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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MICHIGAN.

The Algomah did not attempt to cross the straits on the 23d. Show is terribly drifted and ice is piled along shore ten and twelve feet high. St. Ignace and Cheboygan are "best and jollest so far."

C. D. Hopkins of Detroit, a baggageman on the G. T. R. R. was arrested, and bound over for trial on the charge of sending obscene circulars through the mails.

Adrian is informed by letters from the absent Navin that Messrs. Jewell and Stanton were not concerned in the water works swindle. The congratulations were called forth by the Jewell Stanton investigation now in progress.

St. Clair proposes issuing $40,000 bonds to pave the principal streets.

Henry Hurst of Fenton, aged about 24 years, was murdered on the 22d by Mrs. L. Lacey of Holly. The bride is about 40, so says gossip.

Niles boasts of having a genuine business boom. More buildings will go up this spring than for many years past and everything looks encouraging.

The Detroit Y. M. C. A. has just sold its old site on Farmer street, 30 by 125 feet, for $15,000. Property was purchased for the Detroit Medical college.

The Canada Southern railway will substitute a cut-off between Essex Junction and Detroit. This will enable it to cross the Detroit river at Detroit instead of at Amherstburg, as at present, and will shorten its line about twenty miles.

The Detroit Board of Estimates places their figure at $1,122,378. Among the leading items:

Board of Education, per capita ... $184,945 56
Police Commissioners' fund ... 158,065 99
Fire Commissioners' fund ... 124,958 40
Water Commissioners' fund ... 75,000 00
Board of Education school buildings ... 65,000 00
Fire Commissioners' fund ... 61,000 00
Belle Isle Park Commissioners' fund ... 20,000 00
Library Commission fund ... 12,758 75

The Detroit Hillsdale & R. R. bonds have been decided, and will hold Ypsilanti for principal and interest aggregating nearly $100,000. Bonds were issued in 1869 in aid of the D. L. & R. R. by Ypsilanti, Hillsdale, and other towns along the line. The following year it was decided that the aid voted was unconstitutional, and the bonds voted in other places were generally returned by the railroad company. Owing to the decision of the supreme Court in the Salem case, and in order to give the aid that Ypsilanti had promised the road, the latter city made an effort to raise $20,000 of capital stock by subscriptions among citizens, and of this amount $19,000 was contributed. At this point, however, it became known that the company had sold the city bonds to a New York capitalist named Taylor, and that as effort would be made to hold the city liable for their full amount. He brought suit as an innocent purchaser, against the city, and obtained judgment. Then the council asked the company to offer the city credit for the stock, and refused other offers to pay anything further on the bonds. Taylor instituted a second suit in the U. S. Court and the city obtained a judgment in its favor. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court some months ago, and the latter has held Ypsilanti responsible for $50,000 and eight years' accrued interest at eight per cent. The decision will undoubtedly create something more than comment in Ypsilanti.

A descriptive list of Tawas City contains 234, beginning in the Arcade hotel. Mayesen's store, Curry's live house and S. S. Tay's residence are named.

A new passenger coach that is to be adopted as the model for all future coaches constructed for the Lake Shore road is now being constructed at the shops of the company in Adrian.

The Lake Superior ship canal company will refuse at Ludington, will be pressed upon the attention of congress through the committee on commerce.

E. H. Bruce, a merchant of Adrian, died in Detroit on the 23d of apoplexia. He had but recently settled in that city.

Mrs. Henry Jennings of St. Joseph died on the 24th from vaccine blood poisoning. She leaves an infant.

In the case of the dause of the Coldwater fires many facts in favor of the accused, ex-Chief Engineer Drake, have been developed. Drake left a plausible story, and Mayor Tillotson's testimony helped to confirm it.

In the Adrian bogus bonds case yain attempt was made to get copies of Navin's telegrams to New York from the management of the Western Union.

Henry Stenton sawed through a door of Pontiac jail and made escape. He had plead guilty of burglary at Milford. Mrs. Stenton has been employed as a servant at the jail for a few weeks past, and left yesterday. Strangely on the mail train east. Sheriff Lewis had been away for four or five days and came home at midnight, but knew nothing of it until morning. The turnkey, sleeping some two feet away, thinks he must have been chloroformed, as he knew nothing of it.

Manager James F. Cooper of the Western Union, had been served with a subpoena to produce all the messages sent to or received from Navin, Jewell and Stanton. He apparently had the, papers in court, but was accompanied by the Hon. A. L. Millard as counsel. They stepped into a back room in the justice's office for consultation and returned it was developed that while in the back room a transfer of the papers from the manager to his counsel had been effected, and the most persistent grumping of the witness by the prosecutor failed to develop very much more than the fact of his entire ignorance of the contents of the dispatches and their dates.

At Grand Rapids Saturday night Hartman of Massachusetts and Dwyer returned it was decided a draw after a hard fought walking match over Krohne of New York and Horrigan of Michigan. Score, 332 miles.

Thirteen prisoners escaped from the Wayne county jail, Detroit, Saturday evening, by sawing off the bars. Among the number was the notorious bank robber, Emanuel Mark.

A petition to the state board of control praying for the immediate construction of the Marquette, Houghton and Ontonagon railroad, or L'Anse to Ontonagon, has been signed by a large number of the business men of Detroit.

Citizens of Niles and Grand Rapids petition congress to reduce duties on cigars.

Prof. Beal, at the Michigan agricultural college, has 1,000 different grasses and clovers growing, each in a separate bed, in the garden attached to the college. It has taken several years to make the collection, to which additions are constantly being made.

The reunion of the Army of the Potomac will be held in Detroit June 13 and 14.

Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids and Lansing would like the next Republican state convention.

The spring-tooth harrow works, Albion were damaged by fire Monday to the extent of $25,000.

J. S. Bacon, son of the late Judge Bacon of Niles, died on Monday aged 30 years. He was a man of considerable wealth.

There will be two weeks vacation at the Orchard Lake military academy owing to the prevalence of diphtheria.

Nine of the prisoners who made escape from the Wayne Co. jail are still at large. Turnkey Edmunds, who knew of the sawed bars, has been dismissed.

Representative Hubbell of the ninth district has been elected chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee.

The Central Michigan spring fair will begin May 31st and continue four days. It is intended to make the exhibition and sale of agricultural implements and machinery a prominent feature at this meeting. The society also desires to inaugurate a system of sales for live stock, and have concluded to make the sale or exchange of live stock a feature of the premiums. For the purpose of developing speed, and to encourage the breeding of good horses, the society has decided to offer $5,000 in premiums for trotting, pacing, and running horses, to enable the society to issue a programme containing a catalogue, the entries in the farm implement and machinery etc., should be sent early to the superintendent, R. J. Emery, Albion.

P. W. Goodwin of Maple Ridge, accompanied by a Dr. Flynn, presented at the bank of P. Richards, East Tawas, a draft for $1,800 on New York, payable to his order, drawn by the Citizens' bank of Petersburg, Indiana, on which he received $850 and a certificate of deposit for the balance. The draft is a forgery, and officers are in search of Goodwin.

Sand Beach reports a big business boom with the opening of spring.

L'Anse is to vote on the question of issuing $10,000 in bonds for a school house and jail. The editor of the Sentinel has been appointed a notary public.

Regents of the Michigan university have voted to confer the degree of bachelor of laws on 159 members of the class of '82 of the law college, and the degree of doctor of dental surgery on 32 members of the same class of the dental college.

During the examination of Jewell and Stanton for contempt in connection with the Adrian water bonds, it was discovered that Navin had written a letter to Jewell on the 3d of March from Chicago, which is devoted to expounding Jewell over his arrest and vindicating him from any connection with the transaction except an innocent agent. Navin, on paper, offers to come back and go to state's prison rather than allow Jewell to suffer longer, adding to his letter, "I can't pay every cent he owes, regretting that he will be unable to repair the wrong done Jewell and Stanton in lying to and deceiving them.

Investigation of affairs at the Wayne county jail brings to light suspicions in the presence of the of the prisoner, whisky bottles and knives, etc.

Flat mills of Grand Rapids, aged 12 years, an orphan adopted from her mother committed suicide by taking arsenic.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Philip Van Rensselaer, a rich New Yorker from the old Knickerbocker family, shot himself at the Brunswick hotel on the 23d. His wife was coming in the adjoining room to his apartment, both had attended the minstrels together the night before.

A. L. Morrison of Illinois has been nominated U. S. marshal for New Mexico.

Jas. Ashworth who resigned the collector ship of internal revenue in Philadelphia, last month, died in Florida on the 23d.

The treasury department is in the White house cases is disapproved by the President.

Even in the business quarter of Ripon, Wisconsin, dwellings are valued at $150,000. Another fire in Middleport, N. Y., burned the opera house at a loss of $10,000.

Elder Morgan has just left Chattanooga, with 100 Mormon converts expecting to be joined at Nashville, by 70 more en route to Utah.

Fred. Douglass says Charles is mentioned as Garfield's probable successor at Liberia.

One of the pavilions in Rising sun, Ind., is formed by a petition for the pardon of the son. Because of it public sentiment is so against him that he will probably be obliged to resign.

Capt. John Brennan, a Salem, Mass., sea captain, has just had leaving an estate valued at $5,000,000.

In the U. S. Senate on the 23d, several nominations were considered and confirmed, among them being the name of Judge Hatchford of New York as associate justice of the supreme court vice Miller, deceased. Jas. Lowell, Envoy of Michigan as consul at Amherstburg and Windsor.

The house has passed the Chinese bill without nothing, as it came from the senate. It is believed the president will sign the measure promptly.

A bill to make the Agricultural Bureau an executive department has been favorably reported.

The cases of small-pox and fire deaths were reported at Chicago on the 23d.

The disastrous floods in the south seriously affect the most valuable portion of the cotton belt, and will materially diminish the production of that staple for the present year.

A man named O'Brien was taken from a Lake Shore train on the 23d, with small-pox. He boarded the train in Chicago sick, but the nature of the disease was not discovered until he came to Kalamazoo. O'Brien Lake, Mich., when the conductor notified the health authorities in Toledo by telegraph. Considerable excitement was manifested among the other occupants of the coach, which was a sleeper, the coach was disinfected and the passengers transferred.

Owing to the strike of 700 moulders in Troy, N. Y., nearly all the shops are closed, throwing 20,000 men out of work.

The boiler of H. C. Spratt in Philadelphia exploded on the 23d doing $80,000 damage and killing some men.

The high wind blew down the Washington ice house at Elgin, Ill., which held 20,000 tons of ice.

Council Bluffs is to have letter carriers on duty on and after July 1.

A son of Fred Douglass would like the mission to Liberia.

Shipherd, the Peruvian statistician, charges that Collector Robertson of New York, was the only government official who had any personal interest in the Peruvian company.

Dr. Susan Edson denies that she furnished news from the late President's sick room for the benefit of stock operators, but intimates that one of the male physicians did.

With the withdrawal of the military from Omaha, Neb., demonstrations indicating a disturbance were again made by the strikers.

Reply H. Conant, the former cashier of the Eliot National bank, Boston, has been pardoned. Conant was convicted two years ago of embezzling about $70,000 and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment. He has served about one year and is pardoned on basis of poor health[?].

Southworth & Co's wholesale grocery house in Cleveland burned at a loss of $200,000.

The poet Henry W. Longfellow died on Friday afternoon aged 75 years.

The penalty for filing up the holes in a punched coin is $3,000 or imprisonment for five years at the discretion of the court.

The Chinese question is somewhat excited over the statement of a member from Cleveland who affirms that lobbyists in the interest of the canal transfer and Cincinnati belt railroad subsidy have spent $200,000 in money and a $77,000 certificate of stock to procure the passage of the bill. Speaker Hedge claims that two representatives were paid $500 each to support the scheme. A resolution to investigate was adopted.

During the last seven days 117 business failures have been reported in the United States.

Incendiary fires on Ontario, Sago and Cedar streets in Cleveland destroyed nearly $300,000 worth of property.

In the senate an adverse report was submitted to restrict the issue of national bank notes, and a favorable report was made appropriating $5,000,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi and $1,000,000 for the improvement of the Missouri.

Five men in Pennsylvania, one in New York and one in Illinois were hung on the 24th.

F. M. Goldberg, an attorney, of Milwaukee, has been arrested charged with extorting money under false pretenses, and with having maintained a gambling house.

A petition for the pardon of Mason containing 5,000 names was sent to the President from Wilkesbarre, Pa. One hundred dollars was sent to Philadelphia to be added to the 10 cent subscription fund for Mrs. Mason and the baby.

The poet Longfellow was buried Sunday afternoon in Mt. Auburn cemetery.

Two hundred and forty thousand dollars paid into the Arkansas state treasury saved the Memphis and Little Rock, R. R., from sacrifice sale.

The Chinese minister says that he had not yet determined, to transfer his embassy to Spain. In case the Chinese bill is signed by the president, he says that under a bill some 10,000 Chinamen in Cuba and 20,000 in Central America and Mexico would be forced to remain there because they could not go home without stopping at San Francisco. Many embarrassing complications will ensue upon the bill becoming a law.

S. P. Rounds of Chicago has at length been nominated by President Arthur for public printer.

A plan is favored in committee for making an ounce instead of a half ounce, the limit for single letter postage.

City and federal officials at San Francisco are accused of a conspiracy to cheat the government by smuggling opium.

Twelve new cases of small pox and five deaths is Chicago's record for two days.

The Richmond & Pittsburg rail bird bridge caught fire, and owing to high winds set contiguous buildings on fire, doing $600,000 damage.

A bill for the reduction of the internal revenue, by the entire abrogation of certain taxes and the modification of others, has been agreed upon by the ways and means committee of the house.

Judge Swain holds with reference to ex-agent Mason's trial and sentence that "there is material variance between the allegation and proof, and the conviction ought not to be sustained."

Secretary of the Navy Hunt understands that he is soon to give place to a successor.

Gen. Butler has interviewed the President upon the Chinese question and states that the Chinese bill will be vetoed, but that the President will sign it with the 20 year clause reduced to 10 years.

Forty new cases of small pox were reported at Chicago on Tuesday, the largest number yet reported in one day.

CONGRESS.

March 22.—In the Senate the Diplomatic Appropriation bill was taken up. The Senate committee amendments were agreed to. These included $60,000 for the contingent expenses of the Department of State. Mr. Beck moved an amendment requiring hereafter that all commercial agents appointed by free or otherwise, be specifically enumerated, with the compensation in each case, in the annual estimates of the Secretary of State. Agreed to, and the bill passed. The House Life-saving Service bill came up. After a long and laborious debate the salaries of superintendents of districts covering the more dangerous lines of coast, and reported in the bill at $2,500, were fixed at $1,800, and those in districts reported at $2,000, were graded at $1,500. Laid aside without action.

In the House a resolution was adopted calling on the Secretary of War for information as to what further relief is necessary for the sufferers from the overflow in Mississippi. The Chinese bill was taken up and discussed. Messrs. Washburn, Kasson, Hank and Page, who gave notice that he would call for the previous question at 2 o'clock, Thursday.

March 23.—Mr. Morgan called up his concurrent resolution declaring that a reciprocity treaty with Mexico, Mr. Sherman moved that was opposition on both sides of the Chamber to all reciprocity treaties and moved the reference of the resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations. Agreed to. Mr. Slaughter reported favorably a bill to establish a Bureau of Animal Industry, and prevent the exportation of diseased cattle and the spread of contagious diseases among domestic animals. The Tariff Commission bill came up, and Mr. Garland made a speech favoring the reference of the subject of tariff to members of Congress rather than to experts appointed by the President. Bad idea.

In the House a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Missouri River at or near Arrow Rock, Mo. The House then resumed the consideration of the Chinese bill. Many members spoke for and against the bill. The House voted first on the amendment of Mr. Kasson, reducing the period of suspension to ten years. This was rejected, yeas 100 nays 131. The amendment limiting it to fifteen years was lost without a count. A large number of amendments were then voted upon, but were all lost, when the question was being called. The bill then passed—yeas 167 nays 64.

March 24.—In the Senate Mr. Kellogg reported a bill appropriating $6,000,000 for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, $3,000,000 to be expended on the Mississippi and $1,000,000 on the Missouri, in accordance with the plans recommended by the Mississippi River Commission. Mr. Williams introduced a bill to incorporate the Cherokee Central Railroad and Telegraph Company. The bill authorizes the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Fort Smith, Ark., to a point near where the Verdigris River crosses the line between Kansas and Indian Territory. Referred. The Tariff Commission bill was discussed by Messrs. Miller, Morgan and Sherman. The general debate on the bill will close Tuesday, after which amendments may be offered under the five minutes rule.

In the House Mr. Robinson called attention to the fact that the resolution relative to the imprisonment of American citizens in Great Britain had not yet been acted upon by the committee and said if something is not done and our Minister has not demanded his passport, I shall offer a impeachment. Mr. Wilson stated the resolution had not been reported back, because the committee desired to obtain all necessary information. A bill was reported appropriating $6,963,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi River. Referred to the committee of the whole.

March 27.—In the Senate a bill was passed granting pensions to the widows of Presidents Garfield, Tyler and Polk. The Tariff Commission bill coming up Messrs. VanWyck and Anthony advocated a commission of Congressmen, while Mr. Brown favored a civilian commission. The Agricultural appropriation bill, with amendments, was reported back. The amendments changed the House items as follows: The appropriation of $25,000 for the experimental manufacture of sorghum sugar, and $10,000 for the continuation of experiments in connection with the manufacture of sugar from beets and for the cultivation of beets, are reduced to one item of $10,000 for all such purposes. The House provisions appropriating $20,000 for investigating the habits of insects injurious to agriculture, and $5,000 for continuing the exploration of the breeding places of the Rocky Mountain locust, are consolidated, and the aggregate reduced $5,000, and the committee wholly strike out the House item of $5,000 for procuring and publishing data respecting the agricultural needs of the country west of the Rocky Mountains. The general appropriation for collecting agricultural statistics is increased from $75,000 to $90,000, and the item for investigating the subject of forestry from $7,000 to $10,000. The committee insert $5,000 for resurfacing the roads and walks of the Agricultural Department grounds.

In the House bills were introduced authorizing the Department of Justice to audit the claims of medical experts at the Ute Indian trial. It provides that the experts shall not be paid in excess of $25 per day of each day of actual attendance. For the appointment of a joint committee of five senators and ten representatives to proceed forthwith to the Mississippi Valley to investigate the present disastrous floods and to report what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the same. Authorizing the issue of $25,000,000 of fractional currency in denominations of twenty-five and fifty cents in exchange for a like amount of legal tenders, which shall be canceled. To establish a department of industry, with a secretary who shall be a cabinet officer. Appropriating $6,862,000 for the improvement of the Mississippi river and for continuing the works already begun in accordance with the recommendations of the Mississippi River Commission. To provide for an Assistant Secretary of War.

March 28.—In the Senate the Tariff Commission bill was debated till 4 o'clock. The Senate proceeded to consider amendments to the bill under the five minute rule for debate. Amendments offered by Mr. Vance, Allison, Brown, Morgan, Harris and Garland were voted down, and the bill passed without amendment, ayes, 38, nays 18. The bill provides for a commission of nine members, to be appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, who are to receive no compensation other than $10 per diem when actually employed, and traveling and other necessary expenses. They are to investigate all the various questions relating to the agricultural, commercial, mercantile, manufacturing, mining and transportation interests of the United States, so far as the same may be necessary to the establishment of a judicious tariff or revision of the existing tariff and existing system of internal revenue taxation in accordance of justice to all interests and is to report to Congress from time to time, and to make a final report not later than the first Monday in January, 1885.

In the House the Fitzhugh-Trescott correspondence was submitted. The Secretary of War informed the House that 800,000 more rations were needed for the sufferers by the flood.

FOREIGN.

Twenty five houses were burned near North ampton, England, making 140 persons homeless.

The Argentine International exhibition is now in full operation at Buenos Ayres.

For not having passports 900 Jews were expelled from Warsaw.

Previous to the fire at the Royal Albert docks the Dock Commissioners had given an anonymous letter, but the fire took out a quite a different quarter of the docks from that indicated in the letter.

Bismarck's tobacco monopoly bill was lost by a vote of 33 to 32. Bismarck feels the defeat keenly.

The Prince of Wales is reported to have borrowed $200,000 in Paris. Whether he has used so much so soon? Poor boy!

Emperor William's 87th birthday was celebrated on the 22d with great pomp in Germany.

Gen. Ignatieff has ordered all the Jewish chemists of St. Petersburg to sell their business.

Five hundred and eighty persons started from Stettin, Prussia, for the United States yesterday, via Hamburg.

The chief of the Nihilist executive committee, connected with the construction of the mine in Little Garden street, has been arrested.

ANSWER THIS.—Is there a person living who ever saw a case of ague, bilousness, nervousness, dyspepsia, or any disease of the stomach, liver, or kidneys that Hop Bitters will not cure?

Emigration from the Clyde promises to be very large this season.

NEW BLOOMFIELD, Miss., Jan. 2, 1880. I write to say to you that I have been suffering for the last five years with a severe kidney disease. I have tried all the remedies I have tried it. I have used upwards of four bottles, and it has done me more good than all the doctors and medicines that they could use on or with me. I am old and poor but feel to bless the day I heard of by your medicine and from torment of the doctors. I have had fifteen doctors at me, one time gave me seven ounces of solution of mercury; another gave me quart of blood from me. All they could tell was that it was a skin disease. Now, after these four bottles of your medicine, my skin is clear and smooth as ever.

HENRY KNOCHE.

In a gale on the Algerian coast two barks were wrecked and fourteen persons drowned.

DETROIT MARKETS

PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

The market is strong but pickers here, have made no material changes in terms, and demand is quiet at quotations as follows:

Mess pork $18.25; family, $18.75; clear, $20.50; lard, 11½c. for tierces; 11½c. for kegs; hams, 12c@12½c; shoulders, 8¾c@9c; ham bacon, 12c; dried beef, 13c@14c; extra mess beef, 12.25.

POULTRY—Dressed turkeys sold at 14c@16c. Chickens were sold at 12c@14c per lb.

FLOUR.

White wheat, roller process	$7 00
White wheat brands, city	$6 25 @ 6 75
White wheat brands country	6 00 @ 6 25
Winter patents	7 50 @ 7 75
Seconds	4 75 @ 5 00
Minnesota brands	5 25 @ 5 50
Minnesota patents	6 00 @ 8 50
WHEAT—White ⅌ bu	1 15 @ 1 20
RYE—⅌ bu	85 @ 90
CORN—⅌ bu	65 @ 70
OATS—⅌ bu	45 @ 50
APPLES—per bbl	4 00 @ 5 50
BARLEY—⅌ bu	1 95 @ 2 15
CHEESE—Ohio and Mich. ⅌ lb	12 @ 13
DRIED FRUIT—Apples, ⅌ lb	5 @ 6½
" Sliced	7 @ 8
" Peaches	18 @ 22
" Pitted Cherries	20 @ 21
ONIONS—⅌ bu	75 @ 1 00
BEANS—⅌ bu	2 75 @ 3 00
BUTTER—⅌ lb choice	30 @ 35
BESWAX—⅌ lb	25 @ 27
DRESSED HOGS—⅌ 100 lb	7 00 @ 8 50
POTATOES—⅌ bu	1 00 @ 1 25
HAY—per ton	11 00 @ 15 00
HIDES—⅌ lb green	6 @ 8
HIDES—⅌ lb cured	8 @ 8
HORSE—⅌ lb	20 @ 25
POTATOES—⅌ bu	1 00 @ 1 25
SHEEP PELTS—each	75 @ 1 00
TALLOW—⅌ lb	3 @ 4
WOOL—⅌ lb	30 @ 35

Detroit Live Stock Market.

The cattle market has been very active and there has been a heavy run of cattle, with prices higher than last week on all grades. Sheep were active and about 1 cent higher. Hogs were sold at about the same rates.

CATTLE.

Steers extra, per cwt	$5 50@5 00
Steers good shippers	4 50@4 70
Steers common grades	3 75@4 25
Steers common grades	3 50@3 80
SHEEP.	
Per 100 lbs	4 00@5 40
HOGS.	
Per 100 lbs	$6 50@6 75

THREE MAD CATS.—The Lawrence (Mass.) American of March 10th states that "yesterday afternoon, as Mr. Frank A. Small was sitting at the desk in A. A. Stannard's office, in the Essex yard, three cats ran into the office from the premises for some time past, came together in the building, and suddenly springing upon the desk, made a furious attack upon Mr. Small's right hand. They pounced upon him as if to seize a rat, biting and scratching in a savage manner. So vigorous and persistent were the three animals, that Mr. Small had serious trouble in defending himself and driving them off. The cats appeared perfectly wild, setting, climbing upon and tearing the window curtains, jumping down and breaking a lamp upon the desk, until finally, two ran out of the door, the third hiding under a pile of lumber. Mr. Small covered his hand first with a handkerchief, and escaped the care of the workmen, succeeded in dislodging the secreted cat, which made a dash for a window and threw one of the lights of glass. Mr. Small had his hand dressed by Dr. Dow. The strange action of the cats is a matter of curious speculation.

No patent required to catch the rheumatism. A cold and inattention to the laws of health will have it—the rheumatism. We cure cures with St. Jacobs Oil.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

The number of new vessels brought upon the lakes in 1843 consisted of 25 vessels—1 side-wheel steamer, 4 propellers, 2 brigs and 18 schooners, a total of 1,500 tons. Of this a bill which at that two of the larger steamers would easily fill. The foregoing comprise those only above the falls.

AN EX-CONSUL'S STORY.

To the Editor of the Brooklyn Eagle:

A late United States Consul at one of the English inland ports, who is now a private resident of New York, relates the following interesting story. "I am glad to do so, for the sake of having his name published, *but authorizes the writer to substantiate his statement,* and, if necessary, to refer to him, in his private capacity, to prove the truth of such reference. Deferring to his wishes, I hereby present his statement in almost the exact language in which he gave it to me.

C. M. FARMER.

1690 Third avenue, New York.

"On my last voyage home from England, which I have made again one of the Cunard steamers, I noticed one morning, after a few days out of port, a young man hobbling about on the upper deck, supported by crutches and seeming to be with extreme difficulty and no little pain. He was well dressed and of exceedingly handsome countenance, but his limbs were some what emaciated and his face was sallow and bore the traces of long suffering. As he seemed to have no attendant or companion, he at once attracted my sympathies, and I went up to him as he leaned against the taffrail looking out on the foaming track which the steamer was making.

"'You are very kind,' he replied, in a weak voice, but I require no present aid beyond my crutches, which enable me to pass from my stateroom up here to get the benefit of the sunshine and the sea breeze.'

"'You have been a great sufferer, no doubt,' I said, 'and I judge that you have been afflicted with that most troublesome disease—rheumatism, whose prevalence and intensity seem to increase with every increase both in England and America.'

"'You are right,' he answered; 'I have been its victim for more than a year, and after failing to find relief from medical skill have lately tried Hot Springs of Carlsbad and Vichy. But they have done me no good, and I am now on my return home to Missouri to die, I suppose. I shall be content if life is spared to me to reach my home and presence. She is a widow and I am her only child.'

"There was a pathos in his speech which added to my sympathy and awakened in me a deeper sympathy than I had felt before. I had no words to answer him, and stood silently beside him watching the snowy wake of the ship. While thus standing my thoughts reverted to a child—a twenty-old boy—of a neighbor of mine residing near my consulate residence, who had been cured of a similar case of rheumatism by the use of St. Jacobs Oil, and I remembered that the steward of the ship had told me the day before that he had cured himself of a very severe attack of the gout in his foot, just before his last voyage by the use of the same remedy. I at once left my young friend and went below to find the steward. I had only found him off duty, but discovered that he had a bottle of the Oil in his locker, which he had carried across the ocean in case of another attack. He readily parted with it on my representation, and hurrying up again, I soon persuaded the young man to allow me to take him to his berth and apply the remedy. After doing so I persuaded him to remain in bed and requested him not to get up until I should see him again. That evening I returned to his stateroom and found him sleeping peacefully and breathing gently. I roused him and inquired how he felt.

"'Like a new man,' he answered with a grateful smile. 'I feel no pain and am able to stretch my limbs without difficulty. I think I'll get up.' 'No, don't get up to-night, I said, 'but let me rub you again with the Oil, and in the morning you will be able to go above.' 'All right,' he said, laughing.

"I then applied the Oil again, rubbing his knees, ankles and arms thoroughly, until he told me he felt as if he had a number of pins and needles in his body, and then left him. The next morning when I went upon deck for a breezy promenade, according to my custom, I found my young friend waiting for me with a smiling face, *and without his crutches,* although he limped in his movements, but without pain. I don't think I ever felt so happy in my life. To make my long story short, I attended him closely during the rest of the voyage—some four days—applying the Oil every night, and guarding him against too much exposure to the fresh and damp breezes. Early on landing at New York, he was able, without assistance, to mount the hotel omnibus and go to the Astor House. I called upon him a few days later, and found him actually engaged in packing his trunk, preparatory to starting West for his home, that evening. With a bright and grateful smile he welcomed me, and pointing to a little box carefully done up in thick brown paper which stood upon the table, he said: 'My good friend, can you guess what that is?' I presented my ignorance, and I answered: "No,' he laughed—'that is a dozen bottles of St. Jacobs Oil, which I have just purchased from Hudnut, the druggist, to carry me way, and I am taking them home to show my good mother what has saved her son's life and restored him to her in health. I wish that I could like to carry you along also, to show her the face of one without whom I should probably never have tried it. If you should ever visit the little village of Sedalia, in Missouri, Charlie Dow-ford and his mother will welcome you to their little home, with hearts full of gratitude, and they will show you a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil enshrined in a silver and gold casket, which we shall kep as a parlor ornament as well as memento of our meeting on the Cunard steamer.'

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Tennyson's "Charge of the Heavy Brigade" reads as if he wrote it while galloping over a plowed field ahead of a bull who wanted to see him a minute or two, but most anything is poetry nowadays.

The Chicago News remarks that Louisville thinks of establishing a free art gallery, where her citizens may pass the time between drinks. To which statement the Louisville Courier-Journal retorts that Chicago would have one, too, were it not for the fact that her citizens have no time between drinks.

A scientist says it does not kill an oyster instantly to open the shell. Maybe not, but it surprises it considerably. *Middletown Transcript.*

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