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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE elaborately carved Italian marble column of the ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan mausoleum, in Cedar Hill Cemetery, at Hartford, was ruined by fire a few days ago. The temporary house built around the shaft to protect the carvers in their work was burned, and the heat was sufficient to ruin the stone. The loss will be upwards of $15,000. St. Gaudens was the designer of the mausoleum.

THE monument placed on the spot where Gen. Custer's command was massacred, near the Big Horn river in Montana, is reported to be rapidly disintegrating under the influence of the weather. Some time since a high iron railing was put up to protect the memorial from injury at the hands of relic hunters, to whom nothing is sacred, but the action of the sun, wind and rain proves even more destructive than were the chippings of the vandals.

A NEW fire-escape has just been exhibited in New York. It consists of two iron tubes suspended from an iron traveler, which is so arranged on the edge of the roof as to be easily moved along the front of a building to any location required. The tubes serve as guides for a wire cab, which communicates by steel ropes with a weight in each tube. The special advantage of the invention is that it can be used for hoisting hose as well as for a fire escape.

WARRANTS have been issued for the arrest of several Philadelphia mill owners and others for polluting the Schuylkill river from which the greater part of the city's drinking water is obtained. The report of an expert appointed to collect evidence shows that among other pollutions the refuse from public water closets, dye houses, and all kinds of mills is drained directly into the stream. Among the matter discharged into the river within the city limits are bluestones, aniline dyes, soda ash and the water after washing rags and shoddy waste in a number of factories.

THE people of St. Joseph, Missouri are reported to have gone daft on astronomy since the advent of Professor Richard A. Proctor, who has become a resident of that city. Even the young ladies talk about Mars and Jupiter instead of ice cream and the fall fashions. Sewing circles have given place to astronomical societies; babies are named after the stars; furniture wagons are ornamented with pictures of the aurora borealis; "Saturn" cigars and "Venus" soap are among the novelties of the market; the newspapers contain able articles on the perturbations of Uranus and other subjects of the sort; and the craze is still spreading. There are fears that it will yet be necessary to wall in the town and call it a lunatic asylum.

AN eight-year-old child at Bridgeport, Conn., lately removed from her under jaw a decayed tooth which hung only by a shred of skin. The child held up the tooth for her mother's inspection. The mother examined the child's mouth and discovered what looked like a new tooth. Upon being touched it fell out. It was about the size of a small kernel of corn, white and too hard to be cut with a knife. Another new tooth instantly filled up the freshly opened cavity, and that in turn with 18 others were removed by the mother. At this junction she became alarmed and sent for a physician. He shortly arrived and removed 24 more, making a total of 42. Doctors say there has been cases of three or four teeth following each other in quick succession, but never has such a wonderful case as this come within their knowledge.

At the Walking Match.

Brooklyn Eagle.

A Thousand-legged Worm, scampering over the glimmering landscape, passed a quiet snail, who was taking his constitutional with his accustomed deliberation.

"Go to the Ant, thou sluggard," remarked the Thousand-legged Worm, scornfully, as he passed swiftly out of sight, being just then picked up by the twilight hen.

The Snail cautiously withdrawing into the veranda of his summer residence, smiled and remarked, as he watched his fleet-footed neighbor go down cross ways, with many vain wrigglings.

"And permit me, in passing, to call attention to that other remark by the author whom you have just quoted, and which you will find in Ecclesiastes, x., 11. 'I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift.'"

"Nor the slow either," said the hen. "There is nothing so stimulating to the digestion or so abundant in the phosphates and carbonates of lime and magnesia, which enter into the composition of the egg-shell, as a little shell fish, taken in the early evening."

So saying, she lifted him in out of the evening damps, himself and his house, with all its dips, spurs, and angles, feoffs, liens, hereditaments thereunto appertaining.

"Any how" said the dying Snail "I saved my breath and got in second. Why should one hasten to go to the Ant when, if he wait patiently and with leisure, the Ant will come to him?"

Hlec fabuladocets that it is hard to fight the facts; that it is foolish to run from the hen, because no man under the sun, even a cross-eyed man, can tell which way the hen is going to run.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No 1, white	$ 85	@	95
Wheat—new red	80	@	83
Flour	4 50	@	4 75
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
Dried Apples, ℔ lb	6	@	6½
Peaches	13	@	15
Cherries	19	@	20
Apples per bbl	2 00	@	2 50
Butter, ℔ lb	16	@	17
Eggs	14	@	
Potatoes	40	@	45
Onions, per bbl	2 25	@	2 50
Honey	4	@	16
Beans picked	2 35	@	2 40
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 25	@	17 50
Pork, family	17 25	@	17 50
Hams	13	@	14
Shoulders	8	@	9
Lard	8	@	9
Beef extra mess	12 00	@	12 50
Wood, Beech and Maple	5 75	@	6 00
Wood, Maple	6 25	@	6 50
Wood Hickory	6 25	@	6 50

"MICHIGAN MY MICHIGAN."

Conscience Smitten.

The following letter, copied verbatim, was received by the secretary of the state agricultural society recently, and is one of the most stretched cases of accusing conscience on record:

——, Aug. 26, 1884.

MR. SECRETARY—Sir—In the year of 1860 I entered your grounds on the day of the fair without paying the fee which was 25 cents, and have felt ever sitce that I wronged your society to that extent, at least, and now I enclose four fold, to be paid by you to the treasurer of the Allegan county agricultural society. Please accept and use and oblige.

——Y. ——K.

P. S.—If you wish to acknowledge you can do so in the Advance of Chicago.

Durfee Sentenced for Life.

The jury in the case of Stephen Durfee, on trial in Hastings for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Wm. Scudder, was out two hours, and at the end of that time returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. The prisoner had nothing to say for himself, and he was sentenced by Judge Looker to imprisonment for life. The officer started with him for Jackson within half an hour of the time the sentence was pronounced. The case has attracted a great deal of attention, there being a large attendance during the entire trial. An immense crowd witnessed his departure from the depot. The case will be appealed.

IN THE STATE.

Evart is boasting of a genuine "sheeps-skin" bond.

The university law professors have concluded to stay another year.

Oil has been discovered in Port Huron. A second well is to be sunk.

The Adrian Savings bank has suspended. All depositors will be paid in full.

Mrs. Hannah Akers of Nottawa, St. Joseph county was 100 years old September 1.

Hunters are already flocking to the Upper Peninsula in large numbers to shoot deer.

During the season about forty bushels of blackberries were shipped daily from Caro.

Joseph Wilder of Whitehall, while intoxicated, fell out of his wagon, breaking his neck.

Battle Creek is to have a new carriage factory with $30,000 capital and employing 50 hands.

Dr. A. R. Smart of Hudson, is the new appointee on the Pension Board to succeed Dr. Rynd.

Mrs Ella Depew of St. Louis in a moment of drunken frenzy, shot herself, dying instantly.

A coal mine will soon be opened in Brooklyn, Jackson county. It is believed coal exists there in unusual quantities.

A little son of George A. Barber, Richland, Kalamazoo county, fell into an open horse tank and was drowned.

The treasurer of Haring township, Wexford county, has disappeared, and his accounts are said to be $2,400 short.

Cass City longeth intensely for an agricultural implement factory. Liberal inducements are held out by the citizens.

There is scarcely a vacant house in Saline, and the demand for them is brisk. Mechanics feel hopeful in consequence.

The Evart Review are publishing from week to week an historical sketch of Osceola county. The articles are well written.

A man named Woodhouse has been arrested in Manitoba on a charge of raising an order on a Ludington firm from $5 to $75.

John Lowry, the embezzling cashier of the Calumet and Hecla mining company, has been sentenced to five years in Jackson.

F. E. Depauli of Michigan, has been appointed to a $1,000 clerkship in the War Department under the civil service rules.

In parts of Cheboygan county rain has fallen but twice since spring and summer, and spring crops are almost an entire failure.

The case of Michael Brennan, the East Saginaw lawyer, accused of defrauding a client, has been settled without the aid of the courts.

A man named Ervin Lindsley has been arrested for pulling up the crop of a poor one-legged man living in Underwood, Montcalm county.

The Tibbits property consisting of the opera house, rink, etc., valued at $54,000, brought $250 at the sale this week, they were sold by creditors.

Sheriff Winney of Jackson offers $50 reward for the return of Clark and Dwyer, the two Detroit crooks, who broke out of the Jackson jail recently.

Thomas Mills of Muskegon shot Miss Carrie White, Sunday, Aug. 31, because she refused to marry him. The wounds are not serious. Mills is in jail.

Gen. Boynton, a Grand Rapids capitalist, asks the common council of that city permission to build, equip and operate six more lines of street railway.

A correspondent in the Freeland Star writes from Washington Territory saying among other things: My advice to young men back east is to stay there.

Charles Williams, alias George Scotty, sent from Oakland county December 8, 1882, for two and one-half years for larceny, died at the Jackson prison Aug. 27.

James A. Case, James H. Tibbitts and Miss Carrie M. Comstock of Michigan have been appointed to clerkships in the treasury department under the civil service rules.

A young man named Frank Cassidy, arrested at Coldwater recently, is suspected as the thief who stole $20,000 worth of jewelery from a drummer's sample trunk at Three Rivers, June 24.

There is a strong probability that Hillsdale will have water works in the near future, the committee having the matter in charge being favorably impressed with the proposition made by the contractors.

The road commissioner of Chippewa county has introduced road scrapers through the county, to be paid for in county orders. More good roads have been built there this summer than for ten years past.

The new addition to the Battle Creek sanitarium, now nearly completed, will cost $60,000. It will take four 60-horse power boilers to heat the whole building. They are now being put in at a cost of $6,000.

Hillsdale county farmers are discouraged because of the long continued drouth. No plowing can be done, and in many instances farmers have been obliged to feed their stock. The prospect is very gloomy.

What will be done with the mail service between St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie is not yet known, and the inhabitants hold their breath till they know whether they are to hear from the outside world or not.

Calhoun county farmers get not less than 35 cents per bushel for all their potatoes, and say they can make more money out of them at that price than they can from wheat, at the price they are now getting, 73 cents.

From January 1st to June 30th, 1884, the Grand Trunk car ferries Huron and International transferred 100,000 railway cars at this point, representing about 1,000,000 tons of freight.—Port Huron Weekly Tribune.

A Barry county man thought his neighbor's bees were robbing his swarms. So he took a paddle and went at the bees. He worked faithfully and had nearly killed off one swarm when he discovered that he was killing his own bees.

Mrs. Jesse De Coursey one of the oldest residents of Eaton Rapids died Sept. 1, aged 66 years. She attended to her household duties until Saturday afternoon, when she was stricken with apoplexy and remained unconcious till she died.

While a son of C. W. Thorp of Little Prairie Ronda, was lifting a gun from a boat on Dowagiac River Monday morning, Sept. 1st, the hammer caught and discharged the gun, killing the young man instantly. He was 17 years old.

A dispatch from East Tawas dated Aug. 31, says: The heaviest forest fires are now raging between here and Au Sable. A northwest gale started them up to-day. The flames can be seen for miles at night. The fire has now got in a very valuable tract of cedar.

The climatic changes in the iron regions of Michigan are more sudden and marked than in the southern part of the state. At Ishpeming August 20 the thermometer indicated 84 degrees in the shade at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, at a corresponding hour, it was only 38 degrees.

A Cheshire, Allegan county, farmer makes complaint that the yellows are quite prevalent in some orchards in that town, and that no attention is paid to the law in relation to the destruction of affected trees. Here is a chance for the Yellows commissioner to exercise his authority.

The following prescription, written by a certain M. D. of this village was found at one of our drug stores, and on account of its originality, we copy it: "Four Collier ½ o Tick Reubarb, ¼ o Tick Camfire, ¼ o Launum. Dos from 3 to 6 draps to bea taken."—St. Louis Republican.

An inebriate, with a lighted pipe, slept in a barn in East Blissfield the other night. The hay was set on fire, and before the fire was subdued, the barn, Bartholomew's building used as a furniture warehouse, and several other buildings were destroyed at a loss of over $01,000.

The Western Hay Fever Association, in session at Petoskey, elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Col. Lorenzo James, Alabama; Vice President, Col. J. A. Andrews, Cincinnati, O.; Secretary, Zacariah Parish, Irvington, Ind; Treasurer, F. J. Belknap, Petoskey.

During a heavy thunder storm at Houghton, the residence of C. W. Robinson was struck by lightning and burned to the ground; loss about $3 000. The current passed down a chimney smashing a side of a bed and throwing two children who were sleeping in it on the floor. Neither were hurt.

Augustus H. Meshop, state inspector of lumber from the time the office was created until the law providing for it was repealed, has been afflicted with softening of the brain and has been pronounced insane. He was one of the most widely known and respected of the prominent lumbermen of the valley.

John Wilcox of Wellsville, a 10 year-old boy, was playing at a camp meeting held near Ridgeway, Sunday Aug. 31, when he stumbled and fell in front of a pair of horses being driven rapidly through the grounds. The horses reared and one of them plunged its foot in the boy's breast, killing him instantly.

A boy hunting a cow near Leland one evening recently came across the dead body of a man. Investigation showed it to be the body of Carl Oleson, a former clerk of H. and J. Deuster, of Sutton's Bay, aged about 60, and that he had committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. Letters found on his body showed that the deed was premeditated.

A Michigan justice of the peace wants to turn an honest penny by performing marriages, and has issued the following "card" in a local paper: "Marriage ceremonies performed at all hours of the day or night. Especial attention given to claims of soldiers who were frightened or discharged during the war. Office hours from 1 o'clock in the morning to midnight, standard time."

The young ladies' seminary property at Monroe has been purchased by some of the Catholic citizens of that place and deeded to Bishop Burgess, who will transform it into a theological seminary. The buildings will be occupied as a boys' school until next year when the young men from the Detroit diocese who are studying for the priesthood at Sandwich, Ont., Baltimore and other places will be transferred to it.

The Milwaukee & Lake Superior Silver mining company have filed articles of incorporation with $600,000 capital. The company is composed of four gentlemen, N. H. Smith and C. W. Brown of Milwaukee and Chas. M Howell and Wm. O. Butler of Ontonagon. The new mine is located at Silver City, fourteen miles west of Ontonagon, on the south shore of Lake Superior, and big stories are told as to its richness.

R. Brown, a member of the firm of Brown & Ward, jewelers, thirty-years a resident of East Saginaw, was arrested the other afternoon on a warrant issued on complaint of Thomas E. Doughty, an old and well-known citizen, who charges Brown with the larceny of jewelers' goods to the value of over $500 three years ago, at which time Brown was in Doughty's employ. Brown gave bail in $1,500 to appear for examination. His family is highly respected and moves in the best society and the affair creates considerable excitement.

A young man named Frank Lauchlin committed suicide by drowning at Reed's Lake, near, Grand Rapids. He has been in the second-hand furniture trade in that city about five years and was somewhat embarrassed financially. He was 26 years of age and unmarried. His body is not yet recovered. He hired a boat at Reed's Lake and went out alone. An hour later the boat was found floating with his coat on the seat and in the pocket a letter confessing to forging Trusch Bros.' signature as an indorsement to a $50 note, and his brother's name to other notes.

STRAY STRAWS.

The cashier skipped out with the money and the second national bank of Xenia, Ohio, had to close its doors.

Payne the Oklahoma boomer, and seven of his followers, will be turned over to the U. S. authorities at Fort Scott, Ks.

Four members of the Lytle Greys, a Cincinnati military company, have been dishonorably discharged for cowardice during the riots.

Yellow fever is prevalent in the island of Porto Rico, and the Marine hospital bureau will try to prevent its coming into this country.

The long threatened arrest of Gov. Ireland was to have taken place at Galveston yesterday but the governor denied the authority of the court in the case and the jurisdiction of the United States marshal who was to make the arrest. The latter official consulted with the district judge, and the warrant for Ireland's arrest was annulled.

The survey now being made in Georgian bay shows that the bottom of that body of water has a very peculiar formation. For several miles 60 or 80 feet of water will be found, when suddenly the water shoals up to a few feet. A number of large boulders seem to be scattered over the bottom of the bay. The greatest depth found so far is 540 feet.

Of the 50,000 postmasters in the United States there are 2,000 whose salaries are below $10; 34 whose salaries did not last year amount to the sum of $1 each; 15 whose salaries are less than 50 cents, and one whose earnings for the year were 9 cents.

Minister Ferry has no intention at present of summoning the French parliament. He says owing to China's treachery it has been impossible to treat her like a civilized nation.

The British government has contracted with a Chicago firm to supply 500,000 pounds of compressed beef for the Gordon relief expedition.

Gen. Stephenson, disapproving of the plan of the Nile campaign, asks that he be relieved of command.

Gen. Lord Wolseley has appointed General Earle to the position of second in command of the Gordon relief expedition. Gen. Earle's brigade has been ordered to move so as to reach the second cataract early in October.

A jury appointed to investigate have declared Storey, editor of the Chicago Times, insane.

A number of persons in Eaufala, Ala., have been stricken with hydrophobia caused by eating the meat of a hog bitten by a mad dog.

Wm. Peake and wife, of the once famous Swiss bell ringers, are living in want at Waverly, N. Y. She is 74, and he is 77 and sick, and their children appear to have deserted them. Sympathetic theatrical friends are trying to secure their admission to the old folks' home at Elmira, N. Y.

The United States steamer Kearsarge, at Gibraltar, has been ordered to cruise along the north and west coast of Africa.

The king of the Congo district protests against the petty princes ceding land to the association, and says they must recognize Portuguese sovereignty.

Gen. Welseley will go to Egypt at once. The French consul at Khartoum has been advised to remain there, even if Gordon returns with the relief expedition.

Nearly 70 dwelling houses have been erected at Manistique the present summer.

Lieut. Danenhower has been assigned to take charge of the department of electricity, meteorology and natural philosophy at the naval academy at Anapolis.

Arizona's total production of copper this year is expected to be nearly 50 per cent. greater than last year's yield, which amounted to 17,000,000 pounds.

Kentucky prohibitionists have put an electoral ticket in the field.

China has expressed a willingness, and the early settlement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty is looked for.

The ship Kangaroo was burned and sunk in the English channel. Nine persons were drowned.

Jewish outrages in Europe continue.

Gen. Millot of the French forces has been recalled on account of his incompetency. The French have completed their work of destruction at Foo Chow. Irreparable damage has been done to the Chinese artillery service.

The estimated cost of the Gordon relief expedition is £8,000,000.

Several members of the Greely expedition are to join a Cincinnati museum.

The defendant in the Blaine libel suit has filed a demurer to the complaint alleging that the facts set forth are insufficient to warrant proceedings.

A notice has been issued by the acting secretary of the treasury prohibiting the unloading of old rags imported for the next three months.

Indian Commissioner Price has withdrawn his resignation.

Stanley, the African explorer, favors the Nile route for the relief of Gordon.

Frauds of $400,000 discovered in the Egyptian ministry of finance. High foreign officials implicated.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has just passed his 75th birthday.

Berber has been captured by followers of the False Prophet, who committed the most horrible outrages upon its citizens.

Gen. Gordon has announced that Khartoum cannot hold out until November.

The cholera is still increasing in Italy.

The public debt statement for August shows a reduction during the month of $8,312,850 26; decrease since June 30, 1884, $12,536,141 09.

Three men have been arrested in Toronto for threatening to thrash every dude they met.

Gov. Hoadley made a personal investigation of the situation among the miners in the Hocking Valley, Ohio, and found it so serious that he ordered out three companies of troops.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton cast her first vote in Johnstown, N. Y., Monday, Sept. 1.

It is now positively known that Melville has been offered the command of a private polar expedition.

The New York Tribune is authority for the statement that a Cuban girl was sold at Saratoga recently for $1,200. She is said to be 20 years old, and her purchaser is to present her to his intended bride at Havana.

During the month of August gold coin and bullion owned by the government increased from $119,000,000 to nearly $122,500,000.

Over $10,000,000 were drawn from the United State treasury for pensions during August.

Japan claims to possess sovereignty over the Loo Choo islands and will argue the point with China.

The Min river is open to traffic as far as Foo Chow.

A New York builder is under arrest for building house walls hollow and filling them with sand.

There is every probability that the Swaim court martial will be further postponed until after inauguration.

The Tallapoosa disaster is attributed to color blindness. The matter is to be investigated.

PROHIBITION TICKET.

David Preston of Detroit Heads It.

An Earnest and Enthusiastic Convention of Tempernace People—The Platform Adopted.

The Prohibition state convention was called to order at 10:15 a. m. Wednesday, August 27, by Samuel Dickie, chairman of the state central committee of the union party, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. M. Callen of Portland. Mr. Dickie made one of his characteristic addresses outlining the policy of the party and denouncing in caustic terms the hypocrisy of the Republican party on the temperance question.

He closed by naming D. P. Sagendorph of Charlotte, as temporary chairman, and Dr. Sweetland of Edwardsburg, as temporary secretary.

Mr Sagendorph simply thanked the convention for the honor and

PROCEEDED TO BUSINESS.

The several congressional districts presented one name each for the several committees, including a committee on finance, and after preliminary organization the convention took a recess until 2 o'clock.

When the convention was called to order in the afternoon, the report of the committee on credentials was first in order and was called for. The committee reported that they had examined the credentials of a total number of 387 delegates and found them satisfactory. On motion the reading of the list of delegates was dispensed with and the report adopted.

The committee on permanent organization and order of business next reported, and recommended the names of the Hon. W. C. Gage for permanent chairman and Prof J. B. Steere for permanent secretary. The vice-presidents chosen by the several district delegates were approved. The report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

At the close of the chairman's address a motion was made and carried that the convention proceed to the nomination of candidates for governor while waiting for the report of the committee.

When the first district was called Mr. E. S. Woodman of Northville, came forward and presented the name of David Preston of Detroit. Representatives from each district supported the nomination in appropriate addresses. The nomination was finally made by acclamation.

The rest of the ticket was filled out as follows:

For lieutenant-governor, Alonzo Sherwood of Berrien; secretary of state, Zaccheus Chase of Genesee; state treasurer, A. B. Cheney of Kent; auditor-general, O. E. Downing of Marquette; commissioner state land office, W. W. Barkus of Muskegon; attorney general, J. H. Tatem of Kent; superintendent of public instruction, J. B. Steere of Washtenaw; member of state board of education, J. W. McKeever of Allegan.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

At large, John Russell, Samuel Dickie; first district, Frank Cressy of Wayne; second district, Frank B. Warring of Lenawee; third district, B. W. Warren of Charlotte; fourth district, D. A. Granger of Van Buren; fifth district, E. A. Richards of Sanilac; sixth district, D. A. Stonewell of Holly; seventh district, Mark Carrington of Port Austin; eighth district, E. L. Brewer of Shiawassee; ninth district, O. M. Bronson of Everett; tenth district, Brent. Harding of Bay; eleventh district, not represented; to be supplied by state central committee.

THE PLATFORM.

The report of the committee on resolutions was listened to attentively, and a vote was taken on its adoption without discussion. The platform was not adopted unanimously, however. A lone woman in the sixth district arose and voted "no" The resolutions follow:

Resolved, That this convention, recognizing Almighty God as the ruler and governor of all things, and asking His blessing on our work, does this day present to the people a full clean ticket for officers of the state of Michigan. We ask for it the moral and political support of: 1. All who would abolish the legalized traffic in intoxicating liquors. 2. All who favor the intrusting of the affairs of the government to honest, capable and sober men. 3. All who believe in the adoption of the most rigid rules of civil service reform.

Resolved, That capital is necessary to the employment of labor, and laboring men should look favorably upon the development and increase of capital. But capital without labor is useless. The great army of toilers is the foundation of our prosperity. Their interest and sacred rights should be maintained by appropriate legislation. No one thing will so effectually do this as the suppression of the liquor traffic, therefore, we invite all laboring men to unite with us, pledging ourselves to favorable action in behalf of their interests and welfare.

Resolved, That we regard it altogether inexpedient for us to endorse the candidates of any other political party for any office, as it tends to weaken our own forces and encourage political parties who are organically disqualified to deal with the question of prohibition.

Resolved, We do not believe that sex alone should debar any citizen from all the rights of citizenship. We declare ourselves favorable to woman suffrage and will hail the coming of the time when it can be made a distinct and prominent political issue.

Resolved, That we fully endorse the platform of the National Prohibition party and will heartily support its candidates.

Resolved, That we call the attention of members of the democratic and greenback parties to the shameful and ignoble position in which the greedy office-seekers who control those organizations have placed them. The direst foes to good government never proposed a scheme more destructive of political virtue and prejudicial to the people's interest than the open bargain and sale arrangement made by these fusionists for the mere purpose of political spoils. No reform in the existing abuses of government can take place if we put our state in the control of men who trade their principles for office—if they will barter their votes before election they will cheat the people after, and cannot be trusted to bring about those reforms which the people so much demand. We present a clean issue, overshadowing in its importance all others, which affects alike the poor and rich man's home. We earnestly appeal to all voters to come with us, and by their votes contribute to a victory which means a grand uplifting of the human race, rather than the mere parceling out of spoils as brigands divide the plunder they have gained by a successful raid.

Resolved—That the resolution adopted by the state convention of the Republican party at Kalamazoo two years ago and reaffirmed at the late convention held at Detroit as a substitute for the report of the committee on platform upon the subject of temperance, is an acknowledgment of its inability to grapple with the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic, inasmuch as it is a confession that there is no unity upon the subject in its own ranks. Even the demand which it makes for the submission of a constitutional amendment is of very little value, as the leading organ of the party of this state frankly confesses that "no state convention can prohibit voters from sending a Republican to Lansing who does not favor prohibition or submission either." The convention "cannot bind local constituencies." Therefore we cannot secure the election of proper candidates in a party having such various opinions and convictions upon the subject.

NEWS NOTES

A NARROW ESCAPE.

President Arthur's party had a narrow escape from instant death the other afternoon in New York. The president, Secretary Chandler, Senators Aldrich, Hawley, Miller and other officials went on the torpedo boat 'Triana' for the purpose of experimenting with torpedoes. They had exploded one successfully and had put another overboard preparatory to exploding it, and were standing on deck engaged in conversation, when without any interference whatever it prematurely exploded. No plausible reason can be assigned for the explosion, which under the same circumstances was liable to have occurred at any previous moment on board, in which case she would, with all on board, have been blown to atoms.

PERISHING PIEGANS.

In regard to the reports of the distressed condition of the Piegan Indians, Acting Indian Commissioner Stevens has stated that the Indian office is in no wise to blame for the condition of affairs. At the last session of congress the commissioner had requested the appropriation of $75,000 for the maintenance of these Indians. This amount was, in the opinion of the bureau, the smallest sum that would suffice for the purpose, but the House cut the estimate down to $40,000. The Senate increased the appropriation to $50,000, and this money, although used to the best advantage, is not enough to feed the Indians during the year. On August 11 Agent Allen made the following report on the subject: Under date of June 4, 1884, I wrote your office, reviewing the estimate for supplies made by my predecessor, John Young, for the year ending June 30, 1885, and showed that the amount of meat estimated for was only one quarter of the quantity required, and of flour only about one-third of the quantity required. He asked for 500,000 pounds of beef and only 400,000 pounds have been purchased—less than one-fifth rations, or less than five ounces per day for each person. The flour purchased for the current fiscal year gives less than six ounces per day to each person. On such an allowance, having nothing else, how could they avoid starving? I telegraphed you that I have supplies for present needs. If I were to divide 400,000 pounds of beef gross by fifty-two, the number of weeks in the year, and issue only that amount, their needs would not be met, but I am issuing more than that and will continue to do so while I have it on hand, for these Indians shall not die of starvation while I have anything to give them. If the supply runs out, the responsibility may rest where it belongs. At present there is great abundance of berries and these help to prevent starvation, for the Indians gather and eat them in great quantities, but berries will soon be gone and then there will be nothing but meat and flour. It should be borne in mind that at no time since I assumed charge of this agency has there been a single pound of rice, beans, hog, oatmeal or anything of that kind issued to the Indians. Do you wonder it is reported they are starving! In May and June there were times when they stripped the trees and ate the inner bark to satisfy their hunger, and all the time they were begging for food. I at one time had over 2,000 pounds of bacon that I had not reported for and had been condemned by the Board of Survey. I would never have done so had they not been in a starving condition. Just now they are not starving, the supplies will run low, and the carpenter will be kept busy making burial boxes, unless something can be done in the way of getting them additional food.

HUNTED DOWN.

John Hunt, who forged a draft on the Market Bank of Detroit, Mich., for $6,000, and received from the Bank of Deadwood $6,000 and a certificate of deposit for $2,000 in exchange for the note, was tried in Deadwood, convicted and sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the prison at Sioux Falls. Hunt defrauded banks at Milwaukee and other western cities.

THE DEAD SENATOR.

Henry B. Anthony, Senior United States Senator, Dead.

Henry B. Anthony, senior Senator of the United States and of Rhode Island, died at his residence in Providence, Sept. 2, aged 69 years 5 months and 1 day. He was in more than usual health the day before his death, having spent some hours in the Journal office and manifested his usual cheerful good spirits, when not oppressed by pain and weakness, his chronic disease. He passed a comfortable night and took breakfast about 9 o'clock with good appetite. Shortly afterwards he was observed growing pale, and was attacked by uremic convulsions from which he did not recover, and passed away at 1:45. For many years Mr. Anthony was a conspicuous object in the United States Senate. He entered that body in 1859 and served continuously since then. Hannibal Hamlin and he were the only members of the Senate who witnessed the departure and return of the senators from the rebellious states. He was born in Coventry, R. I., on the 1st of April, 1815, and came from a good old Quaker family. In 1833 he graduated at Brown university, and a few years later became editor of the Providence Journal. He made his influence felt and rapidly marched to the front in municipal and national politics. In 1849 he was elected governor of Rhode Island. He was re-elected in the following year, but declined to be a candidate for the third term. He took his seat in the United States senate in 1859, having been elected as a Union Republican to succeed Philip Allen, a Democrat. He was re-elected in 1865, 1871, 1876, and 1882. He served as the head of the printing committee and was a member of the committees on claims, naval affairs and post offices and post roads. He was also a member of the national committee appointed to accompany the remains of President Lincoln to Illinois, and was one of the senators chosen by the Senate to attend the funeral of Gen. Scott at West Point. That same year he was a delegate to the Philadelphia "Loyalist" convention. Anthony was president pro tem of the Senate in 1869 and 1871. He amassed considerable wealth as a newspaper proprietor and was popular as citizen, governor and senator. [illegible] He was at midnight [illegible] He never married. [illegible]

Department of State.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Lansing, Aug. 8, 1884.

In the following table is presented, by counties, the total population of Michigan in each of the years 1880 and 1884, and the increase or decrease in 1884 as compared with 1880. The table is complete except for the counties of Isle Royal and Ontonagon, and the township of Burt in Schoolcraft county, from which the census returns for 1884 have not been received. The totals of 1884 are the results of the first count of the population as shown by the schedules returned to this office by census enumerators, and are still subject to corrections.

The population June 1, 1884, of all of the counties named in the table was 1,850,925. The population in 1880 of Isle Royal and Ontonagon was 2,629. If there has been neither increase nor decrease in these counties the population of the state June 1, 1884, exclusive of Burt, in Schoolcraft county, was 1,853,554, an increase of 216,606 compared with 1880. The township of Burt was not organized until 1882.

HARRY A. CONANT, Secretary of State.

COUNTIES.	1884.	1880.	In-crease.	De-crease.
Alcona	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allegan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alpena	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Antrim	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arenac	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Baraga	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Barry	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Benzie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Berrien	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Branch	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Calhoun	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cass	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charlevoix	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cheboygan	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chippewa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clare	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clinton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crawford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Emmet	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Genesee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gladwin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gr. Traverse	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gratiot	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hillsdale	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Houghton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Huron	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ingham	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ionia	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Iosco	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Isabella	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jackson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Keweenaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kalamazoo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kalkaska	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kent	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lake	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lapeer	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Leelanaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lenawee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Livingston	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mackinac	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Macomb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manistee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manitou	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Marquette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mason	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mecosta	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Menominee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Midland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Missaukee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Monroe	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Montcalm	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mt. Morency	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Muskegon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Newaygo	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oakland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oceana	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ogemaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Osceola	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oscoda	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Otsego	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ottawa	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Presque Isle	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Roscommon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Saginaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sanilac	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schoolcraft	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shiawassee	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Clair	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Joseph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tuscola	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Van Buren	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Washtenaw	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wayne	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wexford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Totals	1,850,925	1,634,317	225,228	8,620

a As published in compendium of the Tenth U. S. Census, [illegible] greater than the footing of township and city totals.

Roger A. Pryor has come to the conclusion that the humblest American newspaper shows more grit, intelligence and energy than any of the great London dailies.

A BURNING TRAIN.

A Number of Persons Instantly Killed and Others Injured.

Michigan Men Among the Wounded.

The Denver News' Greeley special says: The burning of a circus car nine miles north of Greeley was attended with indescribable horror. The burned car was next to the engine in a train of seventeen cars, containing Orton's Anglo-American Circus, which left Fort Collins about midnight for Golden, over the Greeley & Salt Lake Pacific railroad. The train was nearing Windsor, a small town near Greeley, running about twenty-five miles an hour, when the engineer discovered that the car was on fire, reversed the engine and opened the whistle valve. There were sixty men in the car, arranged in three tiers of berths on either side. The forward side door was closed and the men in the bunks sleeping against it. The rear side door was also closed and the men who awoke discovered a lower unoccupied berth next to it containing rubbish on fire, filling the car with smoke,

CUTTING OFF ESCAPE

In that direction. The only means of egress was through a small window between the car and engine. John Pine, Edgerton, Wis., and Elmer Millet, Iowa, crawled through the opening and tried to pass in water from the engine tank. Owing to the suffocating gas it was difficult to arouse the sleepers. Some were kicked and bruised in a shocking manner, and pitched out of the window. The screams of those unable to get through the blockaded aperture were terrifying. The wild glare of the flames, the light of the burning car and the shouts of the victims outside who were writhing in agony on the cactus beds, caused the wild beasts in the adjoining car to become frantic with terror, making the scene appalling. The performers, who occupied the rear cars, gazed with white faces on the awful spectacle. In the midst of the confusion two or three heroic souls appeared equal to the occasion, and bravely cut their way to their companions, to find them already in the agony of death.

The coroner impaneled a jury, who were unable to learn the cause of the fire, or other important facts, as the managers with the remainder of the company left immediately for Golden to fill the afternoon engagement.

It is impossible to get a complete list of the dead, as many had been engaged but a day or two, and their names were unknown. The names of the dead, as far as learned, are as follows: Alex. McLeod, Marinette, Wis; Thomas McCarthy, Independence, Ia.; John Kelly, New York City; Others, know as Silver thorn, Andy, Frenchy, Frank. George, Smithie, one unknown.

The following is a list of sufferers by the circus car fire now at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver:

E. E. Fairbank, aged 22, arms, legs and face badly burned.

Albert Borden, 17 years, Logan, Ks., arms and face badly burned.

Thomas Golden, 17, Detroit, Mich., very badly burned on back and legs.

N. J. Zimmerman, 18, St. Louis, Mich., arms, legs, back and face fearfully burned.

Frank Kings, Menomiee, Mich., badly burned about the hands and feet.

Michael McGlinn, 28, Houghton, Mich., face and hands badly burned.

H. O'Donnell, 56, New Orleans, La., badly burned about the face, arms, hands and back; will probably die.

A number of the rescued agree that in the car were two barrels of gasoline which were exploded, either by sparks from the engine or from the naked torches with which the men are accustomed to light themselves to bed.

FROM A FOREIGN SHORE.

EN ROUTE TO TONQUIN.

Twenty five hundred French troops have been placed in readiness to proceed to Tonquin if required. Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, has telegraphed Admiral Courbet that war supplies for French forces can be obtained at the arsenal at Saigon, French Cochin China. Operations against Langson are suspended on account of intense heat. Gen Negrier will retire to Bacninh. It is stated that the delta is in no danger. Gen. Millot telegraphs from Tonquin that he lost four men while repulsing pirates and Black Flags who pillaged villages along the Red river and massacred inhabitants. The French garrisons at Sontay and Hong Hoa with the aid of gunboats, Millot states, succeeded in driving them into the mountains.

STARVING PIEGANS.

Gov. Crosby, at Helena, M. T., states that the special agent sent by him to inquire into the condition of the Piegan Indians has just returned and found that these Indians, about 2,000, are dying from the effects of gradual starvation at the rate of one or two a day. Men and women are gaunt and spiritless and the children emaciated. All are so weakened by lack of sufficient food for the past two years that dreadful suffering and death will occur shortly. The appropriation for this year only permits the agent to issue two pounds of beef and three pounds of bad flour per week, entirely inadequate to support well people. The governor reports an unnatural and inhuman state of things existing, and calls upon the secretary of the interior to assume the responsibility of issuing rations until congress meets in December.

The Process of Distillation.

St. Joseph county people, remarks the Centerville Republican, are acquainted with the general process of growing and distilling herbs. Wolf Bros. are generally known everywhere in connection with this business from the fact of their experience in it. A visit to their distillery the other day found a business of no mean importance. It is owned by Daniel F. and John F. Wolf, who distill peppermint, spearmint, wormwood and tansy. It takes nine persons to conduct the business, which moves along from early morn till late at night. The whole machinery is run by steam, furnished by two engines, one six horse power and the other twelve, the latter being new, as is also other appliances placed in the still for the growing business; the old machinery being used to distill wormwood, and the new for mints. The herb is packed and tramped down in large wooden tubs, one load of the herb filling two tubs; then the tight cover is fastened down, and the steam turned on through a tin tube in the bottom of the tub, then the steam and essence passes up through the herb, thence up through a tin pipe in the top of the tub, where it is conducted to a condenser which is 16 feet long and is a double pipe upon which a stream of cold water drips from a trough overhead. The condensed steam passes from into a block tin worm, then down through the worm into a large tub filled with water and the oil comes out into a receiver, which separates, the water passing down through the receiver and runs away, and the oil passes off the top into a glass receptacle.

This in brief is the process of distillation. The growing of the herb is of a very important nature to a successful yield, it being very sensitive to the drought. Prospects for a yield were good this year, until the recent dry weather set in, which has undoubtedly cut down the crop at least one third of an average yield, and compelled an early harvest to secure it in any shape. The peppermint is especially light this year, in fact lighter than ever before, which, with a reported hail storm in Wayne county, N. Y., last week, of the largest growing district in this country, will necessarily make the price of essential oils higher this year.

Wolf Bros. have a rectifier to re-distil oils, which will take out all impurities and leave only clear and pure oil. They give employment to a number of hands.

Not Much, Israel Pinkham, says I."

New York Evangelist.

Israel Pinkham and wife moved from Maine many years ago to Utah Territory. They passed through Salt Lake the other day on their way to their old home, and the old lady made no secret on the cause of their return. To the reporter for a Gentile newspaper she said: "My husband and I have lived together these forty-two years, and though we joined the Mormons twenty years ago, nothing was ever said about polygamy until this spring. Then some sneaking priest came round and got the old man worked up with the idea that he must have one or two more wives. 'Not much, Israel Pinkham,' says I; 'we've got no occasion to p'int their fingers at us when we cross over to the other shore. This thing has gone just as far as it's going to; Israel Pinkham, we're going back to Maine,' says I, 'and whether we've got one year or ten years to live, we'll end this here pilgrimage decent, as we begun it.' Ain't that what I told you?" said she, addressing the old man, who had been a silent listener. He smiled in a faint way, and nodded assent.

An Old New England Custom.

Harper's Magazine.

In early New England days, as far back as the middle of the eighteenth century, when hospitality was a practice as well as a virtue, there was in most houses only one large assembly room, and there the family and all the guests and chance callers gathered on winter nights about a blazing fire of logs. We know that youth was youth and love was love, and young men were timid and maidens were shy, and courtship went on in those days. How was courtship possible in this common room, where every word was heard and every look taken notice of? We read in the admirable little volume on the Centennial of Long Meadow, Mass., by Prof. Richard S. Storrs of that place, that in the winter evenings, for the convenience of young lovers, since there was no "next room," courting-sticks were used; that is, long wooden tubes that would convey from lip to ear sweet and secret whispers. Was this an invention peculiar to Long Meadow?

It is a charming picture that this calls up of life in a puritan household, this tubular love-making, the pretty girl (nearly every girl is pretty in the twilight of long ago) seated in one stiff high-backed chair, and the staid, but blushing lover in another, handling the courting-stick, itself an open confession of acceptance, if not of true love would the young man dare to say, "I love you," through a tube, and would he feel encouraged by the laughing tender eyes of the girl when she replied, through the same passage, "Do tell?" Did they have two sticks, so that one end of one could be at the ear and the end of the other at the mouth all the while? How convenient, when the young man got more ardent than was seemly, as the flip went round, for the girl to put her thumb over the end of the tube, and stop the flow of soul! Did the young man bring his stick, and so announce his intention, or did the young lady always keep one or a pair on hand, and so reveal both willingness and expectation? It was so much more convenient than the telephone, with its publicity and proclamation to all listeners at each end of the line. Lovers can make love with anything, even with a telephone; the successful courting of a deaf person (for there is one now that nearly everybody likes to hear), as we know, can go on through a speaking-trumpet; but these courting-sticks reveal to us the plan of tender communication—when a third party is present. They would be very useful now at large parties, where there is such a din and babble that one can only court a pretty girl at the risk of bronchitis or laryngitis. Sometimes in the jam you cannot get near the girl; but with a long courting-stick you could whisper even from her many admirers. This invention seems to us worthy of revival for many reasons, and we should be glad for any further information in regard to it. Civilization in its progress drops a good many things that ought to be retained.

The Thought Reader and the King.

A well known thought reader was recently allowed to exercise his skill upon a certain foreign monarch now a resident of England. The wondering sovereign was given a small button to hide during the absence of the thought reader from the room. "May I hide it where I like?" inquired his majesty. "Certainly, where your majesty pleases," was the reply of his surrounding. "Very well, then," and without more ado the king gravely raised the button to his lips. There was a momentary gulp, and his majesty swallowed the button. The door was then opened, and the blindfolded thought reader ushered in. After a little of the usual delay the thought reader began fumbling anxiously about the person of the king. He searched the regal pockets without avail. "Strange, very strange," he was heard to murmur to himself as he began to unbutton the monarch's waistcoat. For a few seconds his hands flitted aimlessly over the kings stomach, and then proceeded to travel slowly up and up until they reached his majesty's mouth. There the traveling hands stopped, and the thought-reader began to introduce his fingers into the king's mouth, and to feel round his jaws and between his teeth and cheeks in hope of coming on the missing button. At this point the company intervened, and explained to the thought reader that he had certainly justified the claim to find the button, and had gone as far on his way there to as was possible without performing harakiri on the august medium.

The Knight was Fired Out.

R. J. Burdette.

The clock on the mantel tolled 1 a. m. and a little past and still the knight lingered, trying to think of something to say, although it was plainly evident that the baron's daughter was just too sleepy for anything.

"I am afraid," he said at last, "I am like an auger."

"Wherefore, sir knight," she asked, yawning with that high-bred courtesy appertaining to the upper classes.

"Because I bore you," he said, smiling proudly at his good right wit.

"Ah, no," she said, "you remind me of an old flint-lock musket."

"Spoken like a soldier's daughter," quoth he; "and as to how?"

"Takes you so long to go off," she said kindly.

At 1:15 a. m. the portcullis fell with a clang the drawbridge was raised and the castle slept.

Tripod bamboo frames are now utilized for work-baskets. They can be obtained either in light or dark wood, and are so arranged that they can be opened or closed at will. When opened they are kept in place by a triangle piece, made of metal, which fits in at lower part of sticks. This gives open space at top. It is in this space is suspended the little work-basket by ribbons or cord. It is exceedingly pretty to embroider a dainty silk bag, trim with lace and full bows, instead of using the basket. The bag need not be removed when you wish to fold for carrying in trunk.

A useful as well as ornamental umbrella holder for hanging on wardrobe door can be made in this way: Take the unbleached linen canvas and cut a strip about one yard long (or length of umbrella) and ten inches wide. To this add or lay on top a similar sized piece. Stitch down through the center. This gives two pockets or cases for umbrellas. Sew red or colored braid loop on at top to hang by. They are pretty appliqued figures or monograms, worked in bright silk and bound to match.

In the country of Ximenes, Mexico five large springs of living water have suddenly burst forth on the open plains where has been a continual drought for ten years, and where a month ago a bird could not find sufficient water to quench its thirst. It is also stated that in the adjoining country a spring which a year ago did not afford sufficient water for a single animal now satisfies the thirst of 2,000 head of cattle.

Tons of Dollars.

Washington Correspondent.

There are now in the treasury vaults here 136,000,000 of silver dollars, which weigh 9,738,000 pounds, or upwards of 4,869 tons of 2,000 pounds each. If placed in ordinary coal carts, a ton in each, and allowing fifteen feet of space for each cart, it would make a continuous procession fourteen miles long. The above figures do not include the silver bullion and fractional silver coins held by the treasury. Of the latter there are now on hand $30,000,000, and of the former $4,000,000, the aggregate weight of which is 1,217 tons, this making the total weight of silver now in the treasury 6,086 tons. To provide storage for this stock of silver an additional vault has been constructed in the basement of the treasury department, directly under the cash room. This vault is thirty-one feet four inches wide, fifty-five feet four inches long and nine feet four inch high. It will hold fifty million silver dollars, which represents 1,790 tons. The walls, ceilings and floor are constructed of three chilled iron and two steel plates riveted together, thus making the metal cases which forms the defenses of the vault over two inches in thickness. The foundation of the vault rests upon the earth, and the iron and steel flooring is laid upon two inches of hydraulic cement to guard against entrance by means of a tunnel. The two doors by which entrance is obtained are massive, all known material being used in their construction to make them safe against felonious assault. Each door is furnished with two locks, one key being kept by Treasurer Wyman and the other by Cashier Whelpley. Large as the vault is it will not hold the surplus dollars if their coinage at the present rate of 2,000,000 per month is continued for two years to come.

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