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CURRENT TOPICS.

BELVA LOCKWOOD says if she is elected president, Ben. Butler can have his choice of cabinet positions. The "Willy Widow" gazes longingly at the prospective.

TESTIMONY in a Tennessee lawsuit disclosed the fact that the ardent letters sent by a girl to her lover had been composed for another beau, but that when she transferred her affections she erased the original name and inserted a new one.

A PRACTICAL cotton picker, it is aimed, has at last been invented. The ate crop cost $50,000,000 picked by hand. The machine referred to is claimed to pick cotton in the field for one-seventh of the cost of human labor in that direction.

"Hog distemper" is raging in Midland county.

Hattie Crittenden of Adrian, goes to Japan as a missionary.

Reported that Gen. Grant will visit Michigan with Blaine next month.

Frank R. Payne has been appointed receiver of the Adrian savings bank.

Battle Creek billiard saloons are not allowed to be kept open later than 9 p. m.

Kalamazoo is agitating a move to secure the bonus necessary for the Hastings road.

Charles Bennett, who fell from a scaffold at Hamilton on Sunday, is dead from his injuries.

A farmer named Abrams, living two miles from Brighton, committed suicide by taking morphine.

The question as to where the Grouch trial is to be tried is agitating the minds of Lenawee county officials.

Four Michigan blast furnaces are included in the list of those pledged to shut down on account of overproduction.

John Benedict, a farmer of Elmwood township, ended his life by hanging himself with a log chain a few days ago.

D. B. Hartigan, a resident of Ingham county farmer is the man who showed 650 varities of potatoes last year from one bushel.

Eugene Battersham of Tompkins, near Jackson, is under arrest, charged with an outrage upon his step-daughter.

Farmers about Ottawville are putting in flight crops of wheat and are giving greater attention to cattle raising than ever before.

V. R. Cardell of Lansing has received the contract for furnishing 1,200 tons of coal for the capital buildings at $8 a ton.

Steps are being taken at Battle Creek for the formation of a company for the manufacture, the recently patented Cox printing press.

A Battle Creek Adventist has had printed, at his own expense, 50,000 tracts in which he predicts the end of the world next month.

J. J. Janney & Co., six miles north of Adrian, had a fire last week which cost the loss of valuable lumber by fire on the 18th inst.

Jacob Jacobson of Deerfield township was killed by the cars near Morenci, while he was south of Big Rapids the other day. He was intoxicated.

Many of the English settlers of West Tawas are returning to the old country. They find the prospects for a living in Canada very unfavorable.

Mrs. Wm. Maxtell, a resident of Greenville for 25 years, and an old pioneer, is dead. She leaves a husband and a son and daughter to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Angus McLellan, of East Tawas, has been jailed on account of disobeying the liquor laws. The officers are hunting for Mr. Angus McLellan.

High O. Hamlin of Wales township, St. Clair county, was crushed to death by the falling of a huge stump which he had just pulled from the ground.

Mrs. Mary Goetz, a two weeks' bride of Adrian, attempted suicide by taking Rough on Rats, and a stomach pump restored her to the arms of her despairing bridegroom.

Charles Brown, of Ypsilanti, a colored man, has been appointed doorkeeper from Michigan to the Court of St. James's, to the position he will hold after the colored people's jubilee.

There was a serious disturbance at the Iosia Salvation Army barracks in Ypsilanti last night, a one of the Salvationists was chased several blocks by a mob of twelve or more roughs.

One of the decoys in a lottery scheme at Allegan secured the papers in the case by a fright from the intended victim, who ran off with them. This will compel him to stay away.

The body of a man was washed ashore at Port Huron, about three miles from the city proper, and it is supposed it is that of one of the victims of the Osborn Alberta disaster.

Alonzo Thompson, who was thrown from the court room some weeks ago while being tried for theft, has been released from his bonds, merely prominent in social circles in Coldwater.

W. H. Ames and Harriet Case, both of Tecumseh have been married by a justice in charge of adultery. The woman pleaded guilty and both were placed in jail in default of $500 bail.

C. L. Flagg fell fifty feet from the smokestack of Hilsen & Co's. tannery, while he was painting in Saginaw, and broke his collar bone and four ribs, besides receiving internal injuries.

Mrs. Vandenburg, who was recently convicted of aiding her husband in murdering her first husband near Stanton in April last, has been sent to 30 years in the Detroit house of correction.

A Calhoun county farmer found some persons in his melon patch one morning this week, and discharged buckshot coursing exclusively by collecting $20 from them at the point of a shotgun.

At the Lenawee county fair the winner of the tobacco chewing match disposed of two pounds of tobacco, and also drank a pint of whisky each. He claims to average a pound a day for the year round.

The next Michigan state gazetteer, to be issued by R. L. Polk & Co., of Detroit, will contain about 800 new features, among which are full lists of the horse, hog, cattle and sheep breeders of the state.

The Seventh-Day Adventists, while holding their annual state camp-meeting at Jackson, raised $2,000 to complete the church, which will be used in defraying the expenses of the college, and home and foreign missions.

Solomon S. Fisher, a well-to-do farmer of Hillsdale county, was found dead in the woods near his home. He had hung himself.

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