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The Truth Admitted by the Family Physician.

He Had a Sinking Spell and Suffered From Hemorrhage Yesterday.

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Democrats Not Eager to Control the Senate. The Republicans Expect to Hold Four of the Doubtful States.

PURIFIES SEWER WATER.

An Invention That May Be Useful to Grand Rapids. Chicago, Dec. 18.—There is some hope that Chicago may be relieved from the curse of foul odors and deadly gases from its river and sewer if the experiment now being made at the manholes near the corner of Polk and State streets...

STOCKHOLDERS ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Western Union Telephone Co. for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 10 a. m., at the headquarters of the company...

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THE NATIONAL GREATNESS

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John Greig is still lying in dangerous...

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CITY AND SUBURBS.

John Kiles was arrested last night on West Bridge street on a charge of fast driving.

A burning chimney at 755 Fifth avenue caused the alarm of fire last evening from box 345.

Chas. Thomas, Chas. Waltz and John Schuch killed 41 Rabbits, 3 foxes, 1 owl and 2 weasels on a hunting trip Saturday.

C. G. A. Voigt and W. K. Munson, president of the Grand Nursery and Fruit Growers' association, will address the Retail Grocers' association this evening in Protective Brotherhood hall over No. 5 Pearl street.

Mrs. Frances C. Wood, who for a number of years held the position of proof reader on The Eagle, but resigned to accept a similar position in Toledo, has returned to the city and will resume her former position today.

The funeral of Don G. Crawford was held yesterday afternoon from the residence on Cherry street, near Jefferson avenue. The services were conducted under the auspices of Valley City Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., and Rev. J. T. Husted preached the funeral discourse.

Don't fail to take advantage of the clearance sale of ladies' and children's hats at No. 27 Canal street millinery parlors, as such will last only three days more.

During the holidays business men and clerks are invited to the People's lunch room 105 Ottawa. Chairs for ladies.

THE THEATRES.

"The Dago" opened a week's engagement at the Grand last night and the unfolding of the piece was watched with some interest by a large audience. The plot is the very common one of the stolen child, the rescue, and the triumph of good over evil and "so forth and so on." There is no literary merit to the piece; it is simply a rehash of stolen ideas. The cast is not strong, especially where strength is needed. Minnie Brown, the leading lady, is not up to requirements. She does not read well and her method is weak and vacillating. E. M. Carroll in the title role is not heavy enough for the part and his characterization is a lines actor of the burlesque. The nearest piece of work done was by Bill Adams Robinson as the child herself and the easily carried away the honors of the evening. The comedy work was done by Adams Robinson but the specialties were introduced in such a manner that a person was not certain but the whole thing was a burlesque.

Mr. Russell's grand creation of the part of Hosea Howe, in "Peaceful Valley" stands according to press comments and the immense audience who have welcomed him since its production, as a pre-eminent success of his brilliant career. His acting is said to be free from any approach to artificiality; it is purely natural, always masculine, replete with the touches of nature that make the whole world kin. He is of himself a great attraction, but he is also wise enough to know the value of a proper supporting company. He has quite a number of clever people associated with him in "Peaceful Valley" this season, who contribute to the success of the piece. The engagement is for two nights only, beginning tonight.

Smith's opera house will be patronized by large audiences this week, as the bill provided is superior to the one of last week in many respects. A grand Christmas performance will be given each Sunday night.

Sol Smith Russell and his brother-in-law will be rivals for patronage tonight as the Berger Concert company will entertain at Hartman's hall and Russell will appear at Powers.

Colonel E. Daniel Hoag and his five Nubian lions will be the center of attraction at the Grand next week in the play "Under the Lion's Paw."

The Park Congregational church will be filled with melody Tuesday night, when the Oberlin College Glee club sings "Little Jack Horner."

Agnes Herndon in "La Belle Marie" is billed at Ionis Dec. 27. She should be favored by a large audience as she is an artist.

"An Australian," recently organized in this city, is billed at Big Rapids and other verdant towns.

Jas. J. Corbett, the pugilist-actor, will play "heavy, leading lady" at Powers Jan. 4.

Florence Bindley and "The Pay Train" will be at Lansing next Monday night.

Now Is Your Time! A Merry Christmas to All!

GREAT REDUCTION IN CLOAKS!

To those who have waited till now to buy a Cloak, we would say now is your Golden Opportunity.



We shall make a great reduction on all Cloaks in stock. We do not propose to carry over a cloak, and, if price is an object to you, now is your time. We intend making some extensive alterations in our Cloak Department, and must dispose of the entire stock. Our line consists of all new and desirable styles.

NO OLD GOODS!

Do not miss this opportunity of buying a cloak almost at your own price.

Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.,

N. B. Do not buy a Blanket till you get our prices.



We Claim to Sell THE BEST TEN DOLLAR OVERCOAT IN THE CITY.

We are positive that our \$15 Blue or Black Kersey Overcoat is as good as can be got in Michigan at the price.

Anything and Everything. One of the managers of Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co. was asked what they carried in their bazzar. "Everything," he said, "Everything." Now everything may be said to be composed of anything, hence if you want anything for Christmas you get it where there is everything. Go to Voigt, Herpolsheimer & Co.'s Bazaar.

Mr. PLATTE has the umbrella trade this year and you won't question the reason if you call and see the goods he is selling. Frizzle heads never graced an umbrella or walking stick. Among the many styles of bazzar's most noticeable are those that are new and pearl. An umbrella doesn't stay with you long even if the community in which you reside is religiously hostile, so the receipt of one as a Christmas present, at prices which one can hardly think could buy anything suitable for a gift. But you can, really can. Just give them a call and be convinced.

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Has been somewhat unkind to us this year, we have great consolation in knowing that what was our loss was some one else's gain. Our fire some weeks ago, especially at this time of the year, had its benefits. It forced us to sell our damaged stock, and you secured it at your own price. While it was a loss to us it was a gain to you. Thus we are somewhat what consoled. Precious to our fire we had selected a magnificent line of Shoes, Slippers, etc., for

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Do not fail to look at our stock of

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Close out the new goods. With our new store we will be

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Century, Review of Reviews, Harper's Monthly, Weekly Young People, Cosmopolitan, Lippincott's, Scribner's, Frank Leslie's, Popular Monthly, St. Nicholas, Forum, Arena, North American Review, Peterson's Ladies' Home Journal, Youth's Companion, Good Housekeeping, Oatling, Mother's Nursery Guide, New England Magazine, Overland Monthly, Art Amateur, Art Interchange, Illinois World's Fair, Judge, Puck, Lite.

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At M. Ehrman's Shoe Store, 69 Canal St.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th. SALE BEGINS AT 7 A. M.

Having received a large consignment of Fancy Holiday Slippers from the American Slipper company of New York, we will place on sale the grandest line of Fancy Slippers ever seen in the city. The stock consists of all the latest styles of fancy embroidered and leather Slippers made expressly for the coming holidays for ladies and gentlemen. If you are going to buy a Christmas present here is a great chance. Just read the prices.

Buy a beautiful pair of Gents' Slippers, embroidered or fancy leather. All styles and sizes; worth regular \$1.50. **\$1.00**

Buy a splendid Gents' embroidered or leather slipper, in all shades. Just the Slipper for a present. All sizes. Worth regular \$1.25. **\$1.25**

Boys' Slippers 72 Cents. Regular Price \$1.25. All sizes, made up in Leather or Fancy Velvet.

AT - EHRMAN'S - SHOE - STORE.

69 Canal Street, Store opens at 7 a. m.

MORSE'S DEPARTMENT STORE

Monroe and Spring streets.

What is going on in the city today?

Common Council Meeting. Factors Meeting at 3 Sol Smith Russell-Powers. "The Dago," at Redmond's.

What is going on at Morse's today?

Continuation of Christmas Sale.

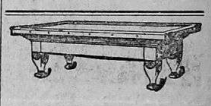
Took a chill yesterday—that beautiful Indian summer we've been enjoying. But what odds? 'Twill make the more merry Christmas. Anyway, our stores always warm and comfortable—and large enough to accommodate even the immense crowd of Saturday—largest ever seen in a Grand Rapids store. A few Toys:

- Steam Pile Driver, 80c.
- Steam Engine, 80c.
- Vestibled Train, \$1.19.
- Freight Train, 15c.
- Rocking Horse, 15c and up.
- Child's Car, 80c and up.
- Tool Chest, 2c to \$3.50.
- Best Blackboard, 95c.
- Child's Piano, 15c and 60c.
- Wash Set, 45c.
- Saw and Buck, 45c.

All on the basement floor, and a sight to make children's eyes shine with pleasure.

Have you been to the Doll Department, rear of the main floor, yet? It's grand.

Morse's Department Store, MONROE AND SPRING STS.



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