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TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

"ALL-WOOL" blankets, according to The Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette, are often mainly composed of hair that once pranced over the prairies on the flanks of a long-horned Texas steer. The hair having been taken from the hides and thoroughly cleaned, is then mixed with enough wool of a low grade to enable the manufacturer to card it and work it into blankets and rough cloth. The test, it is said, is very simple, when short hairs can be pulled out of an "all-wool" blanket probably three-fourths of it is cow's wool.

THERE are two families living near Gainsville, Ga., the members of which are so much alike that mere amusing mistakes take place. The heads of the respective households are Dan and Lane Pasco. They are twins and look and dress exactly alike. Two or three years ago they married twin sisters, who look and dress exactly alike. The boys built two cottages that look exactly alike, and each lady has a child about the same age who look very nearly alike and dress alike. All are in excellent health, and recently the whole party drove to town behind a span of beautiful mules that were nearly exact matches. The boys are partners in the mercantile business, and are prosperous gentlemen.

THIS country is going to be well supplied with nails. The Bulletin of the Iron and Steel Association prints a list of the nail works, and states that seventy-four now completed have 5,008 machines, and will add 391 more before the close of the year, while there are five new works being built which will have at least 200 more nail machines in operation by January 1. By that time there will be 5,699 nail machines ready to work, with a capacity of 12,376,000 kegs of cut nails and spikes yearly. The mills and machines now completed have a capacity of about 1,000,000 kegs less; about 3,261,000 in Pennsylvania, 2,200,000 in Ohio, 1,668,000 in West Virginia, 875,000 in Massachusetts, and 690,000 in New Jersey.

THE consecration of the Episcopal cathedral of Omaha, Neb., Thursday, November 15, was an interesting event. The cathedral is entirely completed internally. Of the exterior there remain to be finished the chapter-house and the spire. The chapter-house will contain the diocesan offices, the theological library, and the work-rooms of the cathedral congregation. The edifice as it stands is entirely paid for, mostly by the people of Omaha. The Governor of the State, other State officials, the Mayor of the city, and many of the most prominent people of the State, were present at the consecration, which was additionally interesting from the fact that it occurred on the eighteenth anniversary of the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. Clarkson, the Bishop of Nebraska.

BEER has never been supposed to have any intimate connection with lumber, but The Northwestern Lumberman asserts that a great deal of the beer which is sold is "doctored" with hemlock bark. Immense quantities of hemlock bark are sold to brewers, who use it to give poor beer the appearance and taste of good beer. It is regarded as a great discovery because it can be made to take the place to a certain extent of both hops and malt. It is not poisonous, but on the other hand it contains nothing that ministers to nourishment. It adds the pungent, bitter taste, and gives the dark, reddish color to the liquid. It would seem as though the unfortunate beer-drinker were beset with dangers on all sides, which he could avoid only by sticking his thirst with water.

THE Rev. Obert Mordaunt, rector of Hampton Luey, Warwickshire, Eng., is proprietor of the only public house in the village, and has been for seven years, during which time there has been scarcely any drunkenness, and then only by the accidental sale of beer to individuals who had already taken enough. No spirits are sold, and the beer is guaranteed to be pure. The manager has no share in the profits, which are about $150 a year, and are devoted to local charities. The rent goes to pay the salary of the organist of the church. When the house first came into the rector's hands he was advised by his people to close it respectably, but he chose to conduct it "respectably," and he thinks that seven years' experience has justified him in the course he has adopted. He lays great stress upon the necessity for selling beer which is unadulterated, and invites other clergymen to follow his example.

A project is on foot to start a Hungarian weekly newspaper in New York City. The Rev. Drs. Howard Crosby, S. Irenaeus Prime, Morgan, and a number of other prominent gentlemen, clergyed and lay, have issued an appeal for the support of such a paper, of which the following is an extract: "The steady and extraordinary increase of foreign immigrants to the United States has produced a correspondingly large demand for newspapers in their native tongue. Hence the large and constantly growing number of papers and publications devoted to the interests of our citizens of foreign birth. The Hungarians alone, though numbering fully six thousand in the city of New-York, and not less than a hundred thousand throughout the country, have no American publication in their mother tongue. It is to supply that want that a weekly publication is now devoted exclusively to their interests is proposed. It will be non-political and non-sectarian, but it will be under sound Protestant Christian influence, and will deserve the confidence and support of our best citizens."

Isabella, Catawba, and Clinton grapes are said to keep well when packed in single layers in shallow boxes, about two inches in depth.

MICHIGAN NEWS

A new passenger house is to be built at High land by the F. & P. M. R. R. Co. C. M. Chase held donated the land necessary and $300 beside.

The Kalamazoo postoffice shows that the government is not a gainer in his quarter by the reduction of postage. The falling off in the receipts from the sale of letter stamps shows 10 per cent., which, if added to the increase in other respects which this office shows, the decrease is fully 30 per cent. from those of last year for the same time.

The town of Grayling, Crawford county, is in case of supplies for about Bliss over range.

Robert Curtis, of Rome Center, Lenawee Co., from thirty-six acres raised this season 900 bushels of wheat.

Ground has been broken for the new criminal insane asylum at Ionia.

Grand Rapids Times: Daniel T. Chadwick, a once wealthy man, Tuesday made application to the Superintendents of the Poor for Kent county for admission to the poor house, and he is now locked in the insane department. His hair streamed down his wrinkled cheeks and he wept like a child. Thursday he will be taken to that institution and his place made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. As he passed out of the office of the Superintendents of the Poor, his tottering frame was supported by a staff. It was a sad spectacle.

Daniel Kappler, the occupant of a filthy hovel near the city limits of East Saginaw, died the other morning from the effect of a dose of "Rough on Rats," taken with suicidal intent. He has left a family behind him, four nine children, all of whom, with perhaps one exception, are quite young.

Scarlet fever has so depleted the village schools of Mercer, that last week but one-third the usual number are in attendance.

Kalamazoo Gazette, 18th: The excitement in Schoolcraft over the murder of Barney Cunningham seems to be destined to remain at a white heat. Each day unearthed some new clue. Wednesday a woman claiming to be the widow of the murdered man put in an appearance at the Sheriff's office. She came from Chicago and claims to have married Cunningham in March. She says she regret the body be left behind. Thursday for the purpose of identification, a lady who may make claim to the estate of the deceased.

A 12-year old daughter of J. W. Hogle, of Lansing, was burned to death by her dress catching fire from the stove. The father's hands were so badly burned that, one, at least, will undoubtedly be amputated.

Christian H. Funk, of Tiffin, O., was accidentally shot through the back while on a companion at a hunting camp in the woods east of Kalkaska. A party of four, of whom Mr. Funk was one, were camping out and hunting deer. They were just starting out from the camp for the day's hunt and Mr. Funk, who was some distance ahead of the others had stepped into the bushes at the side of the road, when one of the party pulled the lever of his Winchester rifle to throw a cartridge into the chamber, and in so accidently discharged the piece with the above result. The deceased was taken to Kalkaska and an inquest was held by Justice Pelsey. The verdict was in accordance with the facts as above set forth. Mr. Funk is a brother of John G. Funk of Kalkaska, who was one of the party referred to.

Up to November 15, the Marlee City salt well had turned out 7,000, barrels of that saving substance.

The Kalamazoo insane asylum is so crowded that no more patients can be received.

The treasurer's report of the Sanitarium Association in session at Battle Creek, shows the association to be in a good condition. The value of the real estate at the close of last time is $126,326 75; house furnishing, $24,511 43; received from patients during the year, $83,325 28; received from sales, $3,741 93; from laundry, $3,924 73; from other sources, $3,175 81; total receipts, $214,723 67. The net gain the past year has been $15,250 59.

Farmers are complaining that insects have already commenced their depredations upon wheat.

David Baldie, aged 80 years, one of the oldest residents of Ionia county, is dead.

Great excitement was caused in Monroe the other night by the discovery of an incendiary fire Beck & Byers' wagon and blacksmith shop, the latter a frame building. Both are surrounded by wooden buildings, one a large livery just south of the heart of the city. At the time of the work that the fire was discovered a horseshoer, John Piquette. Piquette said he would make it hot for them. The firm being suspicious, visited the shop and found a can two inches long, bursting, with a few ounces of excelsior, scattered up stairs in the wagon shop. From appearances it had burned half an hour, and in another hour would have ignited the excelsior. Whoever did the deed found the door of the paint shop and entered that way. Officers went in search of Piquette. He hearing of it delivered himself, and was locked up in the county jail. Piquette admits making the remark ascribed to him, but says it related to a pending legal action against the firm for breach of contract in not furnishing him work all winter.

Michigan's potato crop for 1883 is less than four-fifths of that of 1882.

Daniel Bush, a well known citizen of Corunna, died in Denver, Col., recently.

During the month of October there were 1,209,718 bushels of wheat marketed at 257 elevators and mills in Michigan.

The Ogemaw county board of supervisors has purchased 12 acres of land near West Branch, and will use it for poor farm.

The average seeded to wheat in Michigan this year is 91 per cent. of the average seeded in 1882, and, compared with vitality and growth of average years, the condition is 86 per cent.

The body of an unknown young man was found on the beach one morning last week, at St. Joseph harbor the other day. The following was found on his person: A ticket to Jackson, a memo. to call on his sister, Mrs. Tinkham, residence, Jackson, telephone 9,844 to or from Mr. Lewis, 5241 Madison avenue. The deceased was dressed in dark clothes, with a white shirt, gold and silver sleeve buttons and two gold rings on the finger, one with the initials "F. J. J. R. to M. B. H." He had $66 on his person.

Mercy Hospital at Big Rapids is completed and accepted from the contractors. It is a fine looking structure, contains all modern improvements, and with the setting of a few more erecting, will represent over $30,000. The Sisters have already taken possession, and are ready for the work of caring for the sick and unfortunate.

Sheriffs, Sawyers are acting in good work in Oakland county.

Newman Bros., of Grand Rapids, boot and shoe dealers, have assigned. They also run a branch house in Kalamazoo.

All the movable property belonging to the State Fair Others sold to Kalamazoo, and is in charge of Mr. W. H. Cobb.

Thomas Jewitt, of Schoolcraft, while up north hunting, met with a fatal accident. He had wounded a large buck, and had the dogs undertook to finish it, but the buck proved not propose to give up life without a struggle, and made a most desperate fight, gored one of the dogs and then turning his attention to Jewitt. The animal succeeded in catching one of his boots into the sack of Jewitt's pantaloons, and with one toss of his head took every rag of clothing off his person. The fight Jewitt completely ruined a fine double barreled gun by pounding it over the buck's head with it, and would have been himself killed, but for the determined assistance rendered by his dog. The buck was finally killed. Jewitt says it is fun to hunt the deer, but when they hunt you it is more exciting than agreeable.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

Mrs. Depelsher, wife of Dr. L. Depelsher, of Holland, died recently. She was a very estimable lady, and was married only last June. Dr. Depelsher is a brother of Rev. J. J. Depelsher, for many years a pastor at Macon Mich., but recently accepted the principalship of an Iowa academy.

Miners of the several mines in the upper peninsula are on a strike.

Ex-Representative Wing, of Manistee, has 300 acres of land in Dakota, all ready for spring sowing.

The officers of the Menominee mining company have determined to pay off the men, and shut down for the winter.

An enthusiastic meeting was held in Grand Haven the other evening, to express appreciation of the brave conduct of the crew of the Driver in rescuing the crew of the schooner Akely. Appropriate resolutions were adopted, and nearly $1,000 in money were subscribed, which will be used in giving a testimonial dinner on the Driver; $100 of the amount will be given to Patrick Henry Stretch, the captain of the lifeboat, who distinguished himself among the crew of the Driver. Fund was also started for Henry Stretch, wife of the brave captain of the Akely.

Battle Creek Republican: Richard W. Beech, of Schoolcraft, drove into town last load of wheat containing 103 bushels and forty pounds to this city Saturday, for which he received ninety-eight cents per bushel, amounting to $101 92. This is considered one of the largest loads of wheat ever brought into this city.

It is said that Prosecuting Attorney James Caplis of Detroit will be a candidate for the congressional honors in the first district next year.

The loss of the village of Petoskey by the burning of the fire last fall during the recent storms, is estimated at $10,000. The vessel listed for miles around the bay with household goods, merchandise and wreckage from the warehouses.

One of the eight prisoners who recently escaped from the Jackson state prison have been captured.

The Jackson Patriot says: The laws of the state regulating punishment for attempted escapes from the prison are very generally misunderstood; the prevailing idea being that convicts forfeit the time they have served, and commence anew where they left off. In no case, however. The only time lost is the time spent when the convict is at liberty. If captured his time begins where he left off, the intervening period when he is at liberty not being reckoned in.

A movement is on foot to have the next legislature amend the music populous parts of Springwells and Hamtramck to the city of Detroit.

At Presque Isle, during the recentgale, the wind made two miles in one minute, and during the forenoon of the 30th of November, two minutes.

Two men in Woodland, Barry county, went to law about a hen. The suit cost them $42.

MARSHALL'S MYSTERY.

A Young Man Mysteriously Murdered in Marshall.

Marshall was the scene of a murder the other night, which for the mystery surrounding it, equals that of the murder of young Alice of Detroit, a few years ago. The victim was Byron Shiley, a young man of that place, moving in the highest social circles, and respected by all who knew him. The body was discovered at early early in the morning, and upon examination a deep cut was discovered on the back of the head, apparently made by a club or other blunt instrument, and a bullet had passed through his left temple, the ball is supposed to have caused instant death. A revolver was found in the left hand of the chambers of which were found to be empty. The manner in which the murder was committed is at present a mystery, although the general opinion now is that it was a case of robbery, but no money could now be found on prompted by any other motive than that of robbery.

The victim had been for a series of years in the employ of the Michigan Central Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Marshall. At 5:20 o'clock the previous evening he was at the railroad depot to take his usual supper at the accommodation train from the east, and at 6:20 o'clock was seen to leave the depot in the direction of where the crime was committed. This unlucky end of a promising young man falls with oppressing weight upon his aged mother, who has been an invalid for years.

On the deceased's person, in the pocket, initials "M. C." were engraved; also, on the back of his watch, the following threats that the writer thereof would shoot him (Shiley) on sight. The initials "M. C." were also scratched to this note. The evidence now points to a woman being the cause of this fearful tragedy, and the sooner she is found, the sooner will

Land and to Space.

On the 1st of May, 1883, the following number of acres of United States land were unentered in the upper peninsula:

Houghton	52,600
Kewenaw	3,500
Isle Royale	14,000
Marquette	57,000
Marquette	192,000
Menominee	57,000
Menominee	33,450
Schoolcraft	80,000
Chippewa	187,000
Delta	124,000

She Lived in Michigan

Victoria Vieder, who was to have been tried in the present term of the Dodge County, Wis., circuit court for the murder of her husband in the town of Westford last May, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to twenty-five years imprisonment in the state prison, the term of each year to be in solitary confinement. The husband died quite suddenly, and shortly afterward Mrs. Vieder left the town of Westford. Suspicion of foul play having been aroused, the body of the deceased was found to contain a quantity of poison found in the stomach. Notrace of his whereabouts could be found until some time in September, when a letter from her was received by the priest of the Catholic church, addressed to Detroit, written in German, and requesting a certificate of her husband's death. The latter was given to the priest of the Dodge County authorities, and the Sheriff proceeded to Michigan and secured Mrs. Vieder. The family are Poles. The woman is only 22 years of age.

Drowned Seamen

The storm which began on the 11th inst. and continued for several days, was the most severe known in many years. While it is remarkable that so few lives have been lost, yet the amount of damage done to vessel property is almost beyond precedent. Many vessels have been wrecked and foundered, and in several instances it has been necessary to scuttle vessels in order to save them. Now for a few of the leading disasters. She was anchored 12 hours before going down. The trouble commenced on Monday, the 12th, when the gale first set in, forcing her shifted her cargo, and all hands went to work in earnest to pump out the water. Soon however, they found she had sprung a leak, and all hands threw up the sponge and left the pumps. Shortly after they were unable to work the engine, the steam-pipe connection being broken, the smoke-stack and main mast carried away, the board and the steering gear gave way. The mate and gallant mate, with the large first mate, remaining in the boat, and the rest of the crew, in number, going off into the water and were pulled into the boat one by one by McConnell, toward swatching the boat. The boat was in charge of Ward Strech of Grand Haven; John Kingston first mate, of Port Huron; Sam Gale, second mate, first steward, of Spring Lake, Mich.; two deck hands, John Kingston, and Frank Bailey, a boy from Bradford, Pa., who was taking passage to Buffalo.

Capt. Strech, who was one of the oldest and best masters of the lakes, remained till the last at his post, and at the pilot house, and he saw that all hope of saving the vessel was gone and he ordered the boat to be launched. Capt. McConnell then got into the yawl with the others, and without oars or rudder were cast adrift in the lake. Mate Kingston had a few oars went down with the vessel. The 12 men in the yawl drifted about the lake all night until the schooner Driver hove to sight, having got out of her course in the heavy gale.

Michigan Horticultural Society.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Michigan state horticultural society will be held in Eaton Rapids, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, opening with a session on Monday evening and closing with the Wednesday evening session. The meeting will be held at this point in acceptance of an invitation extended by Eaton Rapids horticultural society. A fine hall will be furnished, free entertainment to all members of the state and branch societies, and reduced rates will be given by the railroads to those who wish to go there. Eaton Rapids is situated very conveniently at the crossing of the Lansing branch of the Lake shore and Eaton Rapids branch of the Michigan Central railroads. Each branch society is entitled to delegates to as many delegates as it will send, and it is desirable that there be as large a representation as possible.

Parties intending to be in attendance should notify the secretary at Eaton Rapids so that provision may be made for them and reduced rates obtained wherever possible. It is desirable that there be as large an exhibit of fruit, flowers, and vegetables can be made to furnish illustrations during the discussions. Gentlemen engaged in the manufacture of horticultural implements, and inventors, are especially invited to be present with samples to display them and are useful to the horticulturists. Ample space will be given them. Discussion of the comparative merits of the new labor-saving inventions will be made a leading feature of the meeting. Great interest attending will please bring contrivances found useful in their own experience. Appropriate papers will be read on the various displays. Fruits, flowers, and vegetables will be in ample room, and arrangements are already made for displaying them.

The following list of topics will be discussed in such order as may be determined hereafter:

1. The meeting's relation to the State.
2. Horticultural contributions.
3. What shall be done with school orchards?
4. History of Eaton county horticulture.
5. Methods in marketing.
6. What can be done in a department station do for horticulture?
7. Success in the apple orchard.
8. The best use for our surplus fruit.
9. The pear diseases and best methods of growing.
10. Horticulture in the school yard.
11. How shall the horticulturist maintain his soil fertility?
12. Insects. Another serious pest in Michigan. Injurious and beneficial mites.
13. Uses and benefits of forestry.
14. Vegetables. Celery growing and culture of asparagus.
15. Small fruits. Varieties and management for market.

Popular lectures will be given on the first and second evenings; the third evening will be devoted to social intercourse, short addresses, music, and committee reports.

Several of the professors from the Agricultural college will be present to give addresses. Delegates are already promised from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, New York and Iowa to stand reports of officers and election will take place on Wednesday afternoon. The people of Eaton Rapids say that arrangements have been made to entertain two hundred people, and they want to be filled to the limit of their capacity. The headquarters of the society will be at the Anderson house. Secretary Garfield of Grand Rapids expects to receive notice immediately from those who expect to attend, and will give any further information desired.

Green food of some sort is absolutely essential for fowls.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON.

TAKE NOTICE.

The Pension Office has notified all pension attorneys who were recommended for suspension to file written replies to the charges against them by the 30th of December, or else who at that time are in default with their defense will be recommended for disbarment.

HARLAN'S HARANGUE.

Justice Harlan in the United States Supreme court, in dissenting opinion in the civil rights cases says: "The opinion in these cases is based on a system of reasoning too narrow and artificial. The substance and spirit of the recent amendments to the Constitution have not been near so far reaching as the framers of Constitutional provisions, adopted in the interest of liberty and for the purpose of enforcing through national legislation, if need be, the rights inherent in the freedom of citizenship, been so construed as to defeat the ends the people desired to accomplish, which they adopted the amendments with the express end they had accomplished by changes in their fundamental law. The rights proceeding from the familiar rule requiring in the interpretation of constitutional provisions full effect be given the intent with which they were adopted. The power conferred by the thirteenth amendment does not rest upon implication or inference, and the power to enforce it by appropriate legislation, conferred upon Congress, therefore may exact laws to prohibit and punish acts of individuals, even on account of their race of any civil rights enjoyed by other free men in the same State, and such legislation may be, if of a direct and primary character, operative upon the State, and upon its officers and agents, acting under the power under the State. The National Legislature may, without violating the letter of the Constitution, do for human liberty and fundamental rights of American citizenship what it did with the sanction of the Supreme Court, for the protection of slavery and the rights of slaveholders. There is every material sense applicable to the practical enforcement of fundamental guaranties, proceed corporations, keepers of inns and managers of places of amusement are agents of the State because engaged in a public employment and denial by these instrumentalities of the State to a citizen of the rights of the equality of civil rights secured to him by law, is a denial by the State. Congress has never has decided that no authority shall be exercised in this country upon the basis of discrimination in civil rights against freedmen on accounts because of their race, color or previous condition of servitude. The assumption that the general government cannot in advance of actual violations of rights, take proper steps to actively interfere for the protection of any rights, privileges and immunities secured by the fourteenth amendment, is unauthorized by its language.

NEWS NOTES

MORMON MISSIONARIES.

A party of 50 Mormons arrived in New York the other day on the Guion steamship Montana. Most of the men are returning Mormon missionaries who have been laboring in Great Britain the last two years. This is the fifth party of Mormons arrived there this year, making the total Mormon immigration since January 1 over 400 this party 150 are Scandinavians, while the others came from England. In the party there are 40 females. Polygamy prevailed among the Mormons, there are about 100 children in the party. A number of the men are married, while the others are single. All men are well provided with money and baggage.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

In entire roof, including floors and stone columns of the new south wing of the capitol at Albany, was lifted in the other afternoon, burying a large number of workmen in the ruins. The cause of the terrible accident is unknown, but the most plausible theory is that the heavy iron pillars supporting the roof gave way, crushing the roof down into the plank on which they rested, thus pulling the boards outward which in turn caused the roof of the entire wing to crash in. These columns were made of large pieces of iron, cast in the form of a cylinder, and in fashion, the pillatures not being bolted together.

About 40 men were buried beneath the wall, four of whom were killed, and the others wounded, many dangerously. It is the opinion of the contractor, that the loss falls on the commonwealth, as the plans were approved by the state architect, and the blame can be ascribed to no one. The loss cannot be estimated at present. The capitol was begun in the year ended March 1, 1884. Two hundred thousand dollars were appropriated by the legislature to meet the necessary expense. This sum was designed for the use of the Historical society.

THE REASON FOR IT.

Ex. Rush of Wisconsin has rendered a right decision in the case of the collapse of the capitol building. An important witness is a gentleman named Schoonmaker, who was forty feet in the brick pier supporting the iron columns of the third floor, when the crash came and the cracks were so plainly visible the day before that he ordered his foreman to stop work, and screwed up the iron pillar supporting the roof girders with jacks and caused the bricks to be cut out of the pillars. The next morning, however, Bohn says Jones took away the jacks early, not wishing that the work in the general should know of the trouble. Bohn is at a loss to know why, when he was sent for, he did not report the matter. Jones has been dead a year and saw this pillar give way. Masons say the mortar was green and was not allowed to harden as it should, and the iron, in consequence, was not in a large oak tree, causing the pier to settle, hence the fall.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

The examination of Harry A. Carpenter for the murder of Zura Burns, at Lincoln, Ill., ended in the accused being released on $10,000 bail for his appearance at the next term of court.

HOMELESS ONES.

Shenandoah, Pa., was visited by a terrible conflagration on the 15th inst. The wind was blowing a fierce gale at the time, and continued during the afternoon. The building was soon ablaze and the fire spread rapidly, consuming adjoining buildings and soon sixteen street from Jackson street, including the United States Hotel, Lyceum, Fellows' Hall, Academy of Music, Herald office, Roe's Opera House, Kehler's Opera House, and the Evening News offices. Over 250 families are homeless, having lost their all. The loss is estimated $750,000 to $1,000,000. It is impossible to state the amount of insurance, but it is supposed to be small. Fifteen fire companies were happened. A young man, George Henton, on the way from attending to a sick relative, was crushed to death. Efforts were made to extricate the unfortunate man, but he was dead when reached.

THE NOVEL'S WORK.

Rena Schaffer, a young girl of 16 of Toledo, Ohio, has become violently insane from hard reading and dreaming upon blood and thunder novels, and constantly imagines that she is being abducted. The case is particularly sad. The girl belongs to a respectable family.

THE FITZGERALD AFHORE.

The schooner E. Fitzgerald of Buffalo, went ashore on Point Abino, near Port Rowan, Ont. Six men were drowned.

IMMIGRATION STATISTICS.

Returns to the Bureau of Statistics continue to show a great falling off in the number of immigrants arriving in this country compared with the number of the past three or four years. Germany, though still sending a third of the immigrants who come to the shores of the United States, shows a marked decrease, Ireland coming next. The percentage of falling off is in the neighborhood of forty per cent. in each case.

BURSTED BOILER.

The saw-mill of Maxwell, Jackson Township, Lycoming Co., Pa., was destroyed by the explosion of the boiler of the other morning. James Hugg, and Nathan Bidell, employees, were killed. James Campbell, M. Ward, Grant Duff and A. Meyers were wounded.

WORK AT WEST POINT.

The annual report of Gen. Merritt, superintendent of the West Point military academy says that on Sept. 1, 1883, there were at the academy 95 professors and assistants, 10 officers and 311 cadets. There were no deaths during the year among officers, soldiers or cadets, and the percentage of cadets was about one-fifth of one per cent. The department of mathematics has been greatly extended. The practice of hazing has not been eradicated; but it is hoped and believed it will soon cease to exist. The general tone and discipline are good. The cadets, for the first time, instructed in swimming have taken to it as a favorite class. Sixty seven members of the class which entered in June, who could not swim, were taught, and at the end of the instruction three-fourths of the class could swim the Hudson river, and all the class, with two exceptions, were good swimmers.

WHAT IT SHOULD BE.

Frederick M. Kor, cashier for Preston, Keas & Co., bankers of Chicago, who fled in February, 1883, short $40,000 in his accounts, and was captured after a long chase in Peru, South America, has been convicted and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary of Illinois.

WHO WAS TO BLAME?

The south bound passenger train No. 3 on the Illinois Central railway collided with a south bound, north, near Bradford station, Tenn., killing the colored porter, Gilbert Lewis, and Colburn and the express messenger. Both engineers were badly hurt. Five cars were wrecked. The engineer of train No. 3 left his station without the conductor was getting orders. A number of passengers were hurt.

HE WENT WITH BUFFALO BILL.

About five months ago a boy named Irvine Ritter, aged 15, disappeared from his home in Manchester, Ind., and since that time his parents have printed thousands of circulars and letters of him, one of these circulars having been sent to the chief of police at Bastia, Wis. A few days ago a man looking like a western cowboy appeared there in company with a boy, and offered to sell a watch to him and he took him up. The man gave his name as Frank Cranklin. The boy confessed to his father that he had run away coaxed away from home by this man, and that he had been traveling with the Buffalo Bill company all summer. He also acknowledged that his name was Ritter, and that he was the long lost Indiana boy.

CHARLIE MCCOMAS' DEATH.

A Mexican named Ruy Lopez, who has a brother among the Apache Indians, learned what purports to be an account of the death of Charlie McComas. Lopez says he has been told him that Charlie is dead, and gave the circumstances of his death as the Indians who captured and killed him gave it to him. He said that Ter Jasige and Mrs. McComas were killed the Indians took Charlie and started for the Mexican road that Charlie cried and continued to cry, until finally the Indians killed him. He says he first made so much fuss I smashed his head with a stone." This account Lopez obtained from the very Indian who committed the crime, and he believes it to be strictly true.

CRIME.

The Rochester, N. Y. Post Express publishes a letter from a man who says he knew O Donnell, soon to be tried in Lexington for murder of Carey. He says O'Donnell was one of the leaders of the Mike Scanlan gang of Brooklyn, and that in conjunction with Dan Kelly, Jim Carroll and "Red Mike," was in several "jobs." Three of his associates were hanged. O'Donnell, who formerly called himself Thomas Moran, is the only one left.

CRIME.

AN OLD MAN TORTURED.

One of the most terrible robberies that ever occurred in Colorado was enacted at Peterson, Weld county, seven miles from Greeley, the other night. At that place resides an old bachelor, Peter Fisher, who is reported to have sums of money hidden about the premises. Four disguised men went to the house and knocked, as is customary in the country. The door was asked the visitors to come in. As soon as all had entered the door they seized Fisher, bound him on the floor and told him, and then demanded to know where the money was. He replied that he had none. After thoroughly ransacking the house to no purpose, Oneth still refusing to tell where the money was, the robbers got willow switches and whipped the unfortunate old man until the skin and flesh were covered with blood. Still refusing, they took a large knife and cut his throat from ear to ear, and proceeded to execute a threat to burn him alive. They placed his feet in the fire and slowly roasted them. Still he underwent the treatment would not open his mouth. The old man was then compelled to crawl out to the house, where a sacrifice ensued, during which the entire room was burned to the ground. The second trail resulted in a hung jury. Richard Lord, Mrs. Wyle's son, his boarding housemaster, on Thanksgiving, was shot by a man. Lord was the accidental discharge of the pistol.

THE MCGINNIS'S PLEA.

Jacob Nolling, the murderer of Ada Atkins, was taken from the jail at Fowler, Ind., the other night, placed in a carriage and driven to a spot about a quarter of a mile from the scene of his crime, where he was hung from a moved from the vehicle he was sold to a molted die. He was given five minutes in which to make his peace with God, and he spent the time in saying that as he had already admitted his guilt he would say no more. He was necessary to repeat the former story. A rope was placed around his neck and a large oak tree, and the doomed man escorted to the place of execution. In doing this the collar which he wore was left behind. The rope was then fastened to the rope and the horse driven from the wagon, swaying in the night air.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

WHOLESALE MASSACRE

Report has been received of the frightful massacre of 300 men, women and children on Salle Island, in the Congo River, on the 142 mm. The Expedition lost eleven officers and 142 men, and the natives lost a great deal more. They also lost one gun and one rifle. The natives captured their ship. The Expedition during the fight formed a hollow square, and the number of the enemy kicked their shields to pieces with their spears. The fight was an immediate panic among the Expedition. The natives had taken all the boats from canoes. The Expedition was obliged to be spared from Massouah, which is the nearest critical position as Suakim. The British Consul Gottage has been ordered to go to Suakim.

DOUBLE PUNISHMENT.

Joseph Poole was hanged in Lodge of the murder of John Kenny, and sentenced to death. In his address to the crowd he declared that he admitted that he was a Fenian, and that he was cheers for the Irish Republic, and cursed England.

FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Charley Ford, one of the murderers of Jesse James, was fired at in Richmond, Mo., the other day. He drew a revolver and escaped without injury.

Involuntary manslaughter is the verdict in the case of Dr. Alfred A. Kulin, who shot Frank Steiner from a street car window in Erie, Pa., last Christmas day.

The relations between Russia and Germany are very cordial.

Gen. Pryor has been permitted to hold an office under the Virginia Code, and declared himself so satisfied with the result. The trial is set for January 21st.

Negotiation between France and China are to be resumed.

Chilian troops were attacked by Peruvian Indians, and in the battle that ensued 700 of the Indians were slaughtered.

Five hundred Russian Nihilists, fugitives from the Canadian Pacific railway arrived in Montreal recently, and have brought suit against the company for wages earned.

John Waffen, a Prussian living in Cleveland, O., drank 15 glasses of whiskey in 15 minutes on a wager of $1. He won the wager, and died in 15 hours.

The notorious stage robber, Blackhart, who has been the terror of the west and northwest for a number of years, was arrested in San Francisco recently.

A report was started a few days ago that the remains of Lincoln had been stolen from the sarcophagus. The custodian denies the statement, and says metal crypt have not seen the remains since October 9, 1874.

Frank E. Stark, ex advance agent of the J. P. Ward historical company, shot and fatally killed D. R. Allen, a member of the company, in Sun Prairie, Wis., the other night.

Postmaster Goddard of Portland, Me., is before the department for dereliction of duties.

W. E. Chadwick, Louis Martin and Ben Foster, three of the most notorious forgers in America, are in the toils in New York.

The Washington monument has reached height of 430 feet, and when ten feet more is added, the work of laying marble will be left for the winter, but the dressers will continue all winter if the weather is suitable for delivery of materials.

Ex Gov. Head of New Hampshire, is dead.

Criminal carelessness is alleged to the construction of Jacob Dold's Coopershop at Buffalo, the blowing down of which caused the death of six men.

Rev. A. H. Kirkland, the Brooklyn evangelist, is holding Sunday afternoon services on the court house steps at Springfield, Ill., to escape hot coffee and lunch to his hearers.

A Kansas City man has erected a monument his wife's grave the day of her funeral, six hours after her death, and kept there every night since, through fear that her grave would be robbed.

Ex-U. S. Treasurer Spinner is 85 years old, and is remarkably well preserved.

A band of Canadian half-breeds who have been roaming in Dakota of trouble have been captured and taken to Ft. Buford, D. T.

Peter Smith, a horse thief in the Belvidere, (Ky.) jail fasted for 32 days. When he was this enough he escaped.

Compositors on the afternoon papers of New York are on a strike.

Rumors are current upon whose support Randall has been depending, announce their intention of supporting Carlisle.

Edwin Booth contributed $2,000 toward a fund being collected for the family of Dr. Ewer, a deceased editor.

Mr. Tinkham, wife and two children of Chatham, Ont., were drowned, while crossing Mitchell's Bay, a few days ago.

George Shaw, living eight miles from Canal Dover in Ohio, murdered his wife and six children. No reason assigned for the act.

Election consumed by a Senate, Well, Butler did not get his LL. D. from Harvard, but the Alumni voted to give him something just as good if not more valuable, the "Devil."—Springfield Republican.

The president of the Canadian Pacific railway has confirmed the report that it will be forced to complete the through line without issuing any further securities.

M. De Lesseps is still at work planning for a new Suez canal.

The commissioner of Indian Affairs has refuse to order to the agent at the Yankton Sioux Reservation to pay the Indians only half of their annuity in money. He says the Indians may take the money or refuse it, as they prefer.

John Kelley says there is no truth in the statement that he is about to retire from politics.

Naval officers are trying to secure a monument to the memory of the late E. P. Putnam of the Arctic relief expedition.

The legislature of Oregon has passed the bill extending the right of suffrage to women The governor will sign it.

A lunatic, who claimed to have been commissioned by the Almighty to kill Garfield, arrived to shoot Prime Minister Ferry. He was secured.

The French force in Tonquin is estimated at 15,000 men.

Two young female nihilists who were arrested in the university at Warsaw, one was shot, the other executed and the other committed suicide.

Commissioner of England, Russia and Austria are expected in the Franco-Chinese trouble.

Six persons were killed and 20 seriously injured in a railroad accident near Streatal, Eng.

The front end of the capitol building in Rome is in slowly sinking. The Harvard entomologists Cyrus Thaxter, of Cambridge, and Gen. A. Dodge, ex-senator of the United States, is seriously ill in Burlington, Iowa.

The Vatican has commenced to appoint a Papal Nuncio to the United States.

Another shock of earthquake was experienced the other day on the island of Scio.

Dr. D. M. Devereaut, an American citizen connected with one of the oldest families of San Francisco, seven miles from Jerez, Spain, has been sentenced to four years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Saltillo, Mexico. After months spent at Monclova, while imprisoned in a Mexican policeman.

Alarming reports from Tonquin are denied.

William Kuhl, a well-to-do farmer of Metamora, Woodford Co., Ill., brings suit against several Woodford county officers, for being arrested and imprisoned as a murderer.

The Sultan of Turkey has issued another call for $10,000,000 of three per cents.

President Arthur has accepted Major Nicholas Pike's resignation.

Judge Cox sets aside the $60,000 verdict in Hallett-Kilbourne case, and a new trial granted. He thinks the verdict excessive.

The internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year are estimated at $120,000,000 against $116,000,000 last year.

The annual reports of cabinet officers will not be ready to the public in advance of Arthur's effusion, which will be ready Tuesday.

A block of tenement houses in Chicago burned the other morning. Several lives were lost.

Ex-Senator Pratt of Strasburg has received gets four years and six months in state prison for forging a pension claim.

Safeet Pasha, Turkish minister of foreign affairs, is dead. He was one of the most prominent men in Turkish.

Twenty thousand hebrews have died a claim to $500,000,000 worth of property in New York city.

The Jersey Central freight depot in Communipaw, N. J., was burned the night 20th. Twenty five freight cars were also burned.

Several of the largest flouring mills in Minneapolis have decided to shut down because of the extreme cold weather.

A number of iron mills in Pittsburgh have shut down, owing to a lack of orders, throwing 1,000 men out of employment.

Cholera is prevalent in Cairo 21 persons have been killed on the New England Railway.

George L. Ruffin, colored, is confined as a lunatic in the Massachusetts state hospital.

Dowey, the celebrated Boston forger, pleaded guilty of nine different forgeries.

A woman was recently arrested on the Warsaw Railway, the police having received information that she came from Paris to make an attempt on the life of Count Chambord.

A meeting is soon to be held in Toronto to consider means to relieve the destitute Irish immigrants.

A bateaut was given in Philadelphia the other night to Miss Mary Anderson, to enjoy the distinction of having been the guest of Queen Victoria during his exile on the Isle of St. Helena.

Carlisle is very confident that he will be nominated for speaker on the first ballot.

Commander Willess of the Spanish navy