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CURRENT TOPICS.

A COLUMBUS, O., manufacturer recently promised a half holiday on Saturday to his 900 operatives if each workman would refuse to attend base ball games on Sunday. It is said that the workmen assented with cheers to the generous proposition.

LOUISVILLE has set in force an ordinance prohibiting the sale of Police Gazettes and indecent papers It is one of the encouraging signs of the times to see municipal authorities taking an active part in the suppression of the sale and circulation of this not only trashy, but absolutely vicious literature, and the example set by Louisville ought to be imitated by every village and city in this broad land.

THE leading educational question of the hour is how shall our public schools be directed so that they shall most effectually aid the cause of labor? Special schools for the promotion of the fine arts are much to be desired; but above and beyond them, and of paramount importance, stand educational institutions in which the millions of boys and girls growing up into manhood and womanhood shall have opportunities for familiarizing themselves, to some extent, at least, with the practical duties of life.

TEN years ago a penniless man, with a peculiarly shaped head, made a bargain with a London professor of anatomy by which the latter was to have the head on payment of the man's funeral expenses. Meanwhile the man became wealthy, and when he died the other day his friends tried to avoid fulfilling the contract. But the professor insisted, and the matter is to be brought before the law courts. Pending the decision, the defunct gentleman has been buried with his head on his shoulders.

EVEN cow hair has its commercial uses. The dealers who purchase this curious commodity from the tanners "blow" the hair by a peculiar process which separates the long hair from the short ones. The long hairs are then woven into a fabric with other material which, upon completion, becomes the genuine "all wool" blankets presented by Uncle Sam to the Indians. The shorter hairs are worked into felting. The average price of cow hair is four cents a pound, but white cows' hair is worth 11 cents a pound.

A WASHINGTON correspondent of the Detroit Plaindealer says. There are occasions when politics, like death, will reduce all men to a common level and in this respect also a Washington political gathering may be somewhat unique, for side by side with the Cabinet officer, the judge and the senator it is possible to find seated, as an equal political entity, the man who blacks that cabinet officer's boots or brushes that senator's coat; and both may be heard to "orate" from the same rostrum. This however, is truly American, and nobody has the right to object.

EX-SURROGATE Gideon J. Tucker of New York has attended every Democratic presidential election since 1840, except that of 1868, during which he was in Europe. He personally saw Polk nominated at Baltimore in 1844, Cass at Baltimore in 1848, Pierce at Baltimore in 1852, Buchanan at Cincinnati in 1856, Breckinridge at Richmond in 1850, McClellan at Chicago in 1864, Greeley at Baltimore in 1872, Tilden at St. Louis in 1876, and Hancock in Cincinnati in 1880. He was a delegate to the conventions of 1856, 1860 and 1864, and traveled across the continent from Arizona to attend that of 1880.

AMONG other days observed by members of the Methodist Episcopal church, is that of "Children's day" which occurs the second Sunday in June, the observance of which brings much joy to the hearts of the little ones, and gladdens, and makes young again even the white haired fathers and mothers in Israel whose earthly pilgrimage is nearly over. On this day the services are wholly for the benefit of, and participated in, almost exclusively by the children, and the readiness with which they enter into the work of preparation, and the joyousness of the occasion argues well for its influence in bringing many of the young hearts to Him who said "Forbid them not."

MR. WILLIAM CHAPIN, principal of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, relates how Mr. Blaine came to be a teacher there years ago. "He rang the bell at the front door of the building one summer afternoon in 1852 in answer to an advertisement for a teacher. There were thirty or forty other applicants, but his manner was so winning and he possessed so many manifestly valuable qualities that I closed an engagement with him at once. His wife and little son Walker came here with him. He was principal teacher on the boys' side for two years. He taught mathematics, in which he excelled, and the higher branches. His wife often read aloud to the pupils and was universally beloved."

THE Senate bill for counting the electoral vote which passed that body and is now before the House provides that before the second Monday in January, which it fixes as the date for the meeting of the Electoral College, the state tribunals may decide any contest that may arise as to the appointment of electors, such determination being conclusive evidence of lawfulness, when Congress assembles to count the vote. In case the state tribunals have not adjudicated upon conflicting returns, or two or more state tribunals are in conflict over the disputed returns, the returns accepted by the two Houses of Congress voting separately, but agreeing concurrently, shall be valid. In made providing that the two Houses shall vote jointly, instead of separately, upon the returns; which, as a general rule, would practically leave the case to be settled by the votes of the House alone.

A POPULAR New York preacher who struggles to keep the wolf from the door on a beggarly salary of several thousand dollars a year, has been granted a three month's leave of absence, and on Sunday, June 8, preached his last sermon previous to starting for Europe. In his closing remarks he urged the members of his church to be faithful in their attendance at church, no matter if it was hot and uncomfortable, and their own church was closed. Then he denounced Sunday excursions for those who toiled hard all the week, and alluded to Sunday newspapers as belonging to the devil, and forbade the reading of them. He closed his remarks by saying that he expected to have an enjoyable time abroad, and asked them to remember him in their prayers. It is hoped that this pastor whose conduct reaches the acme of selfishness, can enjoy a long idle tour abroad with the knowledge that his over-worked people, who right gladly gave of their means for his trip, are roasting and working at home, without even the privilege of enjoying God's pure air on Sunday.

SAMMY LANG WILLIAMS, a colored graduate of the Lapeer high school, has been awarded second prize for the best general essay by Columbia university at Washington. Sammy was once a contraband slave and was brought north by Col. Lang, through whose generosity he was sent to school. After graduating with honors from the high school, he entered the university of Michigan, from which institution he graduated soon after. He then matriculated at Columbia university, and as stated has won for himself high honors at that institution. At the time of his entrance in Columbia a good deal of bitterness was manifested by white students, some of whom went so far as to threaten to leave the institution if he was admitted. He was admitted, and has proven forcibly that men of brains are not confined exclusively to the white race, and that the descendants of the sons of Ham, so long in bondage and the "gall of bitterness" can rise above their former position, and with feet placed upon the thraldom which bound them, claim recognition as part of the "universal brotherhood of man."

Attention, Boys!

M. Quad in Detroit Free Press.

"Hurry up—quick!"

Now, my boy, you want to stop dead still! They call this a fast age, and we are termed a fast nation, but in spite of that we have plenty of time. Take time to eat. Take time to dress. Take time to do whatever task you are engaged in to your complete satisfaction. I always feel like kicking a lazy man, and if I set out on a journey I can't go fast enough, but this impatience has lost me days of time and a good many dollars. If I want to make a shelf or bench I rush for the first handy board, saw it off hap-hazard, pound in any sort of nails in any sort of way, and when the job is complete I have a shelf which won't fit by a jug-ful, or a bench which rests on three legs and holds up the other one as if it had a sore foot. I have taken the wrong street car, lugged off other men's hats, left my change on store counters, bought sugar when I was told to buy butter, spoiled any number of boots, offended dozens of good men, and all because I wanted to save time.

Don't rush. The older I grow the less I believe in the man who leaves a cloud of dust behind him. He will be wrong half the time. He will botch his work, upset the best calculation, and lose a dollar for every seventy-five cents he makes. A petulant, impatient boy makes a man who can't keep a friend. He will be obstinate, unreasonable, unforgiving and thoroughly despised. Don't argue that it is born in you and you can't help it. A boy can help anything if he has any sand in his nature. He can exercise patience or give away to fits of anger which ought to be boot-jacked out of his nature to save him from the gallows.

But you hate to be bossed, eh? Well, my boy, if we could all do as we pleased this would be a fine country to live in. Our working men would get to their labor at 10 o'clock in the morning and quit in time for 5 o'clock supper. Our stores might open in the morning or wait until afternoon. Our mills and factories would be run to suit the convenience of teamsters and engineers instead of owners. Our trains and boats would leave to suit captains and conductors, and some day you would get one meal and other days three We must have bosses and stand bossing. Don't start out with the idea that you can be independent. Don't think you can sit with folded arms and bring men to you with fat offers. Don't imagine that you are doing anybody a great favor by calling upon them and hinting around that you could be coaxed to take a situation. Do as your employer directs. If he doesn't know his business that's none of your affairs. Make up your mind that the boy who sets out to earn three dollars per week will never get four. If he is determined to be worth four he will soon be receiving five.

I sat down with a half dozen of you the other day, and the opinion of the majority was that employers didn't make any distinction between a smart, energetic boy and a drone. Don't be foolish, my lad. Nine employers out of ten had much rather advance a boy than to discharge him. A boy may not be watched as closely as a man, because we make allowances for his inexperience and follies and trifling nature, but don't you forget that he is soon sized up. If he is respectful and truthful and honest the employer who doesn't realize it and reward him is no man to work for.

Now let's talk a little further about the flashy literature I referred to a few weeks ago. I went the other day and bought a stack of the stuff in order to see just what it was. When one comes to see the wretched stuff written and published in order to catch the attention of the boys of America he must wonder if we have any fathers among our lawmakers. There is a fellow in New York publishing a weekly sheet called the Young Men of America. He must think them a set of rascals or idiots. In one story he has a hunter who catches in his hand the bullets fired at him by a dozen enemies, and it is no work at all for him to put fifty enemies to flight.

We want such a man on the Detroit police force, but the superintendent will have a long hunt to find him. In another he has a boy whip seven or eight mountain outlaws. The boy has probably died since. If this stuff was held out to you as pure fiction, you would be completely disgusted. These flashy publishers know this, and so they have facts and events which are matters of history.

In the paper I have mentioned is a story of the revolutionary war. It purports to be the adventures of Gen. Marion and his scouts. The injury here consists in historic lying. You are asked to accept everything as a fact, when not one single fact is stated. As a specimen of what one of the scouts did when he wasn't trying his best, I will mention that, being pursued by two British dragoons, he let them fire four bullets into him at close range, before it occurred to him that it was a cold day. He then drew his sword and cut a right arm from the body of each. He then rode away in search of root-beer or something else to cool his tongue, but hadn't cooled over half of it before six other dragoons pitched into him. The first move he made was to draw that same terrible toad-sticker and cut off two heads. The other four fired at him, but his brass turned the bullets aside, and he lopped of the head of the third. The remaining three thereupon rushed into the woods, and the scout was kind enough not to pursue. Having cut off three heads and two arms inside of half an hour, he felt tired. Think of such bosh! We all like a brave man, but even a boy of seven isn't green enough to believe in such statements.

In a detective story, in which a ninety pound woman is the detective she is made to capture robbers whom three men dared not tackle, and to change her voice twenty-four times per day and her disguise almost as often. She always entered robbers' dens by a sewer without being bitten by rats or getting her feet wet, and if any one fired a revolver within a foot of her head the weapon always missed fire, and she calmly knocked the fellow down, and went on chewing her quid of gum as if nothing had happened. Boys who beg and steal and sleep under the wharves are made heroes, and burglars and outlaws are held up as shining examples of a brave nation.

Drop 'em, my lad! There's more moral poison in one such story than you will get at the circus or theatre in five years. Better be unable to read at all that to imbibe such stuff. You hate a boy who lies to you. Then why pay these men in money and time to deceive and poison you? If you were told that a boy of 15 had captured six or eight Detroit burglars you wouldn't believe it. Then why believe in these wretched exaggerations? Shut right down on that class of men and their publications, and in three years they'll have to earn their dollars in an honest way or you'll hear of 'em behind the bars

Going to Sleep in Church.

The Rev. D. Charles F. Deems at the Church of the Strangers in New York City put his congregation in a good humor on a recent Sabath morning by saying: "Now, boys and girls, somebody has taught you that it is a very improper thing for you to go to sleep in church. I have great respect for those teachers, but let me tell you something. During this hot weather you fix up in the morning to come to church, and when you get there everything goes as usual, the preacher's voice is just the same, and by and by when the sermon is about half done you find yourselves feeling drowsy and it is hard work to keep your eyes open. Now, when you find yourselves in this condition go to sleep. I shan't blame you for it; neither will the Lord. The next best thing to close communion with God when you are awake is close communion with Him when you are fast asleep. But you musn't make a noise while you sleep, do it quietly. I know there is one little boy among you who makes a good deal of noise, but he doesn't intend to do it. I want to ask the person who sits next to that boy just to 'hunch' him a little when the noise begins—not hard enough to wake him, but just to stop the noise. There are sometimes a few old people in church who hear every sound while the sermon is going on, and these noises disturb and worry them. Now let that be the rule during the summer—when you can't keep awake go to sleep."

Dame Fashion's Freaks.

The hair is no longer worn in bangs reaching to the eyebrows.

Bangs to be fashionable must be short and only slightly waived or curled

White clover blooms take the place of the red so popular for spring hat and bonnet trimmings.

A quantity of narrow velvet ribbon made into rosettes and pompon clusters, is much used by Paris milliners on both bonnets and hats.

London hats and bonnets of rough straw are trimmed with bands and rosettes of velvet, the eye of a peacock's feather being thrust in the center of each rosette.

The new garniture for low corsages of evening dresses is a light lace scarf that crosses the bust and is fastened on the right shoulder with a large flower or with a jeweled ornament.

Mushroom brown wool dresses with ecru embroidered lace skirts over dark brown silk are fashionable walking toilets. The bonnet is of brown crape guaged on the crown and trimmed with a wreath of small flowers.

Many new Paris costumes of flower-brocaded silk, muslin, organdie and exquisitely dyed French lawn have dainty round hats to match, shirred on the brims and garnished with flowers and lace.

Etamine cloth, a coarse meshed linen canvas, is imported among French goods for summer wear. This canvas cloth is manufactured in ecru or natural flax color in goods both plain and brocaded with roses, clusters of carnations, dots and other designs.

Small mantels are worn like scarfs over the shoulders. They set in to the figure in the back and form small sleeves in front. A very new jacket is of jet tissue and ottoman. The vest and back are of ottoman, with bretelles of black velvet on either side. They are about three inches wide and become narrow toward the waist. They extend over the basque and terminate with drooping jet ornaments. The back and front are the same.

The old fashion of wearing the sleeves of the dress of different material from the rest of the bodice has been revived abroad, and many outdoor jackets are made sleeveless. Another resuscitation of an old style is the Talma mantle, with several rows of lace placed around the shoulder points, falling about half way between the elbow and the shoulder tip; the fronts are literally covered with rows of lace, and each fall of the airy garniture caught up at intervals with a jet pendant.

THE village of Hammonton, on the Camden & Atlantic Railway, New Jersey, is greatly excited over the discovery of the bodies of twenty-one children buried in a small plot of ground attached to the Sanitarium, called the Wivison Home, under the supervision of Miss S. S. Wivison, a middle-aged woman. The coroner's jury found that the children died from natural causes, aggravated by neglect by Miss Wivison, of improper sanitary arrangements, and the gross incompetency of nurses.

The back widths of new walking skirts are very full and bunchy over the hips, and are worn over a cushion bustle or with flounces of pleated crinoline inside to support them gracefully.

Neither the nibbler nor the glutton knoweth the value of a feast.

He who eateth without drink buildeth himself without mortar.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

THE LONG MURDER.

Matters Look Dark for Long.

The following account of the murder of Mrs. Long in the township of North Plains, Ionia county, is from the Detroit Free Press of June 17:

The house where the murder was committed stands on the north part of the farm of Noah Kroutz, in the township of North Plains. It is a one story frame building, about 18x27 feet. A porch or veranda runs along the entire front. A door from this opens into a large sitting room. Back of this is a kitchen and a small bedroom opening into the latter. Off the front room is a small bedroom, where the crime was committed, with one door opening into the room first mentioned and two windows, one opening into the verandah and the other towards the south.

Through this last mentioned window the husband says the murderer reached with his club, which was a stake about three feet long, and which for weeks past has been used on the premises to fasten a stable door. It was discovered about half an hour after the first alarm was given, lying near the south end of the veranda, about six feet from the latter and ten from the south window, covered with clotted blood. This room is eight feet square and the bed, standing with its head towards the south, entirely filled its space on the west side of the south window. Reaching into the window to hit the head of this bed at the center a man standing on the ground outside would, as your reporter proved by experiment, be obliged to have his body more than half into the room, in fact be balancing himself on his hips.

The deceased, Mrs. Lucy Long, formerly Miss Nickerson, was 26 years of age and her husband 25. They have been married nearly four years, and have no children. They were alone in the house the night of the murder, sleeping in the front bed-room above mentioned. Up to two weeks since they slept in the back bed-room, but changed at Mr. Long's urgent request. On Wednesday last the husband Andrew Long, drew from a Muir bank $152.50 belonging to the mother of his wife, who was coming after it on Saturday morning.

LONG'S STORY

Is that they retired about 9 o'clock, he sleeping on the backside of the bed The body of his wife being shown to have rested upon the ends of both pillows in the center of the narrow bed he admits he had only fourteen inches in which to lie, and says he did not use the pillow. He says he was awakened by his wife making a gurgling noise, and looking up saw a man reaching into the window and striking her with a club. He sprang up and caught the club, when another man appeared at the window and began cutting him with a knife on the hands and finally he felt a cut in his side and let go, crying out that he would get his gun. He went through the long front room into the kitchen and thence into the back bed room, got his gun and returned to the front bedroom. He discovered that his pants, which lay in the center of the floor and contained the $150.50, were gone and the window closed. He thrust his gun through a pane of glass and fired. Then he went to the front door and went about twenty-five rods to the house of a neighbor named Frank Connor, and then to that of Noah Kroutz, a brother in law. At both places his first exclamation was: "Some one has come to my house and killed my wife and cut my hands all to pieces." Connor's wife would not let him go, but Kroutz and his hired man, John Duel went immediately. They found Long on the veranda and a light in the house. They found Mrs. Long yet breathing but with her head beaten almost out of shape. The skull was broken into twenty pieces and clotted blood an inch thick was on her face. She continued to breathe for about ten minutes. The bed was flooded with blood, the carpet soaked and the walls flecked with it. The head of the bedstead had been hit six times just over her head and was split by three blows striking in the same place.

CONTRADICTOY FACTS.

Among a few of the facts which contradict the husband's story are these: The grass beneath the window is undisturbed. It is only three and one-half feet from the ground to the window sill, but even a tall person cannot stand on the ground and with the club in question reach the center of the bed and strike a blow with any strength. The window was fastened with an eight-penny nail the night before, which was broken newly in two on Saturday morning. There was not the slightest mark of the window being forced from the outside, but bloody finger marks were plain around the stub of the nail and on the opposite side where one might, in the dark, be feeling for the nail from the inside. His pants which were afterwards found in the road, without the money, had no blood upon them except one finger mark, although the floor where he says they lay up to the time above mentioned was covered with blood. The cuts in his shirt are three or four inches long, but his flesh was barely cut into, and Dr. Smith will testify that there is only one cut on the body. The cuts on his hands are mere scratches. A heavy water pitcher stood against the window and he might have used it as a weapon, but it was not disturbed.

The bed shows every sign of having but one occupant, and the spattered blood on the wall below the head of the mattress shows that nothing higher than the mattress could have been between Mrs. Long and the wall. He recognized the bloody club as belonging to the stable, when picked up in the dark at a distance of several feet. The cuts in the shirt look like razor cuts. These things and the improbability of a burglar knowing just where to strike in the dark, or reaching through the window to scare the family with a club, to obtain pantaloons which lay upon the floor, or fight for the possession of a club which they threw away a moment after, or neglects their opportunity to climb in the window when the family were asleep, or do so and obtain the money while a man inside was after a gun, make it look bad for the husband.

THE MURDERER'S APPEARANCE.

Long is strong, stout built man about five feet nine inches in height, weighs about 160 pounds and wears a light mustache. He takes his arrest easily.

The remains of Mrs. Long were interred at Palo on Sunday, the 15th. It was expected that Long would be present at the funeral; but a short time before it occurred an organization was discovered to lynch Long, and he was not taken from the jail.

LOUISVILLE AND NEW ORLEANS.

A Card from Gov. Begole Regarding the Importance of Exhibits.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, June 12, 1884.

To the People of the State of Michigan.

I deem it my duty in view of the importance of the subject, to call your attention to the Louisville Exposition to be held at the city of Louisville, Ky., from August 16 to October 26, 1884, both inclusive; and also to the New Orleans exposition, commencing Dec. 4, 1884, and closing not later than May 31, 1885.

The exhibit made by the West Michigan Farmers' Club at Louisville last fall was most creditable to the industries represented, and the beneficial results to the state have already manifested themselves in increased immigration, and the constant inquiries made as to the resources of Michigan from all sections of the country.

It is contemplated to have a full exhibit of the agricultural, pomological and mineral productions of Michigan.

The native woods of the state in a finished and unfinished condition will also be a marked feature.

It will readily be seen of how great and far reaching importance a full and complete exhibit of the resources of the State of Michigan must be to its people.

No appropriation was made by the legislature of 1883 to defray the expenses of such an exhibition on the part of the state, and I therefore feel it incumbent on me to urge upon all interested the necessity of liberally aiding to make the Michigan exhibit, at both the Louisville and New Orleans expositions, a credit to our great and growing state, and a means of materially increasing its growth and prosperity.

F. M. Carroll, Esq., of Grand Rapids, and Hon. A. P. Swineford of Marquette, are the duly appointed state commissioners.

All communications and remittances should be sent to the commissioners at Grand Rapids.

With the hope and belief that so important a project will meet with hearty and liberal support, I again commend it to the enlightened and public spirited people of Michigan.

JOSIAH W. BEGOLE.

A Feverish Advertising Dodge.

Cleveland Leader.

Among the railway advertising dodges is the circular of the Western Hay Fever Association The annual meeting occurs in Petoskey on the last Tuesday in August next. The inducements which this association hold out are positively overpowering, and as it is necessary to travel by some rail route to get to the meeting of the association, the circular of the association is a great advertising feature. The by-laws of the association state that it shall be the duty of the president to provide for an annual address on hay fever. If this fails to attract travel to Petoskey the following clause of the by-laws certainly will "fetch 'em:" It shall be the duty of the vice president to provide for the reading of a poem on some phase of hay fever experience. The following is a sample of the classic song which lures the sneezing nose caressor to the region where hay fever never enters and sneezes do not break one up.

"And now you have wiped your weeping eyes
And solaced your tingling noses,
No longer burdened with tears and sighs
From dawn till the long day closes;
No more your eloquent speech inclines
To mirth the rollicking breezes,
Adorned with mystic handkerchief
And punctuated with sneezes.

STATE ITEMS.

During the month of May 529 vessels passed through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, aggregating 306,387, tons. These boats carried 8,379 passengers and 297,063 tons of freight, as follows: Coal, 102,125 tons; copper, 4,161 tons; flour, 113,298 barrels; iron ore, 83,054 tons; wheat, 1,593,645 bushels. These figures indicate an enormous advance over the corresponding month of last year. In the item of registered tonnage there is an advance of 132,425 tons; in freight, 115,560 tons; passengers, 5,665.

Dr. Donald McLean of Detroit was elected president of the State Medical Association at its recent session in Grand Rapids.

The Western Michigan Press Association will not hold a meeting this year, but will meet in conjunction with the state association at Bay City in July.

Two hundred and fifty workmen are thrown out of employment by the closing of the large shingle mill in Grand Haven. This action of the mill company is caused by the depression in the price of shingles.

A distressing calamity occurred at the farm-house of Loren Pierce, near Coopersville, Ottawa county, a few days ago. Mrs. Pierce, in a fit of temporary insanity, gave each of her three children a dose of strychnine, and then swallowed a dose herself. The youngest child, one year old, died before the physician arrived, and the others will recover. Mrs. Pierce's recovery is doubtful.

Capt. A. D. VanGordon, died in Otisville June 12. During the war of the rebellion he served as captain in Co. M., 8th Michigan cavalry.

President Durgin of Hillsdale college has tendered his resignation because of trouble in the board of trustees.

Jas. Lapp, missing from East Saginaw for 16 years and for whose murder two men named Lincoln and Collins were tried, put in an appearance in that city a few days ago. He tells a strang story of his wanderings, part of it being too improbable to be true

D. D. Buell, who resides near Union City, has just completed the largest barn in Branch county. It is built upon a stone wall nine feet in height, and is 90 feet in length and 45 feet in width. The main posts are 20 feet in length and the purlin posts 33 1-3. An addition to the barn is 40 by 16 feet.

A sale of a tract of pine timber on the Cedar, estimated to cut 20,000,000 feet, has just been made by J. H. Hill & Sons to C. K. and Darius Eddy. The consideration is reported at $5 stumpage, or $162,000 for the lot.

Up to the middle of June this year the lake shipments of ore from the Lake Superior district are about double those of a year ago at the same period. The mines are evidently determined to make the best of a poor market.

Hon. Thos. H. Terry has planted several hundred chesnut trees on his farm near Benton Harbor.

Sturgis saloonists will have to do business under $6,000 bonds.

Hawley, the Edmore man who so brutally beat his eight-months' old baby, has been sent to Ionia for 90 days.

An inmate of the Clare county poor house died there a few days ago, and his body was turned over to the "pickling vat" at Ann Arbor. Whereupon six other free boarders took to the woods for fear of meeting the same fate.

Dora Cook, a servant girl of Lagrange, Ind., was waylaid by an unknown man near Sturgis the other night, and outraged. He sent a couple of boys to her, telling her that her father had been hurt in a runaway, and she started for her home, two miles in the country. When out about a mile the man met her and after choking and gagging her, committed the outrage.

Joseph Ferderer, convicted in the Monroe circuit court of a criminal assault upon his ten year old daughter, has been sentenced to state prison for life.

Samuel Langley, one of the most prominent citizens of St. Joseph, has become hopelessly insane.

Charlotte thinks a soldiers' monument would add much to the beauty of that place.

A Kalamazoo lady, in a playful mood, sent a poem to P. T. Barnum on his sacred white elephant, not with the intention of competing for the $500 prize. Judge of her surprize when she received $25 the other day from the showman and requesting the poem for publication.

When Indians get drunk at Petoskey and prove a disability to pay their fines, they are put to work under the supervision of the street commissioner. Poor Lo has some good points about him.

Stone for paving purposes are being taken form the river bed at Monroe.

"Plumed Knight" clubs are being organized all over the state.

Miss Emma Comstock, formerly a school teacher at Pontiac, has become possessor of a California ranche and a big pile of money, left her by an uncle.

The Flint wagon works received an order a few days ago for 500 wagons to be sent to Kansas City, Mo.

Edward Buck of Cheboygan values one of his legs at $20,000. At any rate, he has sued Thompson Smith of that place for that amount for the loss of a leg while employed in his mill about three years ago.

John Mulholland, aged about 60 years, was killed by a man named Isham in a saloon at Sheridan the other day. Both men had been drinking heavily; some dispute arose and Isham flung Mulholland to the floor, breaking his neck.

In addition to his regular salary, the board of supervisors of Iosco county, have given Prosecuting Attorney Henry $500 for his able prosecution of the Schultz murderers.

A woman named DeLong was murdered on the night of June 13th, while in bed at her home in the township of North Plains, Ionia county. Her husband claims to have been in bed with her at the time, and that some one raised a window from the outside and struck her a blow upon the head with a club. Suspicion points to the husband who is now under arrest.

The famous sea serpent seen so often by large numbers of visitors and natives at Walled Lake is reported on good authority to have been captured by four men. It proved to be a huge log of wavy, irregular shape, having at one end a large prong or broken branch which served as the head and neck of the "reptile," in the imagination of vast numbers of reliable citizens who had seen the monster and noted its movements. Thus Walled Lake again sinks back to the calm level of a lake without a sea serpent.

Seth McLean of East Saginaw lost his $5,000 trotting horse the other day. The animal dropped dead while on the track.

Several Michigan newspapers published a portrait of Postmaster Gresham for that of Blaine.

John Searles, a wealthy recluse, living near Hope Center, Barry county, was found murdered in his house the other morning. He was known to have money and notes about the house and robbery is supposed to have been the object of the murderers. The officers are at work on a clue.

Mrs. Clark, who shot a woman claiming to be Mrs. Clark No. 2, in the Chapman House in Lansing last summer, was tried last week and acquitted, the jury staying out only 10 minutes.

Fire broke out the saw mill of Coryeon, Hamilton & McGregor in Bay City on the night of the 14th inst, and the flames were not checked until the saw mill, salt block, drill house 1,000,000 feet of lumber 5,050 barrels of salt, two coal yards and other property was destroyed. The loss is about $50,000; insured for $24,000.

Adam Welliver, a farmer of Alamo, was found unconscious the other morning in an unsavory quarter of Kalamazoo, with his skull fractured back of his right ear. He states that he was knocked down and robbed of $125, a check for $40 and two watches, by two men. Several parties have been arrested and released. The officers have now struck the right clue. Welliver will not die.

The army worm has made its appearance in different parts of the state.

All the departments of the Pontiac Grove school have been dismissed for the remainder of the school year, on account of diphtheria.

John Lowry, ex-clerk of the Calumet and Hecla mine, is under arrest at Houghton, charged with the embezzlement of between $30,000 and $40,000.

Eri Deming, assistant postmaster at Cass City, has been sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction for five years for robbing the mails.

Mrs. Mary Smith died in Monroe, Mich., June 2, aged 95. She was one of the oldest residents of the county, having lived in Monroe more than seventy years.

The factory at Otsego ships rolling pins and potato mashers to New Orleans. Michigan implements of war are appreciated in the south.

Farmers in and around Otsego have planted just double the amount of potatoes this year they did last.

Benj. Lillie raised 34 lambs, from 22 ewes this spring and sold them the other day for $85, and has the wool to sell yet. Who says that sheep raising doesn't pay!—Coopersville Observer.

Andrew Long, the alleged wife murderer, was arraigned for examination. He pleaded not guilty.

All the mills in Oscoda, seven in number, have been closed by strikers. The men demand 11 hours a day at $2, or 10 hours and $1.75 per day.

Mr. and Mrs. Scholtz, the East Tawas people who claim to have been robbed at the time their son was murdered, were found at Castle Garden the other day, en route for Germany, with the money with them. They were brought back to East Tawas.

Rev. Barker of the Reed City News says a three legged gosling is the latest curiosity in that village.

An enemy of the cut worm has also put in an appearance, in the form of another worm which attacks the former and destroys it, being about two-thirds of the size of the cut worm, black, full of joints and very spry and busy. It bores into the body of its victim and eats out its vitals.—Tekonsha News.

Luke Phipps, who murdered his wife on a ferry boat between Detroit and Windsor in August, 1883, was hanged for the crime in Sandwich, Ont., on the 17th inst. He met his death bravely. The body was turned over to his friends, and the remains were interred beside those of his wife in Woodmere cemetery, Detroit. The history of his crime, his arrest, escape, re-capture and unsuccessful efforts to secure extradition and be tried in the American courts, are too well known to need repetition here.

A scheme is on foot at Hillsdale for celebrating on the third, instead of the fourth of July. By this cunning little arrangement the liquor men can reap a harvest, as there are no legal restrictions against selling toddy on that day.

A white plume will probably be the emblem waving above Republican wigwams this fall. This will give the men a glorious chance to get even with their wives and sisters who have been cutting up their neckties for crazy quilts by robbing their bonnets of white plumes.—Flat Rock Journal.

Wheat in the vicinity of Charlotte is not considered, by farmers, an average crop; oats are doing well; corn is behind the usual growth at this time, and some pieces are looking very favorably; potatoes are thrifty; apples are all right, but peaches were laid out by the frost; small fruits good.

A stock concern known as the Peninsular novelty company, to have a capital of $151,000, has been organized at Grand Rapids, to make button fasteners, buttons, etc.

Charlotte is making arrangements for one of the most elaborate fourth of July celebrations ever held in central Michigan In addition to the annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Eaton county to be held on that day, numerous grand army posts and commanderies, in uniform, from adjoining counties, have signified their intention to be present, making the largest military display since war times.

The Caro boy, Bertie Hodge whom the coroner's jury accused of pushing Archie Murdock into the river, thereby causing his death, has been bound over to the September term of the circuit court and admitted to bail under $800 bonds.

Kalamazoo is enjoying its new street cars.

Cut worms are doing great damage to corn and beans in and around Otsego.

STRAY STRAWS.

Samuel J. Tilden has given to the chairman of the New York Democratic committee his letter positively declining ths nomination.

Reported that Roscoe Conkling has joined the anti-Blaine forces.

The river and harbor bill appropriates nearly $600,000 for Michigan water ways.

The idea that congress will adjourn before the 1st of August is scouted by experienced congressman.

Tilden's ultimatum has at last been publish ed. He positively refuses to accept the Democratic nomination.

Andy Adams, a boy living near Wheeling, W. Va., became insane on religious subjects, and imagined that the Lord required a sacrifice of him, to make which, he murdered his mother and sister. He said the Lord had promised to restore them to life again. The boy is in custody.

J. A. Stanly, a Cleveland bank teller, is short $100,000 in his accounts. He has been arrested.

The Harvard college trustees have decided to confer no more degrees on governors unless they exhibit marked capacity in jurisprudence.

A pension scheme is now under way in the Senate calling for $246,000.

The controversy on the various land grant bills will keep congress in session until July 15.

A fire broke out in a rubber store house in Boston the other morning, and before it was gotten under control property to the value of nearly half a million dollars was destroyed. Sixteen persons were seriously injured.

The bank of West Virginia at Charleston has closed its doors. Liabilities $119,000. The principal losers are poor people.

Democratic congressmen are almost unanimously in favor of Cleveland's nomination for the presidency.

The "only and original" Charley Ross has turned up again, this time at Quincy, Ill.

Bay state independents met in Boston a few days ago, adopted resolutions antagonistic to Blaine, and appointed a committee to confer with independents of New York.

Two trains crashed into each other near Haddonfield, N. J., a few days ago, mangling and scalding the occupants in a horrible manner. Eight persons received mortal injuries and nine very badly wounded. The accident was caused by the delay of a telegram.

The British parliament are discussing the temperance and woman suffrage question.

English preparations for the Khartoum expedition are being pushed rapidly forward.

The mayor and city marshall of Omaha, Neb., have been indicted for alleged bribery.

Gov. Ordway of Yankton, Dakota, against whom serious charges of corruption have been made, invites a full investigation of the charges against him.

Some boys in Bridgeport, Conn., were tampering with an electric light wire, when one of the little fellows received a severe shock, causing instant death.

There is said to be a scheme on foot in Indiana to make Gresham and Hendricks the opposing gubernatorial candidates.

Three thieves in the Choctaw nation were sentenced to receive 100 lashes on the bare back. One of them died in half an hour after receiving the punishment.

Butler says "the man who can win," is his candidate.

M. G. Morton of Winona, Minn., has resigned as a member of the national Republican committee.

There appears to be very little doubt that the House will pass the bill forfeiting the Ontonagon & Brule River land grant before adjournment.

Gen. Butler has issued his letter of acceptance of the Greenback nomination.

The Ohio supreme court declares the second section of the Scott law—the one pertaining to the first lien on premises—unconstitutional, but leaves the rest of the law valid and operative.

Wm. H. English is having an investigation before a special committee of the House on a charge of lobbying.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No 1, white	$ 85	@	1 00
Flour	4 75	@	5 00
Corn	50	@	54
Oats	34	@	36
Barley	55	@	75
Rye	55	@	60
Clover Seed, ℔ bu	5 75	@	6 00
Timothy seed ℔ bu	3 75	@	4 25
Apples, ℔ bbl	3 75	@	4 25
Dried Apples, ℔ lb	6	@	6½
Peaches	11	@	13
Cherries	19	@	20
Butter, ℔ lb	14	@	15
Eggs	14	@	
Maple Sugar	12	@	14
Potatoes	50	@	55
Onions, per bbl			1 75
Honey	16	@	18
Beans picked	2 25	@	2 30
Beans, unpicked	1 50	@	1 75
Hay	9 00	@	12 00
Straw	6 00	@	7 00
Pork dressed, ℔ 100	8 00	@	8 25
Pork, mess	17 00	@	17 25
Pork, family	17 50	@	17 75
Hams	12	@	13
Shoulders	8	@	8½
Lard	9	@	10
Beef extra mess	12 00	@	12 50
Wood, Beech and Maple			6 50
Wood, Maple			7 00
Wood Hickory			7 00

Who Mrs. Grundy Was.

Notes and Queries.

Who was Mrs. Grundy? It seems strange, indeed, that so little should be known about the antecedents of Mrs. Grundy, who is always so anxious to know about other people, but the fact must be admitted that Mrs. Grundy's origin is enveloped in the profoundest mystery. Nobody knows who she was or how she first entered society. She was not even a character in a play, like the immortal Mrs. Malaprop. She first made known her existence to the public on the 18th of February, 1800, in a drama entitled "Speed the Plough," by Thomas Morton, where one of the characters alludes frequently to her mysterious influence by the words, "What will Mrs Grundy say?"

Beyond this nothing is known of her. There is, of course, the possibility that she was the wife of Solomon Grundy, of the nursery rhyme, who was born on Monday, christened on Tuesday, &c., and got through his existence on Sunday, for the rhyme expressly says that Solomon was married on Wednesday. Perhaps Solomon Grundy was a solar myth, and Mrs. Goundy something of the same kind. Thomas Morton is unfortunately dead, and he has carried his secret to the tomb, and once more the world, which knows so little about its greatest men, will be deprived of all further knowledge of one of its most interesting women.

Weeds are the curse of all farms. Every weed that secures a growth, even of but a few inches, deprives the growing plant of just that proportion of nutritive matter.

THE NEWS.

CAPITAL NEWS.

OF INTEREST TO MICHIGAN FISHERMAN.

Senator Conger has reported favorably Congressman Maybury's joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to lease certain lands to the Board of Fish Commissioners of Michigan. It was passed by the Senate precisely as it came from the House, and it now goes to the President for his signature. The provisions of the joint resolution are as follows: The Secretary of War is directed to lease to the State Board of fish commissioners of Michigan the parcel or strip of land lying north of and adjoining Ste. Mary's Falls Ship Canal and between the canal and rapids of Ste. Mary's River, in the county of Chippewa, including such portions of lands reserved for the canal as are not now needed for canal purposes, upon the condition that the premises so leased are to be used solely by the commission for the culture and propagation of food fishes and residence of employes of the commission, and that the use of the premises by them shall in no way interfere with the use of the same land for canal purposes whenever required by the United States government The secretary of war is requested to cause the removal of all persons now occupying any part of the premises on or before July 1. The lease to the commission shall be rent free, and the buildings to be erected by the commission shall be first approved by the engineer officer in charge of the canal.

NEWS NOTES

MODEST BEN.

Mr. J. W. Seymour of New York, having written to Gen. Butler, advising him to run for president with or without a nomination, has received the following reply:

MY DEAR SIR—I have received your very kind note. Thanking you for your expressions of regard I take leave to say that there is one view in which I think my possible election to the presidency, of which you speak, might be at least of service to the country. Although running upon the Democratic ticket, or in any event as a Democrat, with my views, which I believe to be Democratic upon many subjects, I should receive, I fain would believe, a very large colored vote at the south. The colored men know me. I have commanded many, many thousands of them as soldiers, so that my election as a Democrat would wipe out the color line at the south by bringing the two races together under one political head, and that seemed to me to be a very great desideratum, and would be the greatest service to the country, as it might be the last which I could render. The Democratic party of the south would be obliged to acknowledge me as a Democrat, the colored man would know me as a friend, and the relations are not incompatible so that I can't see why even as firm a Republican as yourself might not feel justified, as you say you would be, in voting for me. In renewing my thanks, I am very truly your friend and servant.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

FROM A FOREIGN SHORE.

AFFAIRS AT BERBER.

The reported fall of Berber is fully confirmed. The garrison fought until their ammunition was exhausted. The rebels massacred nearly all the soldiers and citizens, only 50 escaping. Hussein Pasha, the governor, was wounded and is a prisoner. Thirty thousand Arabs have started to invest Dongola.

CONGRESS

JUNE 11

SENATE.—The consular and diplomatic bill was taken up at the close of all other business and formed the subject for discussion during the entire session.

HOUSE.—In the House the river and harbor bill was the only measure under discussion, and without reaching any action adjournment was ordered.

JUNE 11.

SENATE—The consular and diplomatic appropriation bill was passed, and the Mexican pension bill taken up and discussed.

HOUSE—The House met in continuation of Wednesday's session, and went into committee of the whole on the river and harbor bill. After some discussion the committee rose, and the regular work of Thursday began. Nothing of importance was done, and the House again went into committee of the whole for work on the river and harbor bill, After striking out the Hennepin canal clause the bill passed by a majority of 50. The Senate bill regulating the electoral count was then called up, pending discussion of the House which adjourned

JUNE 13.

SENATE—The House bill providing for the payment of "Fourth of July" claims was passed. An ineffectual attempt was made to transact other business, but no quorum being present the Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE—The House non-concurred in the Senate amendments to the consular and diplomatic and pension appropriation bills, and discussed and amended the post office bill. At the evening session 96 pension bills were passed and the House adjourned.

JUNE 14.

HOUSE.—Immediately after roll call the House resumed consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill, at the close of which the bill requiring Pacific railroad companies to pay the cost of preparing the lands granted to those companies was taken up. Pending discussion of this bill the House adjourned.

JUNE 16.

SENATE—A bill providing for the expenditure of not less than $300,000 for the erection of a public building at Erie, Pa., was reported favorably. The resolution providing for an investigation of the New York banks by a committee of the Senate was called up and discussed at great length, but no action was taken when the report of the conference committee on the postoffice bill was called for and submitted. The Senate resumed consideration of the Utah bill. Senator Brown of Georgia was the first speaker, and in his address he made a second attack upon New England institutions and upon Massachusetts in particular. Mr. Hoar of the old Bay state replied in defense. Several amendments were offered to the Utah bill, but without action the Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE—Bills were introduced as follows:—Granting 16 acres of land to every honorably discharged soldier or sailor of the late war; to prevent and punish prosecution of fraudulent claims against foreign governments and one or two others of minor importance. The rest of the session was devoted to the discussion of the deficiency bill.

JUNE 17.

SENATE—The recent trouble in the New York bank formed the subject for debate, after the committee, to whom the resolution had been referred the submitted its report. The matter was laid over and the Utah bill was placed before the Senate, the question being on the amendment of Mr. Vest, providing that in no case shall a lawful husband or wife be a competent witness except as to the fact of a lawful marriage having been contracted. A vote will be taken on the bill to-morrow.

HOUSE—The report of the conference committee on the Fitz John Porter bill was submitted. The report, which provides that Porter shall not receive back pay from the time of his dismissal from the army, was adopted. The House went into committee of the whole on the deficiency bill, which measure was finally passed. The bill to amend several Pacific railroad acts was then taken up. The bill, which is a measure to compel railroad companies to pay the cost of surveying the land, failure to do which will result in forfeiture of their right to the land, was passed, and the House adjourned.

The Acme of Sectarianism.—The Christian Union tells this story: A little girl came from her Sunday school in a high state of indignation because her Sunday school teacher had told her that Jesus was a Jew. "Was he a Jew, mother?" said she, in great excitement. "Why, yes, my dear," said the mother, a little doubtfully, as if unwilling to concede the objectionable fact, but unable to deny it; "I suppose he was a Jew." "But I thought he was the son of God" "So he is, my dear." "I don't see how, then, he could be a Jew," responded the young sectarian, "for God is a Presbyterian."

Statistics show that few women are married for the first time after the age of 30, and the universal belief is that there are a great many spinsters above that age who are anxious to try matrimony. It follows, then, that a host of worthy fellows are constantly passing to the grave disappointed in one of the dearest hopes and mourning the unkind fate which deprived them of eligible suitors.

A michigan man whipped his wife because she wouldn't carry seed corn to the field. The judge sentenced him to six months in jail. This is wrong. The wife will now have to hoe the corn if a harvest is gathered, They ought to have confined the man in the field and compelled him to attend to the growing crop and give his wife a rest.—Peck's Sun.

A body of scientists are preparing to investigate the true inwardness of a large rock near Salisbury, Conn., known as "Moving Rock." The rock has moved a quarter of a mile from its former location within the last 20 years. It weighs over 30 tons, is of a porous formation, and the channel it has made along the lake clearly indicates the progress it has made.

FOLK NOTES.

Secretary Lincoln will be 41 years old August 1.

Sankey is reported to be losing his voice and his retirement from active work is ordered by his physician.

Alexander H. Stephens' old home in Georgia, "Liberty Hall," is to be sold at auction with the library, furniture, and other effects.

E. Hewlett, colored, and John C. Shea, white, have formed a law partnership at Washington, which creates quite a commotion.

Prince Bismarck has a comfortable opinion of himself. "When I appear on the streets," he said to the guests at a big soiree recently "I am no longer an individual, but an event."

Prince Victor who is indulging in the luxury of a quarrel with his father, Prince Jerome (Plon-Plon) has fallen heir to £40,000, willed to him by some unknown person recently deceased.

Bishop Henry C. Potter proposes that every clergyman whose salary is $3,000 or over shall contribute an annual percentage to increase the income of persons who receive less than $1,000,

Victor Hugo has never chosen to learn English, believing that if Frenchmen learned no other tongue than their own the world would, at the end of half a century, speak nothing but French.

Rosa Bonheur's last finished work before her recent illness, is now on exhibition in London looking presumably for a purchaser. It is "The Lord of the Herd," a magnificent black short-horned bull that looks out of, and seems ready to walk out of, the canvas.

Bob Ingersoll has abandoned his assaults on a shoreless sea, unillumined by beam or star, and has engrafted as his platform a "hope, born of love, and not of religion, which stands on the shores of eternity and listens patiently for answering cries." He is evidently getting scared.

Mr. Corcoran, the venerable philanthropist of Washington, has shaken hands with every president except George Washington. He glories in the fact that his father was only a poor, honest shoe-maker, and he treasures the old cobbler's sign-board among his choicest possessions.

Queen Victoria's costume, intended to have been worn at the royal wedding is described as a model of the modiste's art. The material was black moire antique, with a silver thread running through it, interwoven with the fabric. A special loom had to be made for it, and its cost was £5 per yard.

When Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher was reminded that Henry Irving, the actor, had in his book on America described her as at first cool in her reception of Ellen Terry as a guest, but had at the end of the visit been so entirely captivated by the actress as to impulsively embrace her and weep in her arms, she simply answered "Nonsense!"

Ex-President Polk's widow, now 80 years old is living a quiet life in Nashville, Tenn. From the library of the dead president she can gaze upon the tomb that marks his resting place, and in the same library remain his hat, gloves and cane, just where he laid them when he came home for the last time. The book he was reading lies open on the table, and the papers of the day beside it.

George Mountfort, who died in Boston recently, aged 87 years, was a son of Joseph Mountfort, one of the famous "Boston Tea Party" and a zealous patriot through the Revolution. The son was in the commercial business at New York, Savannah and Boston until 1850, when President Taylor appointed him Consul at the Island of Candia, where he remained nine years, and where he received the rank and decoration of Turkish Bey from the Sultan. He was a frequent contributor to the newspaper press, and author of various historical works.

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