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GENERAL NOTES.

THE Texas court of appeals has decided a curious case of interest to merchants and drummers. A drummer sold a bill of goods to a Texas merchant under an agreement that he would not sell any like goods to other merchants of the town, but his customer should have the sole handling of such goods for his firm. The agreement contained a stipulation that, if like goods were sold to other merchants, the customer need not pay for his goods. The drummer afterward did sell like goods to other dealers. Thereupon the merchant refused to pay his bill. The house which employed the drummer pleaded that the agreement was not made by them; was not in accord with their instructions; was not by their authority; and that it was against public policy as tending to restrict commerce, and therefore unlawful. The court held that the agreement was within the drummer's authority; and that its violation by the house forfeited their claims and released the merchant from his obligation to pay the bill. The court said that, while an agreement in general restraint of trade is void, an agreement which operates merely in partial restraint of trade is good, provided it is not unreasonable and there be a consideration."

A SUIT with some curious features has occurred in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Bridgeport paper company and the Bridgeport water company have been using the same chimney for many years. The paper company claimed the original ownership of the chimney, and wished to pull it down to erect a larger one. The water company objected. A week ago Sunday the paper company began tearing it down; but they were stopped by an injunction. The water company base their claim partly upon public policy and necessity. They aver that the water supply of the city of 40,000 people depends upon their works, and that they cannot shut down for a single day without creating a water famine. Therefore they claim that the chimney must stand; and if the paper company wants a new one, it must build it separately and before destroying or impairing the old one. The question of original ownership is, in this case, of less importance than the question of use, and some nice points of law are likely to be raised if the litigation is carried to a final decision.

SAYS the Butte, Montana, Inter-Mountain: Between the average Latter Day saint and the heathen Chinese there is very little difference. They are both slaves. Neither has anything in common with the rest of mankind. Neither has any respect for the sanctity of marriage or home. In their belief and practices they are both 2,000 years behind the civilization of the age. The binding force of an oath is unknown to them. Superstition and greed are cornerstones of their faith. Neither sees anything wrong in the enslavement of women the defiance of law or the violation of every principle of decency or humanity. It is a great pity that when the Chinese "go," as they ultimately will be compelled to do in response to an aroused and indignant public sentiment, that they cannot be induced to take the Mormons along with them.

THE long-looked-for explosion at Flood Rock, East river, was successfully accomplished on the 10th inst. Fifty thousand people viewed the grand spectacle. Huge fragments of rock and a mountain of water were hurled to a height of 200 feet. Mary, the 11-year-old daughter of Gen. Newton, who as chief engineer has conducted the operations at Hellgate, touched the button that set free the electric current that exploded the submarine mines. It was her infant hand that touched off the first Hellgate explosion several years ago. As soon as the wreck is cleared away this hitherto dangerous part of the river will be perfectly safe for all kinds of craft. It is estimated that shipping to the value of nearly $5,000,000 pass this point every day.

THE mistake made in interring Gen. Grant's remains in a public park is beginning to be clearly apparent even to those who urged it most zealously. The steady stream of visitors has worn the grass away entirely from around the tomb, and the neighborhood is filled with booths for the sale of "Grant gingerbread" and other refreshments of similar character named after the great departed. There is no single suggestion left about the place of grandeur or repose, scarcely of decency. Such a result could not have followed interment in a well ordered cemetery.

FEW in this country can understand the sensation which the conversion of Lady Maurice Fitzgerald from the Roman Catholic to the Episcopal faith has created in Ireland and the bitter irritation it will provoke against the ancient Irish house of Fitzgerald, for many years the holders of Ireland's only dukedom, and to which the rebel Lord Edward Fitzgerald belonged. The lady is the daughter of the Earl of Granard, a convert of many years' standing to the Roman Catholic church and married the second son of the present Duke of Leinster.

PROBABLY the youngest supreme court judge in the United States is Hon Sawnie Robertson, who has just been appointed to fill a vacancy on the supreme bench of Texas. He is only thirty-five years old, and is said to be a thorough lawyer.

Modern Architecture.

Mr. W. Armitage, architectural draughtsman, No. 402 Montgomery street, San Francisco, California, writes that having a very severe cough, which he found it difficult to remove, he tried Red Star Cough Cure, and after a few doses was completely cured. Encouraged by this remarkable result, he gave it to the young members of his family who were sick from a like cause, and it produced similar effects upon them. He recommends its use in every household.

AROUND A GREAT STATE.

The Law Unconstitutional.

Judge Chambers of Detroit has given a decision declaring the act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine unconstitutional and void. The enforcement of the law was opposed by Attorney-General Taggart on the grounds that it restricted citizens in their constitutional privilege of carrying on a lawful business, and that it was improperly construed, having more than one object in its title. Judge Chambers says:

"The first section of the act is a prohibition of the manufacture of oleomargarine or butterine, or any article in semblance of butter and not the legitimate product of the dairy and not made exclusively of milk or cream. It makes the person manufacturing the same guilty of a misdemeanor. There is in this section nothing to indicate that its object is to protect the public against deception, or guaranteeing a lawful product against simulation and deception, but is only an absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of a perhaps useful product which people may knowingly prefer to buy. It may also be considered that it does not appear that in a sanitary view oleomargarine, or butterine, is injurious to health so that its manufacture should be prohibited. This being conceded, the manufacture of oleomargarine is only competitive with the manufacture of dairy products, and cannot be considered an illegal act. If this be so the act prohibiting its manufacture and sale is unconstitutional and void.

"The act is also contrary to the constitutional provision that no law shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title. It provides for the prohibition of the manufacture of oleomargarine, and also a prohibition against the adulteration of natural milk, while the object of the act as expressed in the title, to prevent *deception* in the manufacture and sale of dairy products and to preserve the public health.'

"I take it that the state is not stopped from disputing the constitutionality of a law enacted by the legislature. There is no force, in my judgement, in counsel's argument in that direction."

A Swindler Snagged.

Mr. J. B. Adams, until two years ago a resident of Fairfield, Lenawee county, now of Gibbon, Neb., went to Chicago a few weeks ago with a carlord of hogs, which he sold. He then made his way to the Lake Shore depot and bought his ticket for Adrian, when he was approached by a man who said he was a son of Capt. Norton of Lenawee county, was sent to Chicago to purchase a bill of groceries and would go down to Adrian with him. Talking very familiarly of people in Adrian whom Mr. Adams knew he soon gained his confidence. The new acquaintance said he had a bank check for $700 and would like a little money before reaching Adrian, and offered the same to Mr. Adams, but was told by the latter that he was not in the banking business. The man then asked if he would lend him $22 for a few minutes and take the check as security, and they would both go to the house where he said he bought his goods, when he would pay back the borrowed money. The exchange was made and both walked to the place "Now," said the stranger, "you wait at the door a minute and I will step in and get the money for you." In an instant the thought struck Mr. Adams that his new acquaintance was a swindler, and, seizing the man by the collar, he held him for nearly an hour before a policeman came to his assistance. People were crowding the walks but no one would lend a helping hand. However, the swindler was locked up, and Mr. Adams appeared against him at the trial, which resulted in his being sentenced for seven years. It transpired that the prisoner was none other than the notorious McDowell, who is known all over the country by detectives who have been looking for him two months or more.

An Innocent Man Shot.

Sunday evening Oct. 18, just at the close of the service at the Second Baptist (colored) church in Kalamazoo, an affray took place which resulted in the almost instant death of Robert Hargo, a young colored man well-known and respected in that city. It seems that Elmer Wood and Alfred Pennett got into a controversy regarding a Miss Estella Bradley, who came to church with Bennett. Wood, however, said he would go home with her, and when the services were over he went to where she was and would not let her leave unless she would allow him to go home with her. She said she should go with neither Wood nor Bennett. This led to a controversy and Wood drew a revolver to shoot Bennett who had greatly exasperated him. It is said that Bennett drew a razor and several times threatened to slash him with it. Wood drew his revolver on Bennett, and as he did so, Miss Bradley threw up h's arm and the discharge went out the door, striking Hargo in the breast. He fell and never spoke a word and scarcely moved afterwards. He breathed slightly, but was dead in about fifteen minutes. Wood claims that Bennett came at him with a razor, and that he shot in self-defense. Wood at once went to the jail and gave himself up, stating what had occurred.

What are "Official Bonds?"

The last legislature enacted a law that sureties on bonds should not be accepted unless they justified, and made the acceptance of bonds without justification a misdemeanor. The title of the act referred to "official bonds," while the act itself treated of "bonds" only. An act and its title should agree, but in this case they do not, and there is difficulty in determining how far the act should go. To settle the question Probate Judge Durfee of Wayne county recently refused to accept a $100 bond filed by John H. Bissell, without justification. Mr. Bissell applied to the supreme court for a mandamus and its decision will be awaited with interest, as it will define what is meant by "official bonds." If the term includes the bonds of trustees, administrators, executors, guardians, commissioners, and other appointees, new blanks will have to be provided and court officers put to much extra work. If the words are held to apply only to the bonds of public officials then matters will go as formerly.

Horrible Death.

Joseph Visnaugh, a shipbuilder, residing on Reeder avenue, two blocks west of Campbell avenue, Springwells, awoke about 1:30 the other morning and discovered his house on fire. He immediately aroused the household, consisting of his wife and three small children, who barely escaped with their lives. Antoine Furnette, father-in-law of Visnaugh, was awakened by the noise and hastened to the scene. He immediately entered the burning building. In the meantime Moses Minard's residence next door was enveloped in flames by means of a westerly breeze, and all set to work to save his furniture. A few moments later Mrs. Furnette appeared and inquired for her husband. About 10 minutes later Furnette's body was found lying on the ground under a front window charred to a crisp. Fire engines were telephoned for and two soon arrived. There was no water at hand save that in a well, but placing wet blankets on the Furnette residence saved that building from destruction.

Morse's Opinion.

Following is a synopsis of the opinion written by Chief Justice Morse on the constitutionality of the Egan election bill passed at the last session of the legislature:

The invalidity of the statute is chiefly based on the illegality of creating boards with such powers as those conferred by statute. The registration law required political tests, which are contrary to this constitution. The legislators have no power under the constitution to impose conditions which destroy or seriously impede the enjoyment of the elective franchise. The rights of voters are the same everywhere, and the conditions regulating the manner of executing the vote must be the same in substance everywhere. It is not lawful to create a substantial difference in the methods and officers to administer the election laws in different localities. The principal point is that the law required the appointment from two dominant parties, thus making such appointments depend upon party connections.

MINOR STATE HAPPENINGS.

At the annual reunion of the second Michigan infantry held in Kalamazoo on the 16th inst about eighty members were in attendance. Niles was chosen as the next place of meeting. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Dr. E. J. Bonine, Niles; secretary and treasurer, Joel Cowgill, Cassopolis; historian, Capt. J. S. Glidden, Adrian; vice-presidents, one from each company, R. D. Dix, Berrien Springs; Capt. August Goebel, Detroit; John Shearer, Bay City; William Flagg, Battle Creek; H. Cambrian, Adrian; Henry Howe, Bridgeport; Capt. Wm. Turner, Flint; Albert Dunham, Jackson; J. C. Boughton, West Bay City; Harvey Seymour, Kalamazoo.

Burglars raided the village of Hudson in quite a general way Sunday morning, Oct., 18th, securing but a small amount of booty in watches, jewelry and cash, however. The residences of Hon. J. K. Boies, A. L. Beach, M. Wilcox, and Wm. W. Carter were visited, and attempts made upon the houses of several others. The burglars were quite persistent at A. L. Beach's, where they were alarmed by the inmates at the first attempt. They returned about daybreak, broke in the window and reaching in grasped Mr. Beach's pants, fled with them, securing $22 in cash.

More of the rascality of Tom Navin, ex-mayor of Adrian, is coming to light. Navin at one time acted as agent for Charles McGinn, who signed what he supposed to be a lease, but which was really a deed of property to Navin. Navin mortgaged the property for $3,000. McGinn recently instituted chancery proceedings to set aside the deed and mortgage. The judge decided to set aside the deed, but held that the mortgage is good, and that McGinn must pay it to clear the title.

Last June Policeman Herman Scobey and Detective Charles Moran of Girard, arrested Will Heart, a fakir, for robbing a Casnovia farmer, and on the way to the station the prisoner broke away and disappeared in the darkness. The officers pursued and fired their revolvers at the fugitive. A ball from Scobey's pistol hit Heart in the back, inflicting a fatal wound. Scobey was arrested, charged with manslaughter, and the trial ended in a verdict of acquittal.

A barn belonging to Aaron Van Patten, located six miles north of Buchanan, was burned the other morning together with all its contents, including the greater part of two crops of wheat. The loss is about $4,000, partly covered by insurance in the Berrien county mutual company. The fire is supposed to have been started by sparks from a pipe which a feeder of a threshing machine was smoking as it was first seen in the straw carrier of the machine.

Three young men, aged respectively 17, 18 and 19 years, gained entrance to the residence of Thomas Peck in Grand Rapids with intent to rob, but in fleeing from the place were all captured and lodged in jail. One of the three jumped through a large plate glass window in his hurry to depart. Their names are E. Garvey, A. Baar and Wm. Wise. Wise has once served seven years in the Reform School. No booty was obtained.

Concerning the deer-hounding business in northern Michigan, the Mancelona Herald says: "We would warn them [the foreign hunters] that this is a mighty unhealthy country for foreign dogs. They don't seem to thrive, somehow, in northern Michigan; and the probability is that most of them that are brought up here will sleep their last sleep alongside of some old frog pond in the woods."

There is now every prospect that a new branch railroad will be built from Corey to Manistee by the Grand Rapids & Indiana road. Five per cent. of the capital stock of the company organized has been paid in and the articles of incorporation have been sent to Lansing for record. The capital is $400,000, and the offices of the Grand Rapids & Indiana are the officers of the new road.

The Emmet rifles of Jackson have been mustered into state service by Inspector-General Kidd, assisted by Lieut.-Col. Devilin. The company was given the title of Company H, First Regiment M. S. T. The muster dates from December last, when the company was mustered into state service in the artillery branch, and officers' commissions date from that time.

Suit has been commenced in the United States court in Grand Rapids, by Miss Deborah Tompkins of Batavia, N. Y., against Andrew Reeves of the former city, a well known detective and lawyer, for damages for alleged refusal to marry her. The declaration filed contains five counts, each one alleging that Reeves promised to marry Deborah at different times and places.

A movement is being made for a re-union of the first company of sharpshooters attached to the 27th regiment Michigan infantry. The place of holding such meeting has not yet been fixed upon, but comrades will please report by letter to S. K. Gates or Norm T. Sanborn, Portland; John A. Mathews, Eureka, Mich.; or to J. R. Jameson, Lansing, Mich.

The Hon. Royal T. Twombly, father of Mrs. Dr. D. O. Farrand of Detroit, died at Fort Worth, Texas, the other day. Mr. Twombly was an old resident of Niles. He represented that district in the state senate years ago, and was mayor of Niles in 1857. He was well known throughout the state. The remains were brought to Niles for burial.

Wm. McCourtie, who shot and dangerously wounded Chris. Grenwald, in Noble township, Branch county, a short time ago, was arraigned for examination on the 14th. He plead not guilty, waived examination, and was bound over for trial at the next term of the Circuit Court. He is now in jail in Coldwater, not being able to furnish bail.

It was decided at the term of court at Kalamazoo that the Galesburg water power company, in failing to file with the county clerk a diagram of the course of the race exhibiting the lands supposed to be damaged, have lost their suit and must pay the cost. The trustees will remedy the defect and push the matter through again.

While James Grundy was superintending the removal of the Osceola stamp mill from Hancock to Torch Lake he was fatally injured. While fastening ropes to an 80 foot mast by which the smoke stack was to be hoisted his foot slipped and he fell to the ground breaking his neck and receiving other injuries which will prove fatal.

John Pennington who carries the mails between Otto, Riley and DeWitt, was set upon by two men in the woods the other night and the mail-bag demanded. Pennington refused to deliver, when one of the highwaymen made a lunge at him, cutting a hole in his overcoat as Mr. Pennington put the whip to his horse and escaped.

A 10-year old daughter of John Sullivan of Port Huron left home on the evening of Oct. 13th and failed to return. The police were notified and a search instituted. The next morning her body was found in a cistern on the premises of John Jenkinson. The mystery surrounding the case is not yet cleared up.

An impromptu reunion of a squad of company "C," Berdan's sharpshooters, was held at the home of Serg. Cobb, in Hud on the other evening. Rations were served and the evening was spent by the old veterans with reminiscences of incidents in army life. Arrangements were made for a reunion next year.

A. W. Eldridge of Big Rapids has invented a machine which goes over a piece of land which has been lumbered off and cuts the stumps close to the ground. The stumps are converted into shingles. At its trial the machine worked satisfactorily, and the stumps cut were worked up into 20,000 shingles.

At the village of Pinckney, Livingstone county, any person keeping a billiard table for public patronage is liable to a fine of from $10 to $25, or imprisonment in the village lockup or the county jail not to exceed twenty five days, or both, at the discretion of the court having jurisdiction.

Last spring Dr. George H. Bailey, of Elk Rapids, swore that he was a citizen of the United States. He was subsequently arrested, charged with false swearing out the United States grand jury at Grand Rapids, after examining Dr. Bailey's evidences, exonerated him.

A. W. Wright, proprietor of the $75,000 hotel at Alma, is building a sanitarium that will cost as much if not more than the hotel. It will be ready to receive patients next spring and will serve as a feeder to his hotel. The village is also building a $20,000 school house.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor at Hamilton, Ont., adopted a resolution setting forth that in his coming trials the Hon. Thomas B. Barry of East Saginaw shall have the support of the organization, even to the expending of the last cent in the treasury.

The Prosecuting Attorney of Hillsdale county, in his report to the Board of Supervisors reports 127 criminal prosecutions since January 1, 1885. Of these 106 were convicted, fifteen are still pending, three were discharged and five were discontinued.

About 100 of the students at the agricultural college have joined the military class. They are put through an hour's rigid drill five days in a week under the supervision of Lieut. Lockwood of the regular army detailed as instructor at the college.

Specifications for the iron bridge to be constructed at Sixth and Newberry streets, Grand Rapids, have been sent to the different bridge builders. The board of public works will receive proposals for the building of the same until Dec. 1, 1885.

At the agricultural college farm there were cut this year sixty tons first cutting of clover and timothy and twenty tons of second cutting from twenty-two acres, making a total yield of thirty eight and seventy-elevenths tons to the acre.

The Phœnix furniture of Grand Rapids will furnish the entire interior of the new state capitol of Texas. The contract calls for simply the doors, casing and wainscotting. The price paid 118,000. The entire building will cost $3,000,000.

The residence of J. R. Stearns, postmaster at Blissfield, was discovered to be on fire early the other morning. The building burned to the ground, but a good share of the contents were saved. The family barely escaped with their lives.

The Hon. Seth L. Carpenter of Alpena died the other morning after a long and painful illness. Mr Carpenter was the first mayor of Alpena, and has held a number of prominent positions. He was city attorney at the time of his death.

John Rice, a young colored man of Colfax township, while on a spree beat his aged father almost to death, but the latter refuses to make complaint against him, saying the boy is good to him when sober and his main assistant on the farm.

Fire destroyed the dry goods store of Brown & Mahaney, the produce store of H. L. Lewis & Son, and the furniture warehouse and store of Henry Woodard in Owosso. The loss will aggregate fully $75,000; only partially insured.

The death of Reuben Bird, aged 75 years, of Hudson township removes another old pioneer from that locality. Mr. Bird was the founder of the village of Clayton and was engaged in trade there for nearly thirty years.

Nearly 200 lumbermen in camps of Swan & White and South & Thayer, Missaukee county, have quit work on account of the order to sign a contract evading the 10 hour law. A number of the men have gone to Wisconsin.

A Grand Rapids judge has instructed the prosecuting attorney to proceed against all persons who receive, through the mail, flash police publications, holding that in receiving these citizens are violating the law.

Lawyer Hubbell of Howell, will no longer protest against the building of the Toledo & Ann Arbor railroad through his property. The company has paid Mr. Hubbell $1,500 for the damages sustained to his property.

Yum Kee, a Chinese laundryman of Coldwater recently went to China and was married. When he attempted to bring his bride to this country the 20-year restriction act was laid before, and he returned alone.

The Hopkins Manufacturing Company's barn, with several horses, a large amount of agricultural implements and 100,000 feet of pine planed lumber, burned at Bear lake the other night. Loss over $5,000.

Sarah May of Chicago, has commenced suit in the U. S. court against Kent county supervisors to procure royalties and damages on a patent lock used on prison cell doors, which Mrs. May claims is her patent.

The firm of S. Heyser & Sons of Jackson have received proposals from Philadelphia parties for the manufacture of 45,000 window sashes, 60,000 doors, 60,000 pairs of blinds and 2,000,000 feet of moldings.

Dr. Nathan C. Hall, twice tried in Pontiac for the murder of his wife and then transferred to Clinton county has been discharged at St. Johns on request of the prosecuting attorney of Oakland county.

To liquidate the expenses incurred at Bay City during the recent strike the supervisors will be called upon to pay $3,100. This is exclusive of the amounts necessary to settle with the military.

John McFadden of Seaforth, Ont., was instantly killed at Prigham & Mussell's camp near Sterling the other day. He was felling a tree and was struck on the head by a rebounding limb.

James Woolley died at Elba, Gratiot county, recently, aged 96 years. Mr. Woolley settled in an early day in Ingham county, but removed to Elba in 1855, residing there ever since.

Charles A. Whittemore of Grand Rapids was recently married to Miss Emma Melcher of Brunswick, Me., and the bride's dress was one purchased by her father in Calcutta, in 1844.

Commissioner of Railroads William McPherson, jr., is sending out a fine Crain & Stebbins' railroad map of Michigan, which is almost indispensible to every well-regulated family.

Mrs Louis Frensdorf, the estimable wife of one of Hudson's leading tradesmen, died in Springfield, Mo., a few days ago, whither she had gone to attend a sick daughter.

Judd Crouch has raised over 13,000 bushels of wheat on the Crouch farm this season, the crop being one of the finest of the many phenomenally fine yields in Michigan.

Christian Houck, an old resident of Marengo, Calhoun county, aged between 50 and 60, suicided recently by hanging. Cause is attributed to temporary insanity.

The trial of Frank Abrahams of Howell, for the larceny of a harness in September, 1882, resulted in acquittal. The verdict of the jury gives universal satisfaction.

Ex-Representative Burton Parker of Monroe, for a year past Indian Agent at Fort Peck, Montana, has been removed and an Ohio man appointed to succeed him.

James Deadman, a grocer of Springwells near Detroit was severely injured in a row the other evening, and died from the effects of his injuries the next day.

A detachment of Detroit police had a desperate encounter with a gang of crooks the other night. Charley Strong a burglar, was mortally wounded.

Primrose Greenhall of Grass Lake is under arrest, charged with firing Ed. Davenport's house last winter. The evidence against the accused is strong.

A six-year-old son of E. Van Winkle of Battle Creek got a kernel of corn lodged in his throat. It was removed by making an incision in the windpipe.

George Horning, a prominent German citizen of Adrian, suicided by hanging a few days since. For some time past he has had spells of despondency.

The 11 years old son of Wm. Lewis of Port Huron fell from a tree by a rotten limb breaking. He sustained fatal injuries and died the next night.

While out hunting, J. Kratochvil, a 12-year old son of W. Kratochvil of Traverse City, shot himself in the heel by the accidental discharge of his gun.

Andrew J. Mochier, aged 80, one of the early settlers of Cass county, committed suicide by hanging a few days ago while temporarily insane.

The small-pox has broken out in the lumber camps at Menominee. The disease was brought there by a Canadian from Montreal.

It is claimed that a 30-foot vein of iron ore has been struck at St. Ignace. A drill is to be put in at once and the vein thoroughly tested.

Gould McCormick, for over 35 years a resident of Chesaning, dropped dead just as he had finished his day's labor on the 15th inst.

John Merkeley of Saginaw City, was fatally crushed between logs on the Rose Conn on lumber company's logging road near Merrill.

Primrose Greenhall of Jackson is under arrest for setting fire to the house of E. Davenport of Grass Lake about a year ago.

Sheriff Long of Barry county, captured near Portland Frank Huffy who stole Van Norman's horse at Nashville in February last.

The Pontiac, Oxford & Port Austin railroad company is building an extensive addition to its passenger depot at Pontiac.

Joseph Hewett, the Newaygo county horse thief, has been lodged at Jackson prison to serve the state for five years.

A Chinese laundryman at Three Rivers has declared his intention to become a full-fledged citizen of the United States.

Lee Ross of Kalamazoo fell under the cars at that place, and was so badly injured that he died the next day.

President Cleveland has appointed Charles H. Call to be collector of customs for the district of Superior.

Shipments of lumber from Lake Superior ports this season are largely in excess of those of last year.

An agate weighing 35 pounds was recently found in Rapid River township, Kalkaska county.

The twentieth annual reunion of the Twentieth Michigan Infantry was held in Jackson Oct. 14.

Au Train has been finally chosen as the county seat of the new county of Alger.

About 100 students at the agricultural college have joined the military class.

Col. J. R. Jones of Benton Harbor has a silver three-pence of 1652.

Tobogganing will be the fashion at East Saginaw next winter.

Traverse City will have a new fire alarm system.

The recent strike cost Saginaw county $3,100.

Lansing is enjoying a building boom.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1 white	$ 92	@	93¼
Wheat—No. 2 red	95	@	95½
Flour, roller process	4 75	@	5 00
Flour, stone process	4 60	@	4 75
Buckwheat per bbl		@	4 00
Corn	44	@	44½
Oats	30	@	30½
Barley	1 30	@	1 50
Rye per 100	4 00		
Bran	12 50	@	12 75
Clover Seed ℘ bu	5 5	@	5 45
Timothy Seed	1 30	@	1 35
Apples per bbl	1 50	@	60
Cranberries per bu	2 0	@	3 00
Plums per bu	2 00	@	2 50
Butter ℘ lb	16	@	17
Cheese	10	@	10½
Eggs	1[illegible]	@	20
Chickens	7	@	7½
Turkeys	10	@	11
Ducks per pair	40	@	50
Potatoes, per bu	33	@	37
Sweet Potatoes, per bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Turnips	30	@	35
Onions ℘ bu	50	@	60
Honey	17	@	18
Beans picked	1 35	@	1 40
Beans, unpicked	75	@	1 00
Hay	10 50	@	11 50
Straw	6 00	@	7 00
Pork, dressed ℘ 100	5 50	@	6 00
Pork, mess new	9 50	@	9 8[illegible]
Pork, family	11 50	@	11 75
Hams		@	10
Shoulders	5½	@	6
Lard	7	@	7
Dried Beef	10	@	11
Tallow	4	@	4½
Beeswax	22	@	25
Beef extra mess	5	@	10 00
Wood, Beech and Maple	4 75	@	5 00
Wood, Maple	5 50	@	5 75
Wood, Hickory	5 50	@	5 75

LIVE STOCK.

Hogs—Market active 10@15c higher; light, $3 40@3 90; rough packing, $3 3 @3 75; heavy packing and shipping, $3 5 @3 90.

Cattle—Trading slow; shipping, $3 60 @5 75; butchers, $1 7 @4; stockers $2 30 @3 50; Texans, $2 75@3 10.

Sheep—Market strong at $2@3 0.

M. Delaunay, of Paris predicts that earthquakes on a grand scale will occur next year either when the earth is under the influence of a planet of the first rank, like Jupiter, or under that of a group of asteroids, or at a time when the sun and moon are nearest to our planet simultaneously. This specialist in earthquakes foretold the frightful catastrophes which occurred in South America in 1877. He announced a vast seizmic disturbance in 1883, and the appalling disasters in the Indian archipelago followed. He raised his voice of warning also before the late extensive shaking of the earth in Spain.

Regarding the emission of carbonic acid and the absorption of oxygen by leaves kept in darkness, Deherain and Maquenne observe that in Euonymus japonica, the plant selected for experiment, the carbonic acid given off exceeds the oxygen absorbed. Thus the respiratory phenomena of leaves consist not merely in a transformation of the oxygen absorbed into carbonic acid, but also on the production of carbonic acid from internal consumptions similar to those which take rise in fermentations.

Chang Yui Huan, the newly appointed minister from China, is a man of great wealth and his father was known all over China for his great riches, so it is expected that the new Minister will not only bring a large retinue with him but make an endeavor to dazzle social circles of Washington with displays of magnificence. He will not arrive until February.

To 10,000 males in Montana there are only 38,975 females, in Arizona but 33,464, in Wyoming but 46,807, in New Mexico 85,388, in Dakota 64,257, in Washington Territory 63,391, in Idaho 49,463, in Nevada 48,185.

The United States revenue cutter Corwin arrived in San Francisco, Oct. 12, with about 100 of the crew of the wrecked Arctic whalers aboard.

EASTERN ECHOS.

Buffalo's crematory is to be ready for business December 1.

Cleveland authorities are waging a vigorous war against gamblers.

Gov.-elect Foraker of Ohio, will stump New York for the republicans now.

A suit for a great portion of Baltimore will be instituted by the Ylesor family.

A pocket knife which once belonged to Gen. Grant was sold a few days ago for $100.

The sole personal estate of the late Cardinal McCloskey was a $10,000 insurance policy.

An unexpected and valuable flow of natural gas has been discovered near Massillon, O.

Gov. Hoadley concedes the election of a Republican legislature in Ohio on a joint ballot.

The postoffice at Waverly, O., was robbed of $700 in postal funds by burglars the other night.

Nine thousand glass workers in the east will be idle soon because manufacturers refuse the increase of wages asked for.

An accident occurred on the Boston & Lowell road between East Andover and West Andover and three persons killed.

Two bachelor misers in Seysbertville, Pa., were killed in their lonely dwelling, presumably by tramps, for the purpose of robbery.

Judge Foraker has accepted an invitation by the Republican state committee to stump the state of New York for the Republican candidates.

William Becker, aged 72, one of the founders of Shenandoah, Pa., was run over by the cars at Ringtown, Pa., and literally ground to pieces.

Thomas Pratt, a telegraph operator has been arrested on a charge of manslaughter, the frightful railroad wreck near Jersey City having been caused through his carelessness.

Ivor Williams, aged 15, employed as door tender in the Dolson mine of the Plymouth coal company, fell down the shaft a distance of 600 feet, his body being crushed into a shapeless mass.

Congress failed to appropriate funds to pay Boston custom house employes for June last. Kidder, Peabody & Co., have advanced the men $50,000, and will take chances on the government's reimbursing.

An analysis has been made of the Chinese tipple, which the Chinese of New York have been selling among themselves free of excise. It is found to contain 38 per cent. of alcohol, and henceforth the Chinese will be required to procure licenses to sell their native drink.

A plan is said to be on foot between a number of capitalists of Pittsburgh and New York to carry the natural gas in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh through large pipes to Philadelphia, New York, and perhaps other cities, to be used for fuel and illuminating purposes.

A New York rubber firm is charged with defrauding the Brazilian government through the evasion of the export duty of 2½ cents a pound by the aid of a rubber house at Para, and through the connivance of Brazilian officials. The amount of the swindle is about $1,000,000.

Wm. H. Cooper, a son of Admiral Cooper, of the United States army, is a defaulter to the extent of $12,000, which he secured from A. H. Sunderland, a life long friend. He secured the money on a pretended pump contract with the government and then fled to Europe. He made a full confession to his friend before he left the country. Six weeks ago a younger son of Admiral Cooper was arrested in the house of a Brooklyn thief as a sneak thief. Mrs. Cooper is on her death-bed and the admiral is broken hearted with shame and mortification.

The funeral services of the late Cardinal McCloskey occurred in New York on the 14th inst., and were the most imposing and grand of any thing of the kind ever witnessed in that city. Fully 25,000 people were in the vicinity of St. Patrick's Cathedral, while the vast edifice was one dense mass of humanity. Archbishop Gilmore of Baltimore preached the funeral sermon and Bishops, Monsignors and Archbishops aided in the solemn services. After the words of absolution had been uttered the coffin was born from the catafalque and gently carried to its last resting place in the crypt under the high altar where it was placed beside the body of Archbishop Hughes.

The remains of John McGraw and Jennie McGraw-Fiske have been taken from the Cornell family vault in Ithaca, N. Y., where, by courtesy, they had been temporarily deposited, and transferred to their final resting place beneath the new memorial chapel upon the grounds of Cornell university. The transfer was made without any public demonstration. John McGraw was an Ithaca, N. Y., millionaire who built the center building, containing the library and museum of Cornell University. He died in 1877. Jennie McGraw-Fiske, his daughter, died last year in Florence, Italy, leaving all her large estate to the university, as she had informed Prof. Fiske, her husband, with his concurrence at the time of their marriage. Fiske now seeks to recover $300,000 of this money, on the plea that it by that much exceeds the incorporation fund of the university. The suit is now pending and is one of the "causes celebres" of the New York courts.

WESTERN WHISPERS.

All political prisoners in Mexico, except two editors have been pardoned.

Cherokee Indians are considerably stirred up concerning the sale and leases of their lands.

Thomas Atkinson, a coal-burner of Chicago, has fallen heir to an estate in England valued at $500,000.

The president has appointed C. Meyer Zulch of Arizona, governor of that territory, vice Fred A. Tritle, resigned.

Mrs. Louis Frensdorf, an old resident and highly esteemed lady of Hudson, died a few days since in Springfield, Mo.

Five Chinamen were killed in a mine near Victoria, B. C. They were descending a shaft when a car rolled down and crushed them.

Since the Chinese restriction act went into effect, 42,080 Chinese have left San Francisco. In the same time the arrivals number 18,000.

Deputy United States Marshall Mellus of San Francisco, has been dismissed from office for trying to bribe the inspector of customs to allow Chinamen to land.

Seven thousand Sioux Indians under Sitting Bull at Standing Rock agency are rejoicing over the reappointment of Agent McLaughlin to look after their interests.

Mrs. Hannah Remley of Lodgeville, Wis., who helped her son murder her husband, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, with one day in each year in solitary confinement.

A number of Cree Indians, refugees from the British possessions have crossed into the United States. The Interior department is at a loss to know how the refugees can be removed.

Joseph Biggs was hunting with a party of friends near Bismarck, Dakota, when he encountered a huge grizzly bear. He shot the bear, when Bruin turned upon him and tore him from limb to limb.

It has been decided to hold the national convention of the Irish National League of America in Chicago, Jan. 20, 1886, is the date fixed upon. Parnell accompanied by a deputation of the Irish parliamentary party will attend.

The house and cattle barn of Peter Hengen, in Ithaca, Neb., were burned the other night, and his wife, daughter and brother were burned to death. It is rumored that the wife and daughter were murdered by the brother who afterwards committed suicide.

Eight tramps came to Roseburg, Oregon, the other night and drank freely. One of them sold a watch for $4 and refused to divide the money. He was beaten to death with clubs and his body filled with shot. One tramp has confessed and three have been arrested.

Five cars loaded with wheat were ditched on the Northern Pacific. Two men, who were stealing a ride, were found suffocated in the wheat. From letters on them they are believed to have been John R. Cochrane of Volant, Pa., and Louis Dust of Champaign, Ill.

President Diaz of Mexico, favors the Tehuantepec ship railway and has granted valuable extensions to the original charter of the company, namely a gift of 2,500,000 acres of land and guarantees of one-third of the net revenue of the railway for 15 years after completion.

A man named W. H. Clarke, with his son, was filling and lighting gasoline street lamps from cans in a wagon at St. Paul, Minn. One can exploded and burned up the horse and wagon. Clarke was thrown out of the wagon by the explosion and seriously burned, and his son was badly, if not fatally burned.

A dispatch has been received at military headquarters from Fort Robinson that no trace can be found of the Sioux Indians recently reported to be committing depredations along the northern frontier of Nebraska and Wyoming. Troops from Fort Niobrara are also scouring the country, but no report has yet been received from them.

The Democratic central committee of Dakota, has formulated an address advising no action regarding the constitution recently framed for South Dakota and recommending Democrats to take no part in the election called to adopt the same and elect state officers. North Dakota has no voice in the matter and the committee denounces the movement as unjust on that account.

Henry W. Shaw, "Josh Billings," died the other morning at the Hotel Delmonte, Monterey, Cal., of apoplexy. He was there on a lecture tour. When Dr. Heintz went to see him he complained of a severe pain in his chest. "My doctors last ordered a rest of brain," he said, "but you can see I do not have to work my brain for a simple lecture; it comes spontaneously." While he was talking he suddenly threw his hands over his head and fell backwards unconscious. He was carried from the hotel corridor to his room, and died three minutes afterwards. His body will be embalmed and brought east. Henry W. Shaw was born at Lanesborough, Mass., in 1818. When quite young he went west, where he remained for 25 years. He was successively a farmer and auctioneer. In 1858 he settled in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and five years later began to write sketches for the newspapers over the signature of "Josh Billings." He published several volumes of comic sketches which are yet intensely popular. A great many of his writings were in the phonetic style after the method of Artemus Ward. Shaw explained this by saying he used bad spelling to attract attention. It arrests the eye and lends a homely air to the paragraph. He has got the material for his books through his eyes and ears. Never having written till he was 45 years old, up to that time he had been seeing and thinking without knowing it. The world was his college and men his books. He observed everything and immediately appropriated it for use. He was eccentric in dress, and his long hair and big hat were often conspicuous objects on Broadway, New York. Much of his humor had an excellent kernel under the queer husk of orthography with which he clothed it.

NORTHERN NUGGETS.

The Canadian Pacific railroad has been sued for $1,000,000 by an unpaid contractor.

A Montreal merchant thinks he has been damaged $100,000 by Bradstreet's mercantile agency and has brought suit for that amount.

SOUTHERN SAUCE.

The executive committee appointed by the colored state convention has called a state convention at Lexington, Ky., Nov. 25, to demand civil rights under the law. The call describes many discriminations against colored people, such as ill-treatment in public conveyances, trial by juries, lynchings, unjust legal sentences and exclusion from fire companies, police forces and other public employment.

WASHINGTON WAFFLES.

Mr. Calhoun, expert bookkeeper, has recommended a system for use in the navy department.

A report has been received at Washington regarding the recent persecutions of Christians in China.

The secretary of the treasury has requested the resignation of Mr. Benjamin P. Davis, deputy fourth auditor of the treasury, and has selected his successor, but the name is withheld for the present.

Among the presidental appointments made recently were those of Benjamin F. Banham to be consul general of the United States at Calcutta and Ernest P. Baldwin of Missouri to be deputy first auditor of the treasury.

It having been recently announced that many German Americans were recently molested by the German government and pressed into military service, it is said that Minister Hendleton is taking steps to save them from such annoyance hereafter.

The president has virtually decided to postpone the appointment of a superintendent of the coast and geodetic survey, until after a meeting of congress. It has been suggested to the president that an engineer officer of the army or navy might properly be detailed to perform the duties of the office and that question is now under consideration.

The postmaster general has decided that guarantee associations cannot go on bonds of postmasters. The reason given for this decision is that it is frequently necessary for the sureties of a postmaster to take charge of the office, and as guarantee associations have not agents in all places they could not in all cases take charge of the offices when necessary.

The chief of the bureau of statistics reports the total values of exports of domestic cattle and hogs and of beef, pork and dairy products from the United States as follows: September, 1885, $7,794,6 0, for 1884, $7,509,246; eleven months ended Sept. 30, 1885, $80,000,059; for 1884, $77,552,936; dairy products for five months ended Sept. 30, 1885, $5,553,446; for 1884, $9,423,739.

President Cleveland has appointed Jabez L. M. Curry of Virginia to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain, vice Foster, resigned. Jabez L. M. Curry, LL. D., is a Baptist preacher and professor in the Richmond university of Virginia. He is 60 years old and a man of education, with considerable attainments as a linguist. He was formerly quite a politician, but for the last twenty years has been out of active politics. He was born in Lincoln county, Ga., where he remained until 13 years of age, when he went to Talladega county, Ala. He graduated from the university of Georgia in 1843 at the age of 18 and from the law school of Harvard University two years later. He returned home to Alabama afterward and practiced law. In 1846 he joined the Texas Rangers to take part in the Mexican war. He did not stay long in the service, but soon retired on account of ill-health. He served as a member of the Alabama legislature from 1847 to 1855 and was a presidential elector in 1856. The next year he was elected to congress. He was re-elected to the next congress and withdrew with the seceding members in 1861, became a member of the Confederate congress and remained in that body until the close of the war. At the downfall of the rebellion he experienced religion, studied for the ministry and was ordained as a Babtist preacher. In 1865 he became president of the Harvard college in Alabama. In 1868 he returned to Richmond, where he was made a professor in the Richmond university.

FOREIGN FUILLETON.

A revision of the Berlin treaty is probable.

The cholera at Marseills and Toulon is gradually subsiding.

The barracks in Leghorn, France, have been blown up by dynamite.

News has been received of the massacre of 7,000 Christians in Annam.

Sixteen persons were killed by the falling in of a house in Bombay, India.

There is said to be a panic at Sofia, caused by the advance of the Servian army.

Russia will prohibit Germans from residing within a certain distance of fortified places.

The convention of Irish bishops, called to meet at Rome this year, has been postponed.

The president of Mexico has granted a pardon to all political prisoners except two editors.

The death of Gen. Lorenzo Yglesias, commander of the expeditionary forces in Peru is reported.

Seven farmers have been sentenced in Limerick to one month's imprisonment for rioting and boycotting.

Germans will shortly be prohibited by the government from residing within a specified zone around fortified places in Russia.

The British government has consented to the hiring of natives in Sierra Leone, Africa, to work as laborers in the Congo country.

The Indian Government has finally resolved to dispatch an expedition to Burmah unless King Theebaw submits to its demands.

The Chinese Government has unanimously decided to proceed speedily with the work of building railways throughout the empire.

The British ship Greyhound trading locally in Chinese waters was boarded by pirates, her captain killed, and other officers and engineers severely injured.

There is no truth in the rumor that Riel's sentence has been changed to imprisonment for life. There is no power in England to change the sentence.

A Montreal merchant wants $100,000 out of Bradstreet's commercial agency for damages alleged to have been sustained by a report given by that company.

For nearly four months about 26,000 mill operatives in Oldham, Eng., have been on a strike against a reduction of 10 per cent in wages. The strikers are now willing to compromise.

The ambassadors at Constantinople advise the sultan to continue his peaceful policy. Servia has protested against the decision of the ambassadors and has commenced military operations in Bulgaria.

The new mail service between San Francisco and Australia and New Zealand will commence November 21 and a steamer will sail every four weeks thereafter. The new company will only receive the sea postage—$150,000 per annum.

A Dublin dispatch says: The government has decided to prosecute the Middleton branch of the national league, having its headquarters at Middleton, county Clare, for boycotting Daniel Humphreys, a landlord, and compelling him to reinstate an evicted tenant.

Private advices from Philippopolis state that the Russians are preparing a counter revolt in Bulgaria. The peasants and poorer citizens are encouraged to rebel against the increased taxation made necessary by the maintainance of the army on a war footing on account of the precarious nature of the union with Roumelia. It is argued that the country cannot long sustain the burden.

A dispatch from Rangoon, capital of British Burmah, says that the Burmese government is increasing its forces on the frontier and actively preparing to resist any attempt the government of India may make to force a suspension of the recent decree of confiscation of the property of the Bombay & Burmah trading company in default of the payment of a judgment for $1,250,000 alleged to be due Burmese foresters as wages. The company denies that they were ever in debt to the workmen and claim that they never were allowed an opportunity of rebutting the charge. A majority of the men have signed a declaration that they have no claim on the corporation.

At a banquet to the Marquis of Lansdowne in Victoria, B. C., the governor-general delivered a long address, one of the most notable features of which was the reference to imperial federation. Great Britain's feelings towards her colonies had occupied three positions: First, of grasping selfishness, which ended in the loss of the American colonies; next, a period which was one of indifference; and the last is one of strong desire for a closer union—for federation. As for federation, the governor-general favored a continuance of the present relations rather than federalism. The general opinion is that he simply voices the opinion of the Canadian people in this matter.

It is rumored in Washington that Mrs. Sartoris (nee Nellie Grant) will shortly institute proceedings for a divorce from her husband. The marriage was an ill-advised one, and not in accordance with the wish of either General or Mrs. Grant. For several weeks stories have been in circulation about Nellie and her husband.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Four Persons Burned to a Crisp.

A terrible quick-spreading fire broke out in the one story and a half brick cottage at No. 86 Vernon Park Place, Chicago, owned and occupied by W. S. Bates, a few minutes after 6 o'clock on the morning of Oct. 19, in which four persons were burned to death. The family consisted of six persons, and all but two met a most horrible death. An alarm was sounded and when the firemen arrived on the scene the house was in a blaze. Fire Marshal Campion found Mr. Bates in the alley at the side of the house, suffering from severe bruises, but able to tell the story of the catastrophe, wringing his hands in agony over the loss of his family and suffering keenly from his own severe hurts. He said that at 6 o'clock in the morning the servant girl started a fire in the kitchen and went out doors a moment later, leaving the door open. She returned in a minute or two and found the kitchen in a blaze. The girl ran away, screaming with fright, and Mr. Bates was aroused, rushed into the kitchen and tried to extinguish the flames with a hose attached to the hydrant and afterward with buckets. Not succeeding he rushed out and sent in an alarm. The firemen went to work on the blazing pile with a will and succeeded in putting the fire out in about 15 minutes. The entire interior of the house was gutted, but the walls remained intact. When the firemen entered the house they found the charred bodies of the entire family with the exception of Mr. Bates. They were: Mrs. Mary E. Bates, aged 35; John Bates, aged 5; Edward Bates an infant; Mrs. Dreyison, aged 70, mother of Mrs. Bates. The body of Mrs. Bates was found lying two feet from the front window on the first floor, burned to a crisp. The charred remains of her baby was lying close by. The remains of Mrs. Dreyison, the mother of Mrs. Bates, were found upstairs. She evidently died of suffocation, as the body was not much burned. The boy was found in the ruins of a bed. The partitions and walls of the house were lined with felt, and when the blaze once started it spread all over the house with inconceivable rapidity. The charred bodies were removed to the morgue by a patrol wagon. The house was valued at $1,500 and there was no insurance on it. Nothing was heard of the servant girl after her flight. It is also said that a brother of Mrs. Bates was lodging at the house and was seen about the place when the fire was in progress, but suddenly disappeared.

VIGILANT FOR UNCLE SAM.

Settling the Cost of the Recent Census Taken in the Northwest.

The act of congress providing for the taking of a semi-decennial census in the states and territories, authorized the secretary of the interior to pay half of the cost of the census where returns were filed with the department before Sept. 1. Under the terms of that act, the territory of Dakota and state of Colorado took census and presented their accounts amounting to $35,509 in the case of Dakota and $10,673 in the case of Colorado. Certificates for these amounts were made out by the interior department, but upon presentation to the treasury department they were cancelled for the reasons below given by the first comptroller:

THE HON. L. Q. C. LAMAR, SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR: SIR—In explanation of the canceled certificates of this office in the accounts of the territory of Dakota and the state of Colorado, for the expenses of the semi-decennial census of 1885, transmitted to your department by the register of the treasury, I have to state that both the territory and the state are indebted to the United States on account of the direct tax of Aug., 1861, in the sum of $3,241 33 and $21,388 44, respectively. In accordance with the decision of this office in such cases of indebtedness on account of direct taxes, it has been directed that a sum equal in amount to that due be withheld till further action in such case has been taken.

In the case of the territory of Dakota, $32,255 of the amount $35,506 certified to be due, has been directed to be paid and in the case of the state of Colorado, no amount has been directed to be paid as the state's indebtedness is in excess of the amount certified to be due.

AN AWFUL WRECK.

Fatal Collision between Two Passenger Trains Near Jersey City.

On the meadows, four miles west of Jersey City, a collision occurred between two trains the other afternoon which resulted in the death of eight persons and injury to several others. The Pacific express, leaving Jersey City at 8.15 ran into a western bound emigrant train, which had stopped at the coal shute on the east side of the Hackensack bridge, knocking a portion of the latter across the track of the Lehigh Valley road.

Shortly afterwards a Lehigh Valley train, eastward bound, came thundering along and crashed into the wreck. The dead were all on the emigrant train as were also the injured. The brakemen of the latter train was among the victims. The wreck is the most frightful on the road in years. Three of the dead were taken to Jersey City. They are a man and a women, both decapitated and terribly mangled, and a boy of about 12 years, who had both legs cut off.

The emigrant train was just pulling away from the coal-chutes when the accident occurred. A dense fog prevailed at the time. The wounded were taken to the Jersey City depot where all available ambulances were in waiting, and were conveyed thence to St. Francis hospital.

As far as learned, none of the passengers on the western express were seriously injured. The passengers on the Lehigh Valley train were brought to Jersey City on a relief train sent to the scene.

KILLED BY AN EAGLE.

Awful Death of a 2-Year-Old Child Carried Into the Air.

The New York Sun has the following from Montreal under date of Oct. 18: This morning, as the wife of Jean Baptiste Romilly, a farmer in St. Vincent de Paul, a village about 10 miles from Montreal, was feeding her fowls, while her child, aged about two years, was playing around, suddenly a large baldheaded eagle swooped down and bore the little one off on its talons. The child screamed, and extended its arms to its mother, who was beside herself with mental agony, but was powerless to render assistance. The screams of the child, however, attracted the neighbors, who with shotguns pursued the eagle. The bird was seen to alight with its prey upon the roof of a barn a mile distant. Lifting up its head, with one powerful stroke it drove its beak into the child's head, and then began its horrid feast. At the near approach of the neighbors, who were firing guns to frighten it, the eagle took flight, leaving the child behind. When the body was recovered life was extinct. The skull was split in two, and a part had been devoured.

Nellie Grant's Troubles.

For several weeks stories have been in circulation in Washington about the unpleasant condition of affairs between Nellie Grant-Sartoris and her husband. Long and minutely detailed histories of the difficulty and the probability of a divorce have been in various eastern publication offices for some time, but no publication of of these stories had been made in eastern papers until the story first appeared in Denver. Local papers in Washington had several columns on the subject from day to day. The Critic of a late issue contains the following which throws more light upon what had been already printed: "Newspaper gossip about the unpleasantness existing in the married relations of Mrs. Nellie Grant-Sartoris and her husband does not surprise those familiar with their courtship. They look upon these reports as the natural sequence of an uncongenial—to use the phrase—alliance. Miss Nellie was a girl of sweet disposition and gentle manners, her father's idol, while Sartoris was a rough and coarse-grained Englishman. His general conduct in connection with the fact that he had exhibited some of Miss Nellie's letters to him, accompanied with gross remarks to persons in a Wisconsin town, where an accomplished young lady rejected his addresses, caused solicitude among many of Gen. Grant's personal friends, some of whom were consulted as to the propriety of informing him of Sartoris' conduct with a view to regaining possession of Miss Nellie's letters. Senator Matt Carpenter finally consented to broach the delicate subject to Gen. Grant. He called at the white house and in the most delicate manner possible commenced relating the current scandal as to Sartoris' notorious conduct, when the general quietly remarked. "That will do, senator. My daughter is engaged to Sartoris and the wedding will take place." Senator Carpenter, in speaking of the interview, said he never felt so chagrined as at the president's abrupt closing of the conversation, and he would never again under any circumstances attempt to advise about the domestic affairs of any one. It was well known that Gen. Grant was opposed to the alliance, but when his daughter's affections were engaged he acquiesced and would listen to no argument or suggestion to the contrary. When Gov. Jewell was returning from his mission at St. Petersburg to accept a position in Grant's cabinet, he stopped a day at Southampton to call upon the elder Mr. and Mrs. Sartoris, parents of Miss Nellie's husband. He was cordially received by them, but in the course of a conversation, Mrs. Sartoris astonished the minister to Russia by remarking she "didn't see what there was about Algernon to cause the daughter of the president of the great United States to fall in love with and marry him." Gov. Jewell subsequently expressed the same astonishment.

It is the intention of the society for the promotion of the Norwegian fisheries to establish in the Christianiafjord, near Oorbak, a biological station for the hatching of seawater food fish and salmon. The inducement to this step has been the great success of other stations along the coast.

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Some of Secretary Bayard's enemies in Florida have named a shabby little hamlet after him.

Disraeli, was considered "a dandy" in his day, in more senses than one.

An Episcopal chapel has been built in the Alps at a hight of 7,200 feet above the sea.