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Return to Mrs Gunn

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NO. 1.

OUR BOW.

In starting newspapers it is customary to say a few words to those whom we expect to become our patrons and friends. We have established a paper in Holt and hope to make it worthy of your liberal support. The paper is a four column folio, all home print, and will be continued the present size until good patronage warrants a change, which we hope will be soon. In the past we have been very bitter against saloons, but it did not bring us any financial reward, and people who would put us on the back when the fight was on, would forsake us in the time of need. We have reformed and say here that we will not again join any movement against saloons.

One good thing in our favor is there is no saloon in Holt, and if there was we would not fight it, unless we were paid the price of our office and our widow pensioned in case we got killed. We hope to make our new paper a success and want all to lend us a helping hand by subscribing for it, advertising in it, and furnishing news items for it.

Subscription price is 50c for one year and 25c for six months. In two or three weeks time the paper will appear in a new dress, as we are negotiating for new body type and new display type. If you have any job printing you want done get our prices. Wishing all good health and prosperity, we remain

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P. W. ROGERS.

It has frequently been stated that France cannot get along without a war more than a generation, and the record of the past century seems to give proof of this statement. It is now hinted that France and England will lock horns as soon as the South African war is closed.

Queen Victoria, notwithstanding her great age and secluded habit of life, has suddenly come into prominent and active participation in public matters. She has set aside all the traditions of the court by appearing among the people in the streets and parks of London, and has been greeted on every hand with the greatest of enthusiasm. The people have appreciated her course, and the demonstrations of loyalty and affection have been even greater than at the great Jubilee manifestations a few years ago.

Porto Rico's Tariff.

The formidable opposition of several Republican Senators to the imposition of any tariff upon trade between Porto Rico and the States has caused the tariff bill to be laid aside for a few days; and in the meantime a committee of seven is dealing with the somewhat complicated situation. The House bill that was passed by so narrow a majority has been reported in the Senate as part of the civil government bill of Mr. Foraker's committee. When certain Senators proposed that the plan for a civil government should be dropped, Mr. Foraker protected his bill by suggesting that one giving absolute free trade could easily be substituted for it. Caucuses on the tariff question have been held. At the first one the tariff project was opposed by Senators Davis, Simon, Mason, Proctor and others, and supported by Senators Hanna, Frye and Hale, who urged that the cardinal Republican principle of protection should be upheld for the benefit of the States, in legislation affecting this stricken and new possession.

As reported by Senators from Iowa, Minnesota and other neighboring States that the protest of Republicans there against a tariff was of very serious political import. By others it was stated that the President was now anxious that the tariff of 15 per cent. should be included in any bill passed by the Senate. Mr. Davis pointed out the danger of defying a sentiment almost universally held by Republicans in the West. At the second caucus it was decided that action upon the tariff question in the Senate should be deferred. A committee—Senators Foraker, Davis, Hale, McMillan, Spooner, Warren and Kea—was appointed to promote harmony. The advocates of free trade were not displeased; they were confident the delay would increase their strength. The House bill appropriating for the expenses of Porto Rico the \$2,095,455 in duties collected on imports from the island was passed without a division. A free trade amendment was offered and then withdrawn. An important amendment proposed by Mr. Allen, declared that with the acquisition of the island our Constitution was extended over it by its own force, was tabled by the significant vote of 36 to 17. No Republican voted for it, and Mr. Lindsay joined the Republicans in opposing it. It is said that the tariff will not

be taken up until after the return of Platt and Mr. Aldrich from Cuba.

The planters, merchants and manufacturers of Porto Rico mailed to Congress a long statement or petition, containing an earnest and powerful argument for free trade, and showing that the revenue which the island needs could easily be obtained by internal taxes on rum, cigars and cigarettes. Taxes on these products at the rates imposed in the United States would yield in Porto Rico \$2,252,000 a year. There would be needed, these Porto Ricans say, about \$750,000 for the cost of Government and the interest on \$2,000,000 in bonds, which the island should be authorized to issue. Therefore internal taxes on rum, cigars and cigarettes at rates equal to only one third of those imposed in this country would be sufficient. Moreover, the Dingley duties on imports from Europe would yield \$200,000. These petitioners show that the proposed duties, apparently small, would amount to 100 per cent ad valorem on certain grades of leaf tobacco which would be available in

the island. "We ask bread as a right from our mother," they say; "do not, we pray, give us a stone."

The situation at Ponce, Porto Rico, is now more serious than it has been at any time since the terrible hurricane. In many places the poor are starving. The price of rice, beans and codfish has increased 100 per cent. Demonstrations against the delay of the United States government in settling open questions have recently been held in several towns.

It seems to be now generally admitted that in normal circumstances (1899 being exceptional in the excess of demand over supply of iron and steel), the United States can produce shipbuilding material at a lower cost than British makers can. That being so, there remain only the factors of applied science and labor. In the case of the former, American builders lack only the experience of the high-class British builders. In the case of the latter, America has the advantage at present in fewer iron embarrasments and in the more generous use of machinery. How long that advantage may last cannot, of course, be said, but what can be said by an impartial Briton

is that America does not need a shipping subsidies bill to enable her to build and to own a merchant navy worthy of her commerce. She has all the elements within her own industrial resources, without dipping into the national purse. Bounties have not helped to any extent either the shipping or the shipbuilding of France, but antiquated navigation laws to prevent the natural development of America.—Benjamin Taylor, in the Engineering Magazine for March.

AN EDITOR ON FIRE.

Thrilling Incident in the Career of an Illinois Journalist.

An "intelligent comp" was once fired for setting up the lines:

"See the pale martyr
In his sheet of fire"

So that they read:
"See the poor mayor
With his shirt on fire"

Brother Brownlee of the Benton Standard knows how it feels to have one's shirt on fire, and he describes the sensations as follows:

"Last Saturday evening the editor of the Standard went home peacefully and safely, and after a

proceeded to hard study, which is his best habit. After refreshing his brain with some severe gymnastics he put on his nightshirt and struck a match. In a flash the editor was a mass of flames, and the household was yelling "Fire!" at lug house rate. The editor rushed into the hall, and with one gigantic effort tore the shirt from his body and extinguished the flames. This is a true history and for six seconds we had a lustle on. At the end of that time we had no shirt on. The fire must have been caused by electricity generated in trying to rite a sermon on widows. Brother I. S. Hicks says it was probably a slight warning. Brother Richeson says an editor should always watch for fire. Burton says any man who would wear a nightgown should expect a fire. The general public says it is only a matter of time anyway. But it is no fun to stand in the midst of flames that reach to the ceiling and smell your hair on fire. So don't joke about this boys. We are nearly scared to death over it."—Olney (Ill) Mail.

Gen. Pietrus Jacobus Jonbert, the noted South African Boer army leader, died Tuesday night of stomach troubles.

The United States has succeeded in establishing the "open door" doctrine in China and foreign nations have signed a written agreement to that effect.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Russel Everett
<input type="checkbox"/> Roy A. Wilcox
<input type="checkbox"/> William Fiedler

For Constables,	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albert Halock
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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Lewis Eupert is on the sick list. J. Sheathelm will move next week into the Thomas Black house. Mr Robbins of Leroy has moved onto the Sheldon farm which he recently purchased. Miss Amanda Fiedler begins the spring term of school in the Dunn district next Monday. Elsewhere in this paper can be found the names of candidates nominated for township officers. Robert Hancock and family expect to occupy their new home near Williamston the latter part of the week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Aldrich, March 25, a daughter. The little one has been named Maude Adalade. E. R. Burgess, clerk of Alaudon township, in company with two other gentlemen, go to California for an extended time. Great Britain has already lost 16,652 soldiers in the South African war, not counting 4,004 who have been invalidated home. The K. O. T. M. are preparing a play entitled "The Mock Trial," which they will give in the near future. They might get some valuable pointers by attending the trial of the Mock Trial at the State House.

Wm. Ireland's little boy has the scarlet fever. Our job department is very busy this week printing election ballots. Bring your job work to this office. Since printing inside pages on which was stated that revival meetings were being held at the M. E. church, the meetings have closed on account of illness of the pastor. A Populist came in to see us the other day with a look of trouble on his brow. He said he had read in his paper that the Republican party realized that the coming election would be their last victory at the polls, and rather than see the Populists in power they were going to destroy the world. We asked how he said that his paper stated that the Pacific Ocean was several hundred feet lower than the Atlantic Ocean, and the Republicans intended to dig the canal, and when they got it done the water would run into the Pacific and get us out of balance, and the world would go kersma-sh. We told him as the Populists had found out the scheme we expected the Republicans would give it up. He said he hoped so, but he was going to have the County Central Committee meet, anyhow, and talk the matter over.

The Beers have blown up some of the gold mines. The Powers have warned Turkey against increasing import duties. Out in Indiana a good many years ago, a certain old lady, so renowned a witness, came into court wearing a large poke bonnet, such as was then affected by rural folks. Her answers to the questions put to her being rather indistinct, the court requested her to speak louder, though with little success. "The court cannot hear a word you say, my good woman," said the judge, "Pleas to do of that huge bonnet of yours." "Sir," she said, "composedly, and distinctly enough this time, 'the court has a perfect right to bid a woman take off his hat, but it has no right to make a lady remove her bonnet.'" "Alas," replied the judge, you seem so well acquainted with the law that I think you had better come up and take a seat with Jason the French." "I thank your honor kindly," she responded, dropping a low curtsy to the court, "but I am an old woman enough these days." —Law Notes.

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Miss Taylor spent Sunday at home.

John Gunn continues to be quite poorly.

Vernon Keller spent Sunday at Grand Ledge.

Harry Bond spent Sunday with Mason friends.

John Himelberger of Lansing was in town Sunday.

Protracted meetings are being held at the M. E. church.

Miss Emma Higelmier who has been ill is improving.

Miss Anna Faulkner returned from Ohio last Monday.

Thorburn Bros. are remodeling Gilbert DeCamp's house.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thorburn, Mar. 18, a son.

Mrs. Alpha Douglass severely sprained her ankle last week.

Mrs. D. D. Lindsay is having a barn built on her lot in the village.

Miss Rosa Thorburn is home from Ypsilanti for a ten days vacation.

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William Franklin Jr. captured the L. O. T. M. quilt Saturday evening.

Hammond Bray of Forest, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Nelson Hilliard.

We will soon have correspondents established in the different school districts.

Miss Orel Manley closed a successful term of school in the Harper district last Friday.

Carl Keller who has been ill went out for a short time Saturday and is now better.

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HOME NEWS.

The Harper school has closed.
J. A. Grow is moving to Lansing.
Spring has arrived and all are glad.

Mr. Reasoner is working for J. B. Thorburn.

Adam Dell has purchased the old DeCamp farm.

D. W. Dodd is in the meat business at Springport.

Silas Manley has traded his farm for a larger one near Pine Lake.

Mrs. Wm. Chandler who has been quite sick is improving and is about the house.

Fred Wilcox, aged 40 years, night watch at Mason, died Mar. 26 of pneumonia.

Rev. Vale of Elmira, filed the pulpit at the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Mrs. M. E. Osborn, a pioneer of Ingham county, died at her home in Alaiodon township Mar. 25.

Melvin Cornell has moved onto the Watson farm and will work for W. W. Watson the coming season.

The Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian church will give a warm sugar social at the town hall Friday night, Mar. 30.

Burglars attempted to break into the store of John Lamann Sunday night but were frightened away by the barking of the house dog.

Several of our sports attended a shooting match west of town Monday. Almond Aldrich was the only one who hit the bull's eye at a distance of 20 rods. Another shoot will be held at the same place Saturday.

Miss Laura Love was about 45 of her friends last Friday night. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The train due here at 5:45 was delayed two hours Friday night by a wash out two miles this side of Rives Junction.

The question for debate next Tuesday evening is "Resolved that Robert Lee was a greater general than U. S. Grant."

Miss Adna Fjelder is home for her vacation. She expects to teach the spring term in the Douglass district in Wheatfield township.

The Holt K. O. T. M. recently purchased a new regalia and at now a happy lot of bees. The Tent has about 130 members.

Mrs. John West has gone to New York state. Her daughter, Emma Chandler of Lansing, is keeping house for Mr. West while she is gone.

Dr. Roberts of Holt was the first to plank down his 50 cents for year's subscription to THE HOLT PRESS, and he will get the first copy printed.

Miss Mattie King closed the winter term of school in the Phillip district in Alaiodon last Friday. She will teach the spring term in the same district.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilcox were pleasantly surprised by about twenty of their young friends last Monday evening. An oyster supper was served and all report a fine time.

Mrs. M. E. Park has returned home from an eight weeks visit in Indiana. Her grandmother who 84 years old accompanied her to the place where she will make her future home.

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COUNTY, STATE, AND FOREIGN NEWS.

Next Monday is election day. Gen. Marsh's trial is being heard at Lansing. Subscribe for The Press and make your family happy. Don't touch even the handle of the political pot. It is hot. Cuba will be represented at the Pan-American exposition in 1901. Williamston will have a new First National bank with a capital of \$25,000.

You can get a first-class dinner and supper on election day at K. O. T. M. hall for 15c and 10c. Deducting the dubious vessels, the completed battleships of England now number 36 and those of France and Russia 38. Department Commander Peeler of the Michigan G. A. R. has issued general orders for the observance of Memorial day, May 30.

Capt. Joseph Nicholson, superintendent of the House of Correction at Detroit, died March 18. He was buried under the auspices of the Masonic order. It is alleged that President McKinley will accept the position of professor of international law at the American university at Washington at the conclusion of his service as a public officer.

Mr. Shafroth, of Colorado, has introduced a bill in the House admitting Nicaragua into the union as a state, the purpose being to acquire the right to construct the Nicaragua canal through that country.

That America is to achieve industrial supremacy is hardly open to doubt.

The flood caused by the overflowing of river Raising caused great loss of property at Monroe.

Gen. White, fugitive from justice, writes to friends that he is in South Africa. The state of Michigan would pay his fare home if he would return.

A Hartford, Conn., woman has a bunch of 10,000 buffalo horns, a gift from a brother in Montana, from which she expects to realize a fortune.

American industrial development is alarming Germany to such an extent that Herr Vosborgrekow, the head of the Foreign Treaties Bureau at Berlin, warns German manufacturers of the need of new enterprise and organization to meet the menace of American rivalry.

Roy Bliss and Nettie Smith are at trouble at Pontiac. They were married at Windsor, Ont., and it is alleged that Bliss perjured himself in swearing that the girl was 18 years old, whereas her father says she was 14 at the time the ceremony was performed. They are held on charge of unlawful intimacy.

The jury in the Reed will case held at Port Huron last week brought in a verdict breaking the will of Dr. Reed and giving the \$80,000 estate to Robert Reed and Mrs. Annie Smith, son and granddaughter of Reed. Reed left by property to Ann Waters, his mistress, and her illegitimate child. The case will be appealed to the supreme court.

The Paris exposition will be opened April 14.

A new postoffice has been established at Gridley Ionia county.

French papers state that South Americans fear the United States.

It is reported that the United States has purchased the Danish Antilles in the West Indian group.

The Maccabees will serve dinner and supper at their hall over E. M. Park's store on election day. Don't fail to patronize them.

The supreme court upholds the new barbers' law. The law provides that, to be entitled to a license the applicant must have been engaged in the pursuit of his trade in this state for two years preceding the date on which the barbers' law took effect.

During the flood, not the one during Noah's time, but the one here last week our office and the jeweler shop adjoining was surrounded by water. We hope that a good grain will be substituted for the one now in use, as we are not at this writing prepared to take our chances with the "great deep."

About two years ago, little Nania Winters of Milton Center, Antrim county, then one year old, swallowed a shingle nail. A serious illness was the result. She has had a bad cough ever since. She grew worse recently, but on Monday morning she coughed up the nail, and now is in a fair way to speedily recover.

Chas. Meity has been arrested at Monroe and taken to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to answer to a charge of attempted murder. It is alleged

ers to this paper before they go home. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when they go home and tell their wives that Holt has a new paper if they don't subscribe for it.

A visitor at a Columbia (Mo.) school the other day asked one of the lower grade classes this question: "What is the axis of the earth?" "An imaginary line passing from one pole to the other, on which the earth revolves," proudly answered a pupil. "Yes," said the examiner, well pleased, "and could you hang a bonnet on it?" "Yes, sir." "Indeed! And what kind of a bonnet?" "An imaginary bonnet, sir." The visitor asked no more questions that day.—Exchange.

The following true story relates to an old minister who believed every word there was in the Bible and everything that appeared in print with the sanction of the church. Especially did he tie to "Gospel Songs, Selected, No. 2." The choir would have liked to get something a bit more up to date, but the aged minister wouldn't have it. He said that those songs had been good enough for the brothers and the sisters of the church before that day, and he guessed they were good enough for the present generation. So he continued to sing "Gospel Songs, No. 2."

One day some young scapgraces in the church pasted into that copy of the hymns devoted to the pulpit desk a printed slip of a very secular song. But so deftly was the pasting done that it would have taken a keener eye than the dim vision of the old parson to have detected the fraud.

was no concession to an attempt to blow up the residence of a Cedar Rapids attorney last Thanksgiving placing four pounds of dynamite under the building. The detonating cap failed to work.

The department of public instruction has recently made a special investigation of the subject of manual training. Chief Clerk Smith after visiting the best manual training departments in the public schools of several states, decides that it develops and enriches the intellect, strengthens the will, fosters public spirit, quickens the moral nature, is elevating and a foe to vice and crime.

The Swiss watchmakers are combining to protect themselves from American competition. Prizes are offered to develop improvements in the Swiss watch, which will tend to maintain its reputation. Consul General Dubois at St. Gall, in reporting on this matter, adds that the American watch case is having a field day in the "land of watches" to such a degree that the Swiss are making a general movement to prevent or modify, at least, the importation. To demonstrate the growth of American trade the consul general says that one can buy American watches in Berne, American ham and bacon in Basle and that Swiss horses sleep on American straw, American hardware fills the shop windows, American shoes are in popular demand, and everywhere are striking evidences of the increased import of American wares.

Next Monday being election day many farmers will be in town and we hope all will become sa's r b

book to read the first hymn. He always opened by chance, and took the first one that came to hand. He set his eyes on his nose, and commenced to read in a sonorous voice: "I'm a double jointed huckleberry acting for a fight."

But there was scickering from the back pews—and he stopped! He looked at the line more closely. He shut the book on his finger and scrutinized the cover. 'Twas all right. The cover bore the words, "Gospel Songs, No. 2." It was surely his book. There were the marks of his usage. He opened again, and, setting his glasses more firmly, read the second line:

"I can eat a pound of liver, raw or fried."

The old parson stopped again. Judging by the laughter, muffled, but none the less distinct, there was something wrong with the hymn. He looked at the line again.

"Brethren," said he, in a puzzled way, "that doesn't read just right for the sacred songs of a holy day. I don't seem ever to have seen that hymn in this book before, tho' I thought I knew every word of it. It is strange—very strange. But"—here his voice grew firmer and his tone louder—"there is no doubt about this being 'Gospel Songs, No. 2'—this book that I hold in my hand. This book has been tried and tested by the church. I will therefore read the other two lines of this first stanza:

"I can lick a brace of catamounts and eat 'em when I'm tight.

I'm a rippor snorter-tenner, blust my hide!"

"Now, brethren and sisters, all sing, Hymn number thirty five, page twenty-three."