioners plenary power in fixing freight and passenger rates. This has been done by other states and the tendency towards the absorption of competing lines into great systems makes it necessary. He urges particularly a law giving the railroad commissioners power to fix freight rates on coal, and points to Cincinnati's advantage of cheaper coal from our own coal fields. He recommends the enactment of a charter for second-class cities, a law regulating voluntary assignments, revision of the laws on the charitable institutions, and urges the importance of considering the need of a house of reform. He compliments the World's Fair board and thanks the court of appeals for its lottery decision.

After the reading of the message an adjournment was taken until tomorrow, in order to afford an opportunity for making up the committee and getting ready for business.

After a Woodford county man had passed a gilt-edged examination for a \$5,000 life insurance policy, he was asked if he drew a pension, when he admitted with evident embarrassment that he did and the risk was refused. A large number of those who are drawing pensions are the stoutest and most able-bodied men in the country—and that's what make people tired of the ever-increasing and onerous pension burden.

"How About the Weather?"

The Weekly Courier-Journal, published at Louisville, Ky., delights in keeping its subscribers guessing. In addition to being the greatest Democratic newspaper published, it has been a pioneer in enterprises that require thought and figuring on the part of its subscribers. The weekly's estimating contest on the election in 1892, by which \$14,400 in gold coin were distributed among forty-five guessers, is a sample of this. The latest guessing offer of this paper is on the weather—that one subject on which we all consider ourselves prophets. The Weekly Courier-Journal proposes to give \$1,000 in cash to its subscribers who can name the coldest day in the month of February, 1894, at Louisville, Ky., and guess closest to the lowest temperature on this day. The contest closes January 31, 1894. Every new subscriber who sends \$1 can make one guess and every old subscriber who renews, sending \$1, can guess. Send for a sample copy of the paper for full particulars. Write at once, as the time is short.

A Boston clergyman a short time ago was anxious to refer to a book called "Seekers After God." Ransacking bookstores and libraries for it he finally recalled to mind that a Chicago friend, also a clergyman, had frequently quoted it, so he wrote him to look about in the Chicago bookstores and buy the book for him if possible. By telegram came the startling reply: "No Seekers after God in Chicago."

At Greensboro, Ala., last week Wm. Mack a notorious burglar broke open a store. He first lit a cigar; then he opened the safe and secured the cash. While passing near an open keg of powder a spark from his cigar fell into it. The store was wrecked by the explosion and the burglar so badly hurt that he only lived long enough to tell how it happened.

The little town of Stoutsville, Monroe county, brings forth the most unequalled robbery on record. A drunken stone cutter was placed in the calaboose, and at the time had a large sum of money which he carried in his sock. During the night a thief battered down the prison door and stole the money from the prisoner.

The first manifesto of Mr. Sovereign, the new General Master Workman of the Knights of Labor, contains the rash assertion that civil liberty in this country will cease within seven years unless the Knights of Labor or some similar organization shall save the country.

"She is going to marry him after all, then?" "Yes, he has come into a lot of money." "Where did it come from?" "Nobody knows." "Is she content to marry him not knowing where he got his money?" "She knows all she wants to know; she knows he has got it."

A strange fact has arisen in connection with long-distanced telephony, women have great difficulty in making themselves understood. It is said the high notes of women's voices, while all right on short lines, do not carry well for long distances.

Frank J. Dawes, a wealthy Chicago brewer, received a telegram while in New Orleans telling of the illness of his child. He chartered a train on the Illinois Central and made the 1,000 miles at the rate of a mile a minute, breaking all previous record.

Zacariah A. Hubley of Boston who is insured in 22 accident companies had a finger shot off while hunting. He will draw \$700 a week while the wound is healing up.

JOHN G. LOVETT
Attorney - at - Law,
Benton, Ky.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

The P. T. & A. R. R.

SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 1	No. 11
Lv Paducah 7:00 am	4:00 pm
Benton 7:58 am	5:17 pm
Murray 8:43 am	6:50 pm
Paris 9:41 am	8:20 pm
H R Junction 10:29 am	9:45 pm
Hollow Rock 10:43 am	9:50 pm
Lexington 12:15 pm	12:15 am
Jackson 1:16 pm	1:45 am

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 2	No. 12
Lv Memphis 10:30 am	1:45 am
Jackson 2:14 pm	3:30 am
Lexington 3:32 pm	5:10 am
Hollow Rock 4:50 pm	5:10 am
H R Junction 4:54 pm	5:15 am
Paris 5:52 pm	6:34 am
Murray 6:50 pm	7:51 am
Benton 7:35 pm	9:10 am
Ar Paducah 8:35 pm	10:30 am

No. 3	
Lv Memphis 4:50 pm	Ar 10:00 am
Lexington 5:40 pm	
Perryville 5:40 pm	

Direct connections at Memphis with all lines diverging. At Jackson with Illinois Central and Mobile & Ohio. At Hollow Rock Junction with N. C. & St. L. At Paris with L. & N. At Paducah with N. N. & M. V. and St. L. & P. A. J. Welch, A. G. P. A.

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NORTH BOUND.	
Lv Paducah 11:10 am	1:45 am
Metropolis 12:01 pm	
Grantsburg 12:38 pm	
Parker City 1:25 pm	16:15 am
Carbondale 2:40 pm	7:30 am
Pinckneyville 4:15 pm	9:50 am
Ar East St. Louis 6:35 pm	11:35 am
St. Louis 6:45 pm	11:50 am

SOUTH BOUND.	
Lv St. Louis 7:50 am	14:25 pm
East St. Louis 8:05 am	4:40 pm
Pinckneyville 10:25 am	7:20 pm
Carbondale 11:46 am	8:50 am
Parker City 1:25 pm	Ar 10:10 pm
Grantsburg 2:00 pm	
Metropolis 2:35 pm	
Ar Paducah 3:30 pm	

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Richards Tablets cure colic.

Buy your flour from Cole.

Dr. Sam Graham was in the city Saturday.

Millinery goods at cost at Mrs. Hamilton's.

Mrs D R Smalley of Paducah is out visiting her mother.

Miss Naomi Reeves was in the city Saturday.

When you want groceries call on J. W. Cole.

The weather, it has been just beautiful. Who can complain?

Miss Minnie Frizzell, of Lyon county, is visiting relatives here.

DR. WHEAT OF CALIF., A Victim of a Woman.

Mrs. Caldon Higgins visited her sister, Mrs. Oliver, a few days ago.

For fancy groceries try Cole.

P. J. Heath, the faithful mail messenger, is always at his post.

Mr. H. L. Astew is very sick at his home near Fair Dealing with pneumonia.

Mr. O. T. Gregory and Miss Carrie Brien were in the city last Saturday.

J. J. Hendrix is clerking for Mr N. R. Reed. He will remain there during the winter.

Who will be the one that will guess the lucky number to take away the buggy?

Mrs. Hamilton will from now on sell ladies' hats at about cost. Now is the time to buy a nice hat for a little money.

Mrs Frank Lee presented her beloved husband last Sunday night with a beautiful girl baby.

Leave your order for groceries at Cole's and get them delivered.

W. M. Reed is quite sick at his home with a slight attack of laryngitis and fever.

Mr. L. T. Wilson and wife of Paducah spent Sunday with his parents last Sunday.

Master Scott Lemon has been very ill for several days with laryngitis, but is now much better.

DR. BLACKBURN'S Tea cures Constipation.

Mrs. Brandon has been quite sick for several days but is thought to be some better. She has pneumonia.

Thin and impure blood is made rich and healthful by taking Wood's Sassaaparilla. It braces up nerves and gives renewed strength.

Mr Charlie Black has been appointed postmaster at Gilbertsville vice Mrs Bettie Waller resigned.

Shiloh's Vitalizer is what you need for Dyspepsia, Torpid liver, yellow skin or kidney trouble. It guarantees to give you satisfaction. Price 75c. Sold at Lemon's drug store.

Mr. R. H. Franklin, candidate for county judge, was in the city Saturday. He looks just like he could make a good officer.

Mrs Appa Jordan, a beautiful young widow of near Massac, McCracken county, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Rath.

We are authorized to announce J. M. FISHER candidate for matrimony, subject to the action of the female party. Election any time, when the committee may call it.

DR. WHEAT'S Tablets cure indigestion

E. Wilder Wear has returned to Murray and will take his place at the case in the Item office, while Louie Dodd has returned to Benton and is now at work in the telephone office.

How is "Ozan" for a name for a postoffice? It don't sound like the name of a postoffice, nor does it have the proper ring to make a great city.

DR. COLE'S Food for Weak Nerves.

For J. C. Tulley, the present pastor of the Christian church at Paducah, came out from his home in Paducah last Sunday and delivered excellent sermons which were highly appreciated by his hearers.

M. T. COTTON IN ALABAMA.
Mobile 13, 1933.

For the past six and a half a severe rheumatism has been induced by my over-exertion at King's Royal Gunmetal, and the grip. My general health has been and I continued its use a few weeks and my health was greatly improved by its use. It is a very fine medicine for headaches. I know several persons who have used it for various cases and they speak in highly praise of its virtues. Mrs Geo Thomas

Mr Duke Story, postmaster at Little Cypress, died very suddenly last Friday night. He had only been sick two days with an acute attack of pneumonia. He was a good quiet citizen and will be greatly missed by his neighbors in that locality.

Karl's Clover Root, the new Blood Purifier, gives freshness and clearness to the complexion and cures constipation. 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold at Lemon's drug store.

Miss Edna Starks was in the city Saturday. She had been down the road to visit her brother who is teaching near Elva. Her many friends here are anxious that she should attend school here during the present term.

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Tipus Tabacis for your stomach

Remember every person who pays \$1 for a year's subscription to the Tribune gets a guess at our new \$50 buggy. The person or persons who guess the total number of votes polled in the democratic primary election will get the new buggy. Now is the time to get in your work. No such an offer was ever made by a country paper before.

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and THEOFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are for sale by the following merchants Marshall county:

J. R. Lemon, Benton.
George Locker, Birmingham.
John M. Green & Son, Brewer's Mill.
L. J. Gossett, Briensburg.
John Tichenor, Calvert City.

Cole has knocked the everlasting stuffing out of high prices on groceries. Here are some prices on New Orleans sugar 25 lbs for \$1; Sunrise flour, guaranteed, 3.25 per barrel; best green coffee 15c per lb; and all other goods at 10c per lb. Call and see him and be convinced.

Excellent improvements have been made to the Christian church in this place and will continue to do so until it will be a model place for public worship. Before the end of the year 1894 there will be three well furnished churches in this town and good working congregations. The town as at last gotten a church move in itself.

McElree's WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases

The T. J. Moss Tie company is now sending out plenty checks to gentlemen whom they owe along the line for ties. This cash is not coming in before it is needed, nor before it is due. There are thousands of dollars owing poor men along this line of railroad that are great need of their money, and should have it, yet it is tied up in the Moss estate and no one can get it until it will be paid.

Chamberlain's Eye and Ear Ointment.

A certain cure for Chronic Sore Eyes, Stetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Old Sores, Eczema; Fever Sores, Eczema, Scald, Prairie Scratches, Sore Nipples and Piles. It is cooling and soothing. Hundreds of cases have been cured by it, and all other treatment had failed cents per box.

Now since our city dads have gotten down to business and there is every indication that they mean to do business in a business way, why not we gently suggest to them that it is customary and usual for such bodies to have the ordinances and council proceedings published in the town paper so men and women who labor and will pay the taxes can see what comes of their money.

Farmers' and Laborers' Union.

The next meeting of the Marshall county Farmers' and Laborers' Union will be at Briensburg January 19th and 20th 1894.

J. H. GOEHEX,
County President.

Only Three Marriages.

Thus far into the month of January only three marriage license have been issued by the county clerk. They are Emmett E Lovett, E J Anderson; W F Coursey Sina Liles; A N Vasseur to Estelle Reed.

Local Items Concerning That Part of the City.

North Benton is in luck; it can boast of having located in it the county judge, the county attorney, two city councilmen and the city marshal, and also a justice of the peace.

It is fair women; but uglier men have yet to be born.

The work on the new rolling mill, is progressing as well as could be expected. The house has been completed and the machinery is now being placed in its proper place as fast as it arrives. The long ricks of fine cord wood can be seen from all directions. The proprietors of this mill, A. J. Wells and J. M. Johnson, are good mill men and will control a large patronage from all parts of the county as soon as their new mill is in running order. They are taking their time in order that everything may be done in workmanlike style. The mill may not be ready for use before about March 1, but when it is once completed it will be a great help to the town of Benton as well as the surrounding country.

Mr. J. G. Lovett, a prominent candidate for county attorney, has been quite sick for some time but his many friends will be glad to earn that he is up again, and able to be in the canvass.

There are many visible signs of improvement in North Benton, and we are confident if the new mill is completed, a new depot built, and the electric street railway put in operation that that part of the city will bloom and blossom as the rose.

The Dawson tin shop is now located on Puryear street in North Benton.

Mr. Wesley Ray, a prominent citizen in North Benton and his family have been gone two or three weeks out in west Marshall and during which time his father and sister have died and also one of his brothers and his wife have been very low with pneumonia. But they are now thought to be out of danger. Mr. Ray certainly has had very bad luck in the past year with his family.

Since Mr. M. G. Nelson has become a candidate for county judge, in the third party ticket, Judge Upriest is the worst scared man in North Benton.

When the new Baptist church is built and located on its lot, on the peak of the hill in North Benton opposite Dr. Hall's residence, it will show up well and add much to the beauty of that part of the city.

Will Luckman still holds the box car down in North Benton. He calls it a depot. For all that it is a good agent and knows his business well. We are willing Mr. Luckman to remain here our agent, get married and live happy.

F. M. Pool is said to be the cond ugliest man in North Benton.

There are only five candidates in North Benton. This is doing really well for so young a town.

J. C. Hicks has at last secured a permanent job on the railroad and located at Elva where he will reafter reside, and make the company a first class agent. Mr. Hicks deserves a good place and we hope he has it.

Mr. Cary Johnson, who formerly lived above Glade, has swapped his farm to Judge Barry for several town lots in North Benton, where he will in a few days locate and make it his future home.

We noticed in North Benton an Ice Cold Beer sign standing on end up against a residence. We don't know whether there is cold beer there for sale or not.

H. C. Thompson has his new peccery house near where the depot is to be built about completed and before some one knows anything he will have in it new stock of goods, such as sugar, coffee, tobacco, cigars and everything good to eat. It will be a good stand and we predict it will sell lots of goods.

The railroad company has not yet built a new depot north of our one, but have extended the depot platform near where the depot will be built to a considerable length south of where it was before. It is again reported that no distant day a depot will be begun and built. All we have to do is that it is not likely to be it too soon.

J. M. Johnson and his family have moved into their residence on Puryear street in North Benton where he will reside in the future. He is the senior partner in the mill firm of Johnson & Wells. He is a useful and enterprising citizen and his citizenship is hailed with much pleasure by all and here who desire that his sojourn among us will be of pleasure and profit.

Dr. A. J. Wells and his interesting family have moved from deshabore and located on Main street in North Benton. In the residence of Mrs. G. Wilkinson, is a good family of highly respected people and the people of the citizens of the town give them a cordial welcome and hope that their stay may be long and that they live one of happiness and prosperity. Mr. Wells follows

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GENTLEMEN:—In putting forth this circular I hope to reach some that I probably could not otherwise reach; and desire all should know I am before the people for Clerk of the County Court of Marshall county, subject to the Primary election March 10th, 1894. I wish to say to the voters that I am not making this race on any person's demerits, or any person's past record; for I have enough of that of my own with which to contend. A great many things in bygone days I would recall, but can not, so will try to make the best of the future possible. The majority of you have known me from my infancy; and having never asked a public favor or trust at your hands I now come, asking for County Clerk, which is one of the most important offices in the county; and you should look well and make a judicious choice, selecting a good practical business man, methodical, neat and correct in his transactions, who can despatch business rapidly and correctly. If you see proper to place me in this position I will use my utmost endeavors to fill same with honor and credit to myself and to the satisfaction of the public.

Requesting your support and influence on March 10th, 1894, I am truly yours,

Jno. A. Stephens

Last Sunday the first Sunday school meeting of the year was a beautiful and both schools opened up with an excellent attendance. The Methodist school had present 122, and the Christian Sunday school 75, making a total present last Sunday in the city 167, which was indeed very flattering to the friends of the respective schools.

Below, we give the names of the officers and teachers of the Methodist school: S. L. Palmer, Superintendent; A. S. Silley, asst. sup.; J. A. Stephens, sec. and treas.; T. A. D. W. Dyeus, V. A. Silley, Jr. and Mrs. J. P. Bramock, Mrs. J. Palmer, Mrs. Isora Little, Mrs. Mattie Dyeus, Mrs. Bettie Dyeus, Mrs. Kate S. Stephens and Mr. J. G. Lovett.

The Christian school officers are as follows: D. B. Ferguson, sup.; G. W. Oliver, asst. sup.; W. R. Rowe, sec. and treas. Teachers: R. Lemon, Mrs. W. C. Rowe, Mrs. W. A. Holland and Mr. and Mrs. E. Barry.

The good effect of these schools is every day to be seen in the excellent deportment of the young boys and girls of the town.

G. W. Parrish.

The third man in the race for sheriff of this county is announced in today's paper as a candidate, and he is no less personage than G. W. Parrish, of near Aurora. Mr. Parrish is well and favorably known to a host of the boys in the trenches and the mere mention of his name will rally many of them to his support, which is a pointer as to his popularity and influence for the place. He is a man well qualified, in the prime of life, and if he receives the democratic nomination on March 10, he will let no grass grow under his feet until the democratic flag waves in triumph over the land of the free and the home of the brave. He will at once enter the arena and fight for every inch of advantage ground in the scramble for victory and supremacy over his honorable competitors. Further than to call the attention of his friends and acquaintances to the fact of his candidacy it is unnecessary to say more. He will meet the people in his canvass and make his wishes and claims known to them. Consider his ambition for this place and act accordingly.

City Officers.

The new board of trustees, consisting of M B Cooper, R A Morison, W M Reed, J M Bean and J Harris, have been sworn in and now truly the city dads of the town of Benton. M B Cooper is made chairman of the board, and in completing its organization, C D Dyeus was elected city clerk, L Palmer city treasurer, W M Dyeus city attorney, and Dan Dyeus city Marshal. The citizens of the town are highly pleased with the prospects of the board fling down to their business in a way that prisms some satisfaction to everybody. There is nothing that begets confidence more than to do business in a business manner.

The gentleman whose name is at the top of this article offers himself a candidate for the office of jailer of this county, and now asks the democrats to give him the nomination. He was a candidate four years ago for the same place and made a good race and got well acquainted with the people, and now at this time for us to attempt to introduce him to the democrats in the county would be an act of superogation and ignorant presumption on our part. He is too well known to need any thing said by us than he is now in the race; that he will call during the interval intervening between now and March 10th and present his claims personally to each voter and insist that he be chosen as the standard bearer of the democratic party. He resides in the south east part of the county and will doubtless have a strong following from his neighbors and surrounding acquaintances. He is a man of many excellent social traits and if he be chosen as an official of the county would do all in his power to make a servant worthy of his hire. We turn him over to a discriminating public and ask that his claims be given due consideration.

Stray notice.

Taken up and posted by James Cross living on the Briensburg and Seale road 14 miles west of Briensburg. One heifer calf about 8 months old, with crop off of left ear, white about forehead. Body mostly white, sides roan, valued by U. G. Karnes at \$3. Given under my hand Dec. 29, 1893.

H. C. Hastin, J. P. M. C.

A Wedding Sunday Night.

During the cool chilly hours of Sunday night Mr A N Vasseur and Miss Mattie Beard were married at J. F. T's restaurant in this city by Eld B T Hall. After the ceremony was over a nice and elegant supper was spread by Mr Jeffrey which was greatly enjoyed by all present. This is the second one of the Miss Beards that Mr Vasseur has married.

Stray Notice.

Taken up as an estray by L. T. Lucus living 4 1/2 miles south west of Benton, one cow, white with red spots on sides, crop off left ear and split in right, about ten years old and valued by James Groves at ten dollars. Given under my hand as justice of the peace for Marshall county this Jan. 2nd 1894.

H. C. THOMPSON, J. P. M. C.

Notice To Republicans.

All Republicans and those who intend to act with the Republican party in the future are requested to meet at the court house* in Benton the 1st Monday in Feb., 1894 for the purpose of electing a chairman of the county committee and to re-organize the party.

W. S. GRIFFITH, Act Chair.
J. W. COLE, Sec.

Golden Hill.

The society of the Sons of the Revolution have placed on the building owned and occupied by the Humphreys' Homeopathic Medicine company, corner William and John streets, New York City, a bronze tablet to commemorate the battle of "Golden Hill," where the first blood was shed in the

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A STUDY IN SCARLET

BY A. CONAN DOYLE

The reader may set me down as a hopeless busybody, when I confess how much this man stimulated my curiosity and how often I endeavored to break through the reticence which he showed on all that concerned himself. Before pronouncing judgment, however, be it remembered how objectless was my life and how little there was to engage my attention. My health forbade me from venturing out unless the weather was exceptionally genial, and I had no friends who would call upon me and break the monotony of my daily existence. Under these circumstances I eagerly hailed the little mystery which hung around my companion, and spent much of my time in endeavoring to unravel it. He was not studying medicine. He had himself, in reply to a question, confirmed Stamford's opinion upon that point. Neither did he appear to have pursued any course of reading which might fit him for a degree in science or any other recognized portal which would give him an entrance into the learned world. Yet his zeal for certain studies was remarkable, and within eccentric limits his knowledge was so extraordinarily ample and minute that his observations have fairly astounded me. Sure, no man would work so hard to attain such precise information unless he had some definite end in view. Desultory readers are seldom remarkable for the exactness of their learning. No man burdens his mind with small matters unless he has some very good reason for doing so.

His ignorance of contemporary literature, philosophy and politics he appeared to know next to nothing. Upon my quoting Thomas Carlyle, he inquired in the naivest way who he might be and what he had done. My surprise reached a climax when I found that he was ignorant of the Copernican theory and of the composition of the solar system. That any civilized human being in this nineteenth century should not be aware that the earth traveled round the sun appeared to be to me such an extraordinary fact that I could hardly realize it.

"You appear to be astonished," he said, smiling at my expression of surprise. "Now that I do know it I shall do my best to forget it."

"To forget it?"

"You see," he explained, "I consider that a man's brain originally is like a little empty attic, and you have to stock it with such furniture as you choose. A fool takes in all the lumber of every sort that he comes across, so that the knowledge which might be useful to him gets crowded out, or at best is jumbled up with a lot of other things, so that he has a difficulty in laying his hands upon it. Now the skillful workman is very careful indeed as to what he takes into his brain-attic. He will have nothing but the tools which may help him in doing his work, but of these he has a large assortment, and all of them are at his disposal. It is a mistake to think that that little room has elastic walls and can distend to any extent. Depend upon it, there comes a time when for every addition of knowledge you forget something that you knew before. It is of the highest importance, therefore, not to take useless facts elbowing out the useful ones."

"But the solar system?" I protested.

"What the deuce is it to me?" he interrupted impatiently; "you say that we go round the sun. If we went round the moon it would not make a pennyworth of difference to me or to my work."

I was on the point of asking him what that work might be, but something in his manner showed me that the question would be an unwelcome one. I pondered over our short conversation, however, and endeavored to draw my deductions from it. He said that he would acquire no knowledge which did not bear upon his object. Therefore all the knowledge which he possessed was such as would be useful to him. I enumerated in my own mind all the various points upon which he had shown me that he was exceptionally well informed. I even took a pencil and jotted them down. I could not help smiling at the document when I had completed it. It ran in this way:

SHERLOCK HOLMES—his limits.

1. Knowledge of Literature.—Nil.
2. Knowledge of Philosophy.—Nil.
3. Knowledge of Astronomy.—Nil.
4. Knowledge of Politics.—Feeble.
5. Knowledge of Botany.—Variable. Well up in belladonna, wolfe, and various generally known poisons of practical gardening.
6. Knowledge of Geology.—Practical, but limited. Tells at a glance different soils from each other. After walks has shown me splashes upon his trousers, and told me by their color and consistency in what part of London he had received them.
7. Knowledge of Chemistry.—Profound.
8. Knowledge of Anatomy.—Accurate, but unsystematic.
9. Knowledge of Sensational Literature.—Immense. He appears to know every detail of every horror perpetrated in the century.
10. Plays the violin well.
11. Is an expert singlestick player, boxer and swordsman.
12. Has a good practical knowledge of British law.

When I had got so far in my list I threw it into the fire, and the fellow is driving at by reconciling all these accomplishments, and discovering a calling

tempt at once."

I see that I have alluded above to his powers on the violin. These were very remarkable, but as eccentric as all his other accomplishments. That he could play pieces, and difficult pieces, I knew well, because at my request he has played me some of Mendelssohn's Lieder and other favorites. When left to himself, however, he would seldom produce any music or attempt any organized air. Lying back in his arm chair or an evening he would close his eyes and scrape carelessly at the fiddle which was thrown across his knee. Sometimes the chords were sonorous and melancholy. Occasionally they were fantastic and cheerful. Clearly they reflected the thoughts which possessed him, but whether the music aided those thoughts, or whether the playing was simply the result of a whim or fancy was more than I could determine. I might have rebelled against these exasperating solos had it not been that he usually terminated them by playing in quick succession a whole series of my favorite airs as a slight compensation for the trial upon my patience.

During the first week or so we had no callers, and I had begun to think that my companion was as friendless a man as I was myself. Presently, however, I found that he had many acquaintances, and those in most different classes of society. There was one little, snail-faced, dark-eyed fellow who was introduced to me as Mr. Lee-trade, and who came three or four times in a single week. One morning a young girl called, fashionably dressed, and stayed for half an hour or more. The same afternoon brought a gray-headed, seedy visitor, looking like a Jew peddler, who appeared to me to be much excited, and who was closely followed by a slipshod elderly woman. On another occasion an old white-haired gentleman had an interview with my companion; and on another a railway porter in his velvet uniform. When any of these nondescript individuals put in an appearance, Sherlock Holmes used to beg for the use of the sitting room and I would retire to my bedroom. He always apologized to me for putting me to this inconvenience. "I have to use this room as a place of business," he said, "and these



ONE MORNING A YOUNG GIRL CALLED FASHIONABLY DRESSED.

People are my clients." Again I had opportunity of asking him a pointed question, and again my delicacy prevented me from forcing another man to confide in me. I imagined at the time that he had some strong reason for not alluding to it, but he soon dispelled the idea by coming round to the subject of his own accord.

It was upon the 4th of March, as I have good reason to remember, that I rose somewhat earlier than usual, and found that Sherlock Holmes had not yet finished his breakfast. The landlady had become so accustomed to my late habits that my place had not been laid nor my coffee prepared. With the unreasonable petulance of mankind I rang the bell and gave a curt intimation that I was ready. Then I picked up a magazine from the table and sat it, while my companion munched with a pencil mark at the heading, and I naturally began to run my eye through it.

Its somewhat ambitious title was "The Book of Life," and it attempted to show how much an observant man might learn by an accurate and systematic examination of all that came in his way. It struck me as being a remarkable mixture of shrewdness and absurdity. The reasoning was close and intense, but the deductions appeared to be far-fetched and exaggerated. The writer claimed for a momentary expression, a twitch of a muscle or a glance of an eye, to fathom a man's inmost thoughts. Deceit, according to him, was an impossibility in the case of one trained to observation and analysis. His conclusions were as infallible as so many propositions of Euclid. So startling would his results appear to the uninitiated that, until they learned the processes by which he had arrived at them, they might well consider him a necromancer.

"From a drop of water," said the writer, "a logician could infer the possibility of an Atlantic or a Niagara hidden by a cloud of smoke, or a man's head seen or heard of one or the other. So all life is a great chain, the nature of which is known whenever we are shown a single link of it. Like all other arts, the science of deduction and analysis is one which can only be acquired by long and patient study, nor is it to be learned enough to allow any mortal to attain the highest possible perfection in it. Before turning to those moral and mental aspects of the matter which present the greatest difficulties, let the inquirer begin by mastering more elementary problems. Let him, on meeting a fellow-mortal, learn at a glance to distinguish the history of the man, and the trade or profession to which he belongs. Puerile as such an exercise may seem, it sharpens the faculties of observation and teaches one where to look and what to look for. By a man's finger-nails, by his coat-sleeve, by his boots, by his trousers, by the callouses of his fingers, by the position of his ears, by his shirt-cuffs, by each of these

which needs them all," I said to myself, "I may as well give up the attempt at once."

things a man's calling is plainly revealed. That all united should fail to enlighten the competent inquirer in any case is almost inconceivable.

"What ineffable twaddle!" I cried, slapping the magazine down on the table. "I never read such rubbish in my life."

"What is it?" asked Sherlock Holmes. "Why, this article," I said, pointing at it with my egg spoon as I sat down to my breakfast. "I see that you have read the magazine down on the table. I don't deny that it is smartly written. It irritates me though. It is evidently the theory of some arm-chair loungers who evolve all these neat little paradoxes in the seclusion of their own study. It is not practical."

"You would lose your money," Sherlock Holmes remarked, calmly. "As for the article, I wrote it myself."

"You?"

"Yes, I have a turn both for observation and for deduction. The theories which I have expressed there and which appear to you to be so chimerical, are really extremely practical—so practical that I depend upon them for my bread and cheese."

"And how?" I asked, involuntarily.

"Well, I have a trade of my own. I suppose I am the only one in the world. I'm a consulting detective, if you can understand what that is. Here in London we have lots of government detectives and lots of private ones. When these fellows are at fault they come to me, and I manage to put them on the right scent. They lay all the evidence before me, and I am generally able, by the help of my knowledge of the history of crime, to set them straight. There is a strong family resemblance among misdeeds, and if you have all the details of a thousand and one crimes, it is odd if you can't unravel the thousand and first. Lostrade is a well-known detective. He got himself into a fog recently over a forgery case, and that was what brought him here."

"And these other people?"

"They are mostly sent out by private inquiry agencies. They are all people who are in trouble about something, and want a little enlightening. I listen to their story, they listen to my comments, and then I pocket my fee."

"But do you mean to say," I said, "that without leaving your room you can unravel some knot which other men can make nothing of, although they have seen every detail for themselves?"

"Quite so. I have a kind of intuition that way. Now and again a case turns up which is a little more complex. Then I have to bustle about and see things with my own eyes. You see, I have a lot of special knowledge which I apply to the problem, and which facilitates matters wonderfully. Those rules of deduction laid down in that article which aroused your scorn are invaluable to me in practical work. Observation with me is second nature. You appeared to be surprised when I told you, on our first meeting, that you had come from Afghanistan."

"You were told, no doubt."

"Nothing of the sort. I knew you came from Afghanistan. From long habit the train of thought ran so swiftly through my mind that I arrived at the conclusion without being conscious of intermediate steps. There were such steps, however. The train of reasoning ran: 'Here is a gentleman of a military type, but with the air of a military man. Clearly an army doctor, then. He has just come from the tropics, for his face is dark, and his wrists are fair. He has undergone hardship and sickness, as his haggard face says clearly. His left arm has been injured. He holds it in a stiff and unnatural manner. Where in the tropics could an English army doctor have seen much hardship and got his arm wounded? Clearly it was Afghanistan. The whole train of thought did not occupy a second. I then remarked that you came from Afghanistan, and you were astonished.'"

"It is simple enough as you explain it," I said, smiling. "You remind me of Edgar Allan Poe's 'Dupin.' I had no idea that such individuals did exist outside of stories."

Sherlock Holmes rose and lit his pipe. "No doubt you think that they are complimenting me in comparing me to Dupin," he observed. "Now, in my opinion, Dupin was a very inferior fellow. That trick of his of breaking in on his friends' thoughts with an apropos remark after a quarter of an hour's silence is really very showy and superficial. He had some analytical genius, no doubt; but he was by no means so penetrating as Poe appeared to imagine."

"Have you read Gabriel's 'Poe'?" I asked.

"Does Lecoq come up to your idea of a detective?"

Sherlock Holmes sniffed sardonically. "Lecoq was a miserable bungler," he said, in an angry voice. "He had only one thing to recommend him, and that was his energy. That book made me positively ill. The question was how to identify an unknown prisoner. I could have done it in twenty-four hours. Lecoq took six months or so. It might be made a text-book for detectives to teach them what to avoid."

I felt rather indignant at having two characters whom I had admired treated in this cavalier style. I walked over to the window, and stood looking out into the busy street. "The fellow may be a very clever," I said to myself, "but he is certainly very conceited."

"There are no crimes and no criminals in these days," he said, quizzically. "What is the use of having brains in our profession? I know well that I have it in me to make my name famous. No man lives or has ever lived who has brought the same

amount of study and of natural talent to the detection of crime which I have done. And what is the result? There is no crime to detect, or, at most, some bungling villainy with a motive so transparent that even a Scotland Yard official can see through it."

I was still annoyed at his bumptious style of conversation. I thought it best to change the topic.

"Wonder what that fellow is looking for?" I asked, pointing to a stalwart, plainly-dressed individual who was walking slowly down the other side of the street, looking anxiously at the numbers. He had a large blue envelope in his hand, and was evidently the bearer of a message.

"You mean the retired sergeant of marines," said Sherlock Holmes. "Brag and bounce!" thought I to myself. "He knows that I cannot verify his guess."

The thought had hardly passed through my mind when the man whom we were watching caught sight of the number on our door, and ran rapidly across the roadway. We heard a loud knock, a deep voice below, and heavy steps ascending the stair.

"For Mr. Sherlock Holmes," he said, stepping into the room and handing my friend the letter.

There was an opportunity of taking the conceit out of him. He little thought of this when he made that random shot. "May I ask, my lad," I said, blandly, "what your trade may be?"

"Commissionaire, sir," he said gruffly. "Uniform away for repairs."

"And you were?" I asked, with a slightly malicious glance at my companion.

"A sergeant, sir, Royal Marine light infantry, sir. No answer? Right, sir."

He clicked his heels together, raised his hand in a salute, and was gone.

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