

Morning Telegram.

GRAND RAPIDS, NOV. 27, 1884.

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TOWN TALK.

No TELEGRAM to-morrow. Go down to Redmond's and see Patti Rosa this afternoon.

The G. R. & L. freight office will close today at 10 o'clock.

The public library now has curtains to protect the books from dust.

The boys had a merry time coasting on Fountain and Lyon streets last evening.

Prof. Wallestein will conduct the Sunday night concert at Redmond's hereafter.

The Grand Opera Club will give a hop at the Ionia street armory to-morrow night.

The question to-day is not how heavy is the baby, but how much does the turkey weigh?

After giving thanks to-day do not swear to-morrow when you fail to find your morning paper.

Route-Agent Rose reports from ten to twelve inches of snow at northern points on the G. R. & L.

The Michigan Central pay car was in town yesterday distributing checks among the employes hereabouts.

John Peaslee, No. 25 Peaslee street, typhoid malaria, was the only case reported to the Board of Health yesterday.

W. J. Morgan, General Superintendent of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway, was in the city yesterday.

"Siberia" is underlined at Powers, to follow "Lights of London." It is one of the strongest specimens of the age.

A national reduction of expenses is being contemplated by the Grand Rapids & Indiana and Michigan Central railroads.

Wm. McDonald was arrested by Detective Connelly at 3 o'clock this morning, for stealing a goose from a Division street market.

All the freight trains on the G. R. & L. & M. R. will be side-tracked to-day in order to give the employes a chance to celebrate the holiday.

The funds raised yesterday were not all expended, the balance will be expended buying provisions for the purpose for which it was subscribed.

Passenger traffic on the different railroads entering the city is very dull. The Michigan Central brought in only two passengers yesterday morning.

Sweet's Hotel is being renovated, repainted and repaired. A handsome new cherry weather-door is being placed on the inside of the door instead of the outside, as usual.

At the Charles street Baptist chapel, this evening, there will be an entertainment consisting of songs, cornet and piano solos and recitations, the proceeds to go to the benefit of the chapel.

A. D. Rathbone's team ran away yesterday afternoon, starting from the plaster beds. When they reached Summit and Island streets, they were stopped by Thomas Lynch. The cutter was slightly damaged.

Turkey rallies were numerous last night, and the lucky ones were loaded with turkeys and oysters. One of the patrolmen won twenty-seven cans of oysters and three turkeys. He was off duty at the time.

Now that sleighing has arrived some provision should be made by the Common Council compelling all who drive upon the streets to have bells upon their horses. The eastern cities all have ordinances embracing the requirement suggested.

The masquerade hop given last evening at the Metropolitan Hall by the F. A. B. Club, its first of the season, was a measurable success. Good music, lusty costumes and upwards of sixty couples, made the scene in the hall a brilliant and enjoyable one.

The ladies' relief corps, an annex of the G. A. R., No. 5, held a meeting in the Pierce building last night, and perfected arrangements for completing the organization. They will send out for a charter, and meet two weeks hence and complete the corps.

James Strong, son-in-law of Benj. F. Slier, who arrived here a week ago from Texas, died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock. His father in Kentucky has been telegraphed for. Mr. Strong leaves considerable means, including a life insurance policy of \$10,000.

The Thalia Dramatic Club will produce a farcical comedy called "Shakespeare Water-Cure." A stage and auditorium has been fitted up in the attic of C. B. Judd's elegant residence, on Fountain street. The Thalia Club will have the use of it, and present their plays to invited friends and acquaintances.

A little boy named John Smith was arrested last evening by Detective Connelly for stealing a can of oysters from a Monroe street grocery store. He pleaded and cried after arriving at headquarters, and claimed that a larger boy threatened to whip him if he did not steal the oysters. Supt. Perry released him to appear Friday.

Two young men, participants in the Peek-a-Boo ball, got upon their muscle last night, and created considerable excitement in the rear of the Grand Union Cafe. During the melee a club was thrown through the kitchen window, when the cook threw one of the unwanted team into the back alley. A tug of war followed in which several blows were interchanged, but before the police arrived they separated and fled.

The School Exhibit at New Orleans. The pupils of the several school departments in this city have been asked to contribute their share to the collection at the New Orleans Exposition, and Supt. Mitchell has been engaged for the past two weeks in getting the specimens together, and classifying them, about sixty specimens of pupils work in geography, arithmetic, spelling, writing and composition, from the grade to the High School. The display of drawing and designing will be especially attractive. Some of the best specimens of designing for wood-carving are now on exhibition in Patten's art emporium windows, on Monroe street, together with those designs executed on wood. The designs are finely executed, and would do credit to much more advanced artists.

They Elect Officers. The Grand River Lodge, No. 34, F. and A. M., held its annual meeting for the election of officers last evening. The following is the result of the election: Worshipful Master, James Cooper; Senior Warden, DeWitt C. Blackmer; Junior Warden, Josephus Angus; Treasurer, Ebenzer Anderson; Secretary, George B. Catlin. There was a large attendance of the members of the order and the election passed off pleasantly. The other officers will be appointed at the regular meeting next Wednesday evening, at which time the installation will take place.

This Morning's Fire. The alarm of fire at 1 o'clock this morning pulled at box 62, was caused by the burning of a 1 1/2 story western building, at 117 Muskegon street, West Side, occupied by Valentine Fogodowski and family. The building was totally destroyed, the damage being estimated at \$1,300, and the insurance, located in the Watertown company, \$1,000 on the building and \$300 on the furniture. Cause not ascertained.

THANKSGIVING.

The Origin, the History and the Inspiration of the Day.

Of all the annually recurring religious festivals celebrated in this country, there is none more fully in accord with the sentiments of the people as a nation, none which can be said to be as thoroughly American as this day, set aside by the President of the United States for National Thanksgiving. Instituted by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621, less than a year after the "Mayflower" had landed them on the rock-bound coast of New England, "the harvest having been abundant at Plymouth," as a national feast day it has no impress of church, no ear-marks of pagan superstition. First introduced in New England, and fostered by the descendants of the Pilgrims, as a souvenir of the early trials of their fathers, it was gradually adopted by the several States, until 1862, when it was made a national anniversary. As that epoch marked the destruction of the only institution which prevented this nation from becoming one indeed, it is now the more fitting to celebrate as a day which helps to weld those bonds of inter-state brotherhood more closely, as well as to cement the ties of personal friendship and family affection.

If the exiles on the barren coasts of New England could in their comparative wretchedness find cause for thankfulness, it need require no special effort on the part of the people of this day and generation to be as fully impressed with the bounties that are showered upon them. With peace and more than plenty at our doors, we, as a people, would be ungrateful if we did not in some becoming manner recognize the blessings we enjoy.

With peace, plenty, and that charity which recognizes all mankind as brethren, this day, of all the year, can be made one that will make all akin, lighten the burdens of life and help to lift every one to a higher level of enjoyment and usefulness.

In social and family circles, Thanksgiving Day is pre-eminently one that carries with it benisons that will remain green in the storehouse of memory from early youth to decrepit age. About the groning board to-day will assemble parents and children, brothers and sisters, in happy family reunions, under conditions which can never recur again to the participants as time rolls on. Toward this day memory will turn in after years, and every kindly word spoken, every graceful act performed, every expression of love or friendship, after separation has broken the circle, will hallow this Thanksgiving day as others have been in years gone by. To enjoy this day properly then, is to make the fire of our hearts glow warmer, as those on our hearths burn brighter, to make the melodies of our homes sound sweeter, the voice of friendship and love more tender, and to gather about us endearments which will certain us in a canopy of pleasant recollections when distance, time or misfortunes shall have separated us from them.

HOW HE TOOK IT.

A Plaintiff Who Wanted to Serve a Summons Himself.

A firm of Grand Rapids lawyers was recently directed by a client to commence suit for the recovery of a debt. The plaintiff was disposed to cause the defendant all the annoyance possible, and asked the lawyers to fix it so he could serve the summons himself, adding "I want to see how he'll take it." The necessary papers produced and given to the client who started off with an air of great satisfaction and delight in anticipation of the humiliation to which he was to subject the unlucky defendant. He soon returned in a highly excited and "banged-up" condition, coat in tatters, both eyes black, nose set over on one side, hat crushed, and having the general appearance of one who had seen grief. He had gone to the defendant, served the summons in an insulting manner, and so as to attract the attention of by-standers, and then stood watching the other triumphantly while he read the copy. His curiosity as to "how he would take it" was gratified. He took it by first giving the server a stinger under the left ear, and then proceeded to "mop the ground with him." By the time the unfortunate plaintiff was released he had not a bit of curiosity left. When safely out of reach his fright was succeeded by a rage that was terrible to witness. He ordered an immediate and relentless prosecution and civil suit for damages, though no amount of damages could at that moment have compensated him. He expressed no wish to serve the second writ.

AMUSEMENTS.

Patti Rosa This Afternoon and Evening—"Lights o' London."

Patti Rosa, supported by a strong company, will appear at Redmond's this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in "Mizpah." The play will be repeated again in the evening, and also to-morrow afternoon and evening.

"Mizpah" is a very lively drama written to suit the specialties of that clever soubrette, Patti Rosa, who appears in the leading role. Miss Rosa is an actress of the Lotta order, and is a good singer and a captivating dancer. "Mizpah" is bright and sparkling, with a vein of lively fun running through it, and with plenty of entertaining scenes.

"The Lights of London," probably the finest spectacular play of the modern stage, will again be presented at Powers' Opera House next Monday and Tuesday evening. The company, if such were possible, is stronger than that which appeared here, at the last engagement, and crowded houses will doubtless greet them. A car load of scenery, specially designed by the best artists of the day, is carried and used in producing the magnificent scenic effects that characterize the drama. The immense company is composed of actors and actresses who were especially engaged for their respective parts. A leading paper of Hartford spoke of the company as follows when it appeared there:

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TO-DAY'S SERVICES.

Special Services to Be Held at the Various Churches.

Services will be held in many of the churches to-day, other than those named below. There will be a Union service at the Baptist Church, Rev. H. A. Merriam will preach the sermon. At the South Congregational Church, Rev. E. H. Brooks will preach. Rev. H. Uterwyk preaches at the East M. E. Church, and Rev. M. L. Boeber will officiate in the same capacity at Plainfield Avenue M. E. Church. Rev. J. Miller preaches at the West Side Baptist. A collection for the Union Benevolent Home will be taken at each of these services.

St. Mark's Church, S. Burford, rector; P. A. DeRossett, assistant. Thanksgiving day: Matins and ante-Communion and Sermon at 10:30 a. m.; Evensong at 4 p. m.

Thanksgiving day service, with sermon, will be held at St. Paul's Church, beginning at 10 a. m. The musical part of the services is as follows:

- Processional hymn—"Praise, O praise our God and King" Wilkes
1st Psalm to the Lord "Praise Ye the Lord" Onseley
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WATSON vs. WATSON.

The Jury Charged, But No Verdict Yet Rendered.

The Watson versus Watson seduction case has again reached the hands of the jury in Circuit Court. The counsel in the case, as Judge Montgomery remarked in his charge to the jury, "took a wild range." The "cousin of the cloth" was somewhat strained, and the patience of the Court severely tried, when the learned counsel indulged in personal allusions reflecting upon the practice of their opponents. It was contended by the defence that the plaintiff in her information, charging bastardy on the defendant, before Justice Potter, had naturally varied her statements as to dates and places, from that which she gave a few days ago in the witness stand, and that that fact strongly reflected on her credibility as a witness for herself. Further, her counsel was several times interrupted by the opposing counsel, by objections based upon his giving to the jury matter for their consideration which was not referred to in his opening speech and which the defense had had no opportunity of rebutting. Judge Montgomery gave the jury a careful and well adjusted charge, after which they retired and at a late hour last night nothing decisive was heard from them. From the general complexion of all matters concerned in the case, it would seem more than probable that a disagreement of the jury will follow, or that a verdict in favor of the defendant will be the result.

THE COURTS.

United States Court.

HON. S. L. WITHEY, DISTRICT JUDGE.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.—The National Exchange Bank of Boston v. Frank H. White, E. P. Ferry et al. Verdict for \$17,122.10 against E. P. Ferry.

Henry W. Nolan v. Carlos E. Dexter. Replevin. Jury out.

Police Court.

HON. JOHN T. HOLMES, JUDGE.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.—Frank Brown, drunk, was sent to jail for ten days. George R. Reeves, assault and battery; paid \$3.50. Henry Brach and Wm. Millonburg, same; the former paid \$4.35, and the latter case was adjourned to Nov. 28, at 9 a. m.

Superior Court.

HON. ISAAC H. PARRISH, JUDGE.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.—Amelia Edison v. Albert R. Edison. In Chancery. Motion for further alimony, heretofore submitted, denied.

Eliza J. Edwards v. Hezekiah C. Edwards. In Chancery. Decree of divorce granted complaining party.

Eliza Norton v. The City of Grand Rapids. Trespass on the case. Fifteen days further time granted defendant to settle bill of exceptions, etc.

Justice's Courts.

JUSTICE SAUNDERS.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.—Livia P. Granes v. Thos. J. Lucas. Assumpsit. Judgment for plaintiff \$58.06 and costs.

JUSTICE BROUWER.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26.—John Henniman, Assault and battery. Adjudged to Dec. 3, at 10 a. m.

Peter Lange v. Frank Szozinski. Assumpsit. Adjudged to Nov. 28.

John Malinowski v. Mary A. Granger. Trespass on land. On trial by jury.

John B. Gough.

Our people will have an opportunity on Friday evening to hear the noted orator John B. Gough in his popular lecture "Eloquence and Orators." Mr. Gough needs no recommendation or introduction, as his reputation is world-wide, and he will doubtless draw a crowded house. The lecture will be delivered in the Baptist Church and will be under the auspices of the Baptist society.

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Popular Dancing Classes.

The regular evening dancing classes of James Bayne meet every Tuesday and Friday evening at Loo's Hall. Pupils will be received any time during the season. A Saturday morning class is now being organized, and early application should be made by those desiring to learn. The first hop of the series to be given this season by Mr. Bayne will occur on Tuesday evening, Dec. 2. All former pupils and friends are cordially invited. No invitations will be issued.

Latest styles, largest variety of elegant Cutters, brought from all parts of the State. For sale by A. R. Antisdal.

Mrs. Sophia W. Knight will give a lesson on bread-making in various ways, Thursday afternoon at 8 o'clock, in the Home Hall. An admission of 25 cents will be charged, as this is not included in the regular course.

Portlands and steel Cutters, for sale cheap, of A. R. Antisdal.

DR. BLADE, OCULIST AND AURIST

Office, 125 Monroe Street, Over Hatch's Grocery Store.

Hours—From 9 to 12 a. m., 1 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m.

AMUSEMENTS.

Redmond's Grand Opera House

Wm. H. Powers, Manager.

Three Nights and Two Matinees

Opening with a THANKSGIVING MATINEE

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 27.

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

"The Little Spark of Sunshine."

PATTI ROSA.

(The only rival LOTTA has) supported by her own company of rare excellence, including the young and popular comedians, C. M. Lester and E. L. Williams, in her phenomenal success and society comedy-drama, in four acts.

MIZPAH.

POPULAR PRICES—25, 50 and 75 cents.