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## TIMELY TOPICS.

MICHIGAN furnishes one of the latest and best illustrations of the effects of dime novel reading on the brain and heart of the young. A few days ago a number of young boys were discovered in a cave in a swamp near that city. The cave had been neatly boarded up, and fitted so as to be comfortable for a winter's sojourn. Every arrangement showed careful and systematic planning. In the cave were found several barrels of whisky, a case of imported gin and various other article which had been stolen from different business places in the village. It transpires that a number of youngters had conceived and carried out the plan of making a snug retreat for the winter, and the manner in which they intended to spend the winter months can easily be imagined. Only for a slight accident the plan would not have been discovered and frustrated. The boys all have comfortable homes, but that there is something lacking in the discipline of the homes is evident from the foregoing.

THAT the "beginning of the end" of the disgraceful practice of polygamy is at hand is evident from the zeal with which territorial judges are prosecuting all violations of the Edmonds law. The sentiment of the judges is "that a religion based on crime, can not and will not stand." Eight leading polygamists were sent to the penitentiary a few days since with the words quoted above as a parting salute. With judges thoroughly imbued with the above sentiment on the bench, Mormonism cannot long stand. Another very hopeful sign is the excommunication from the Mormon church of Albert Cunningham one of the 12 apostles of the church, for adultery and lascivious conduct. It is these stray straws which indicate very plainly which way the wind of public sentiment is blowing.

The colored church of Douglassville, Ga., has been greatly excited over a singular affair. On August 1 last it was discovered that Miss Abercrombie, a 14-year old white girl, had been betrayed by a Negro named Peter Stamps. Peter was a church member, a married man and a favorite with his race. When the news of his crime became known Peter was promptly arrested and promptly lynched. Then the church of which Stams was a member took the matter up, notwithstanding Stamps was dead. Charges of immoral conduct were preferred against him and he was duly cited by proclamation from the church door to appear for trial. At the meeting the other night the vote was finally taken and Brother Stamps was duly expelled from membership.

All the sheriffs in Michigan have received letters from the committee appointed by the national prison association convention held at Detroit recently. The letters suggest the scheme of selecting and designating two daily papers in the state in which sheriffs shall publish immediate notice and description of criminals and stolen property. It was also thought that the sheriffs of the state should take into consideration the question of a permanent jailer in each of our county jails, who should be appointed by the board of supervisors and removed only by the circuit judge for cause.

THE London Times, commenting on the anti-Chinese crusade on the Pacific coast of the United States says: If Chinese immigration into the United States was thoroughly blocked for a period, the Chinese might meet with favorable opportunities at home and their immigration into the United States be altogether diverted. The attempt to turn back the tide of foreign coolie labor by the means resorted to by the mobs in the western part of the United States is odious and the injustice done the Chinamen in the recent attacks on them is an act of spoliation committed against the world at large.

"MARK TWAIN" has written for the forthcoming December Century "The Private History of a Campaign that Failed,"—an account of his own personal experiences as a youthful "rebel" in the early days of the war. This "war article" is illustrated with maps drawn by the author, and some striking pictures by Kemble. There is said to be nearly as much tragedy as comedy in the sketch, which has a special value as showing the fluctuations of opinion at the breaking out of the war, and the entirely amateur character of some of the early campaigns.

Fourteen months ago Joseph Dyer, living near Portland, Maine, was thrown from a wagon and received such severe injuries that he remained unconscious and was buried. Students dug him up for the purpose of dissecting the body, but found signs of life. He was taken care of by the students and a few days ago returned to his mother, completely recovered. He says he knew nothing of his burial beyond what the students told him. He is now as well as ever and his mother looks upon him with awe as one risen from the dead.

A man living at Red Wing, Minn., has a pair of golden candlesticks which he says he dug out of an Indian mound at Waukesha, Wis., and which he thinks are the golden candlesticks which formed part of the decoration of Solomon's temple. The man is very confident that if other Indian mounds be explored, there will be found other articles of bric-a-brac which use to delight the aesthetic taste of the wise king will be brought to light.

WILLIAM SHIELDS a Tittabawassee weather prophet, says there will be two weeks more of wet weater to be followed by a delightful Indian summer, and an open cold winter. Mr. Shields has been predicting weather for 48 years, and that he still lives is an evidence that he has done some good work.

## AROUND A GREAT STATE.

### November Crop Report.

For the Michigan crop report for November the secretary of state received reports from 893 correspondents representing 681 townships; 600 of these returns are from 406 townships. In the southern four tiers of counties the weight of measured bushels of the wheat crop of 1885 is 100 per cent. of the full weight, or sixty pounds. The area of seeded wheat this fall in the southern four tiers of counties is 101, per cent., and in northern counties 102, per cent. of area seeded in 1884, indicating a present acreage in the southern counties of 1,276,359 acres, and in northern counties 222,664 acres. The condition of wheat Nov. 1 was 96, the comparison being with the vitality and growth of average years. Compared with 1884 there is a decrease of one tenth in area of clover seed harvested, and 5 per cent in yield per acre. The acreage in potatoes this year is not quite as large as in 1884, and the yield per acre 15 to 20 per cent. less than in that year. A few fields in the state have been plowed up or abandoned because of rot, but in many localities, and especially where grown on sandy soil, the crop has suffered little injury from this cause.

Rot is reported by 161 correspondents in the southern four tiers of counties representing every county in this section except Branch and Cass, and by seventy-one correspondents representing nineteen counties in the northern section of the state. The total loss by rot will amount to one-fifth of the crop. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in October is 2,153,491. The total number of bushels reported marketed in August, September and October is 6,241,843, which is 2,008,027 bushels more than reported marketed during the same months in 1884.

The yield of corn in southern counties is 32 bushels per acre, and in northern counties 28 bushels per acre, a bushel less in each section than estimated in September. The proportion of soft corn is greater than usual owing to the damage by frost as mentioned by correspondents in October. Horses, cattle, sheep and swine are generally reported in good health. Hog cholera is reported by six correspondents in Barry and five in Cass and by one in each of counties Eaton, Macomb, St. Joseph, Midland.

### The Sale Did not Take Place.

Nov. 12 was the day set by State Land Commissioner Minor S. Newall for the sale of a large tract of land in Bois Blanc island, Mackinac county, but the sale did not take place. It was prevented by a temporary injunction obtained from the Wayne circuit court by the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette railroad company.

In 1850 the swamp lands within the limits of several western states were given to the respective states by an act of congress. Michigan was one of the states so favored. The legislature soon afterwards passed laws to facilitate trade between Marquette and the straits of Mackinac. One of these laws provided that a railroad between those points should receive not exceeding sixteen sections of the swamp land for each mile of road operated. The choice of land was limited to Marquette, Mackinac, Schoolcraft and Chippewa counties.

The Marquette, Sault Ste. Marie & Mackinac railroad was projected under these laws, then abandoned and succeeded by the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette company. The latter company undertook to carry out the arrangement made with the board of control of state swamp lands by the former. Not having obtained its full quota of land the company looked over the plats furnished it and discovered that there are 4,848 acres of wild land in Bois Blanc island which the commissioner had listed for sale. These lands the company claim belong to them and hence they ask for the injunction and bring suit for possession.

### An Ancient Relic.

While raising the Bridge Street house in Grand Rapids workmen discovered a sealed tin box which on opening was found to contain a copy of the Weekly Free Press and several Grand Rapids papers of the date of August 18, 1856, also a speech in pamphlet form of Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia, on the admission Kansas into the Union, speeches of Stephen A. Douglas on Kansas territorial affairs and Chas. A. Stuart of Michigan, in the United States Senate. The leading article in the Free Press is headed "Beef, Beef," and charged John C. Fremont with buying $6,000 worth of beef with government funds and using it for private purposes.—*Free Press.*

### MINOR STATE HAPPENINGS.

The state board of education has appointed the following boards of visitors to the Michigan colleges: Detroit college—Edward Duffy, Ann Arbor, the Rev. Fr. Sweeney, East Saginaw; Prof. E. Thompson, Albion, German-American seminary, Detroit—Prof. A. Lodeman, Ypsilanti; W. A. Anderson, Ypsilanti; Prof. DuPont, Ann Arbor. Normal school, Ypsilanti—David Howell, Lansing; G. S. White, Jackson; A. R. Avery, Port Huron. Military academy, Orchard Lake—Gen. Nathan Church, Detroit; Gen. B. D. Pritchard Allegan; Nathaniel A. Earl Grand Rapids. Hillsdale college—James Hueston, Northville; the Rev. J. F. Oxtoby, East Saginaw; J. W. Simmons, Dowagiac. Albion college—J. W. Stone, Grand Rapids; David Putnam, Ypsilanti; Charles S. May, Kalamazoo. Kalamazoo college—The Rev. Mr. Harris Port Huron; G. A. Osinga, Otsego; the Rev. Geo. F. Hunting, Kalamazoo. Adrian college—The Rev. John McEldowney, Detroit; the Rev. Samuel Beckwith, Port Huron; G. W. Dlowman, White Pigeon. Olivet college—J. M. Ballou, Otsego; W. C. Edsell, Otsego; Charles Moore, Detroit.

Judge Zephaniah W. Bunce, celebrated his 98th birthday Saturday by a family gathering at his residence, four miles below Port Huron, where he has lived on the land he first located over 68 years. Judge Bunce is a native of Connecticut and was born in Hartford, Nov. 14, 1787. When quite young he went to Windsor, Vt., thence to Albany, N. Y., from which place he started with a one-horse wagon to Rochester and Buffalo where he sold his rig, and took passage on a sail vessel for Detroit, arriving there in May, 1817. In the fall of the same year he came to Port Huron. Until two years after he came there was not a house where the city now stands. Judge Bunce built the first saw-mill on the St. Clair river and followed the business of manufacturing lumber for fifty years. He was in the legislature as long as Michigan was a territory and is the last surviving member of that body.—Free Press.

James Little, alias Robert Cole, alias James Hawkins, a tall, lank, angular man, aged 55, was arrested in Grand Rapids a few days ago on complaint of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad company for false pretenses. He attempted to collect $225 damages from the company, alleging injuries received while traveling on that road. The company suspected he was a fraud, and after his arrest he confessed. He says the Flint & Pere Marquette paid him $100 ten days ago, and confesses to have forged a doctor's name to the certificate which was necessary in order to secure the claim. He was held for trial in the superior court in Grand Rapids. He claims to hail from East Saginaw.

A terrible accident happened at the Kent furniture company's factory in Grand Rapids the other morning. Shortly before time to commence work a portion of the attic floor gave way under the weight of stock stored in that part of the building. A few minutes later several employes came in and were looking at the wreck when a second section of the floor came crashing down upon them, burying Henry Eppers beneath the timbers, killing him almost instantly. William Ysindike had a leg broken, and several others were bruised, but not seriously. Had the accident not occurred until all hands were at work, eighteen or twenty men would have been working under the section that fell.

Patrick Johnson of Adrian, colored, has been arrested, charged with murdering his two new-born children on the night of the 6th. The prisoner had been living with Eliza Campbell, alleged wife of Hezekiah Campbell, a resident of Weston, in an old house on College ave., in Adrian. It is charged that she was delivered of twins on the night in question, and that Johnson killed them. The woman left her husband one year ago and has since lived with the prisoner. They were alone in the house at the time the children were born. The woman is aged about 35 years. The prisoner is reticent.

The annual sale of college and other lands on which the interest has not been paid took place in the office of the land commissioner in Lansing, Nov. 12. But few pieces were offered. Alcona, Alpena and Montmorency counties being barred by reason of failure to send in affidavits of the required publication of notices of the sales, and Missaukee on account of the official paper printing date of sale as October 12. Of the 1,946.80 acres sold, the highest price, $10.25 per acre, was paid by H. C. Ripley. Contrary to the expectation the school lands on Bois Blanc Island were not offered.

Among the other articles of association filed with the secretary of state last week were the following: Kalamazoo electric company, of Kalamazoo, capital stock of $50,000; Oddfellows' co-operative and mutual benefit league of Detroit, Saint Anthony's orphan asylum of the township of Hamtrack, Wayne county, the purpose of which is to support, educate and give a home to orphan boys and young men; Arm's Lake railroad company of Charlevoix county, capital stock $40,000; Michigan metal science college of Detroit; Industrial mutual benefit association of Corunna.

The Masonic home association at Grand Rapids has elected the following officers: President, Wm. Dunham, Grand Rapids; vice-president, R. D. Swartout, Grand Rapids; trustees for three years, C. P. Bigelow, Big Rapids; John Jennings, Homer; W. Nash and Jacob Barth, Grand Rapids; two years, Dr. T. B. Bradfield, Sam N. Watson, W. C. Dennison, Grand Rapids; C. D. Stebbens, Sparta; one year, Geo. W. Thompson, E. J. Horton, E. E. Winsor, Grand Rapids, and Wm. Steele, Ionia. George W. Thompson of Grand Rapids was elected counselor.

Pension Agent Post of Detroit received from Washington a few days ago, an order to pay the four children of Lieut. Fredk. Kislingbury of the unfortunate Greely Arctic expedition, $10 per month each until they are the age of 21 years old respectively. Their present ages are 9, 11, 16 and 18. The pensions are given by special act of congress in recognition of Lieut. Kislingbury's heroism. It is very unusual for orphans' pensions to extend beyond their 16th year.

Mr. John S. Hiester of Galesburg, now visiting relatives in Reading, Pa., will while there present the gold headed cane once carried by Muhlenberg, first speaker of congress, to the historical society of Philadelphia, to be by them preserved with other revolutionary articles. Mr. Hiester is a lineal descendant of Muhlenberg. He also has the snuff-box that Henry Melchior Muhlenberg received from Frederick the Great. He was father of F. A. Muhlenberg.

Jones Little, hailing from Texas, was arrested in Grand Rapids the other morning charged with obtaining money on false pretenses from the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad. He tried to collect $225 for injuries alleged to have been received at Fort Wayne while a passenger on a train. The same man some time ago collected $100 from the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad making the same claim and he has tried the same trick on other roads.

Jacob Selgiman of East Saginaw has sold to a syndicate of English cattle buyers his ranch of 7,300 head of cattle and 3,500 acres of grazing land owned by himself and Mr. Chappel of Denver, together with their lease from the government of 11,500 more acres, the consideration being $215,000. The papers were all made out and Mr. Chappel left with the gentlemen for New York, where the money will be paid him.

Dr. A. J. Kniffen, of East Saginaw convicted of uttering a forged deed and power of attorney, has been sentenced to seven years imprisonment at hard labor at Jackson. The prisoner asked the judge for lenity on account of his wife's social relations and reputation. The judge showed no mercy, however, accusing him of perjury and of inventing the story for his defense. Kniffen's attorneys may move for a new trial.

Fifty years ago last June Mrs. L. D. (now P. H.) Crippen stuck a stake by the side of a walnut shrub about two feet high just east of the present court house square, to keep it from being trampled down. To-day it is a large thrifty tree, at least ten inches in diameter and sixty feet high. This fall it was loaded with nuts. Plant walnut trees; it will pay your children if you receive no benefit.—Coldwater Courier.

Peter Klise of Holland went away from his meat market, leaving his two boys, aged 13 and 9 years, to take care of the premises. The elder boy was playing with a sling-shot, sending a pointed lead pencil against the wall, while the younger boy was looking on. In some way the pencil was deflected and struck the smaller boy in the right eye near the pupil, inflicting a wound which allowed the eye to run out.

Mrs. Nathan Coats of Big Rapids called at the local express office a few days since and asked for a package. The agent inquired as to the shipping point whence Mrs. Coats expected the package and she promptly answered that it was coming from her Heavenly Father. Mrs. Coats' case was inquired into and it is found that she is hopelessly insane, her malady being caused by religious excitement.

The Marquette Mining Journal has it that the Ontonagon & Brule River and Milwaukee & Northern railroads will construct their lines to a point of junction at an early day, which, if true, will give Ontonagon an outlet and place it on a better standing among the business points on the lake. It is said that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company is back of the movement.

Henry N. Brevoort commenced suit in the superior court in Detroit against the Wayne county auditors. The claim is for office rent paid by Mr. Brevoort while he was prosecuting attorney and for services in defending the county against the suit of Edward V. Cicotte. The latter suit was pending when Mr. Brevoort's term of office expired. Damages are laid at $500.

Pierre Jacque, 90 years old, who served through the Mexican war and the late rebellion, died near Rogers City last week and was buried at the expense of the county. Mr. Jacque had made application for a pension several years ago, but the end of the ball of red tape was not reached in time to benefit him and he lived and died in abject poverty.

Notwithstanding the old Barnum iron mine at Ishpeming was supposed to be about exhausted and thought to be practically valueless, fresh drilling has discovered a new lead and now its owners think their is still "millions in it." Improvements have been made in the offices and the mine will be worked all winter.

The other morning August McQueen, a brakeman on the logging railroad near Cadillac was killed while coupling cars. The reach or rooster broke, letting the cars come together, and McQueen was crushed between the projecting logs. He lived about two hours. He was a young, unmarried man from Canada.

P. McArthur of East Saginaw, of the firm of McArthur Bros., has purchased of S. Frost of Grand Rapids, 240 acres pine timber land in Kalkaska county, estimated to cut 3,000,000 feet of cork pine. The consideration was $3,000 and the timber will be cut into board pine this winter for the Quebec market.

Klaas Heckma of Grand Rapids was extradited last spring and taken to Holland, where he was convicted and imprisoned for signing his father's name to several notes. Klaas served his time, and a few days ago he returned to Grand Rapids, where he was royally welcomed by his faithful wife.

The religious revival at the Catholic church in Kalamazoo is marvelous. Immense throngs attend the four or five services each day. People come from Paw Paw, South Haven, Mendon, Otsego and many other places. A great number of young and old are being added to the church.

Charles Bailey, one of the oldest and most respected pioneers of Livingston county, died very suddenly at his home in Howell a few days ago. He settled on a farm in Marion township in 1847, was very successful and accumulated a large property. A wife and nine children survive him.

Wm. H. Messmore, administrator of Frances E. Messmore, one of the victims of the Gray, Toynton & Fox fire in Detroit last December, has brought suit in the superior court in that city against the firm for $20,000 damages. Miss Messmore was better known as "Birdie."

D. F. Wadsworth of Ishpeming, who failed for $175,000 in January, 1884, by which the city of Ishpeming lost $60,000, will be tried for embezzlement at the present term of court in Escanaba. Twice the case has been before the court, but defective complaints caused its dismissal.

H. H. Smith of Jackson, who purchased the old capitol block at Lansing recently, is making arrangements to build five large stores on the property this fall and five next spring. He offers half the block to the local syndicate for $100 per foot front, but considers it worth $150.

Dr. E. H. Devoe has been appointed sanitary inspector for St. Clair and is on duty on the ferry. The inspection at this point was much needed since the Canadians were beginning to see the opportunity to slip into the state and escape overhauling at Detroit or Port Huron.

The 16-year old daughter of Karl Knobeck of North Lansing, has been sent to the girls' reform school because of her propensity to steal. The girl has done more "cribbing" than any other local crook, and her "earnings" have reached well into the hundreds of dollars.

Robert Adams a colored convict in the Detroit house of correction, died in that institution a few days ago of pulmonary consumption. Adams was sent from the United States Court at Little Rock, Ark., May 26, 1882, for five years for passing counterfeit money.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the Kent circuit court giving Wm. Haldave of Grand Rapids a verdict of $11,000 on a deficiency suit against M. L. Sweet growing out of the foreclosure and sale of the Haldave block next to Sweet's hotel in that city.

S. T. Read's barn at Cassopolis was fired by tramps early the other morning, and the building, together with 75 tons of hay and $1,200 worth of farm machines was destroyed. One of the tramps has been arrested and confessed having slept there. Insured for $700.

Wm. A. Thomas, foreman of F. H. Hamlin & Co.'s hoop mill at Alma, had his left hand severed from the arm below the wrist the other morning. He was attempting to clear the planer of an obstruction when his hand was drawn onto the knives.

The residents of McMillan township, Chippewa county, having appealed frequently to the county for assistance with which to build a road to the line of Mackinac county, have at last decided to build it themselves without help from the county.

The connections of the Michigan, Houghton & Ontonagon and the Mineral Range railroads at Houghton are being made. A bridge with a draw will cross the Portage river and a third rail laid on the Mineral Range road, which is a narrow gauge.

Mrs. Lucy Hunt died in the county house at Evart a few days ago. It is asserted that she had ten children still living in comfortable circumstances, and yet they did nothing for her or her husband, who died in the same place in June, 1884.

Isaac Ellsworth was sentenced at Flint to ten years at Jackson prison the other day by Judge Joslin. Ellsworth is the man who took the property of Dexter Horton of Fenton, which was afterwards recovered at Allegheny City, Penn.

Curtis, Dunton & Co., of Grand Rapids have sold their oil business to the Standard oil company, which now has absolute control of the trade in Michigan. The Standard oil company will now make a strike for the state legislature.

J. T. Hurst of Wyandotte, has sold to Eddy Bros., of Bay City, a tract of pine land in town 17, 3 west, on the Saginaw Bay & Northwestern branch of the Michigan Central, estimated to cut 7,000,000. The consideration was $45,000.

The earnings of the state prison in October were $6,921.14 and current expenses $9,240.14. Cash receipts from all sources for the year ending Sept. 30 were $103,760.17 and the disbursements in the same time $107,819.89.

Dr. N. C. Hall of Oakland county, well known throughout the state because of his arrest and trial on the charge of wife murder, sues the Milwaukee Sentinel for $10,000 for alluding to him as an indicted murderer.

The trustees of the new northern insane asylum at Traverse City expect to have two-thirds of the building ready for use by the first of next month. The first patients will be taken there from Pontiac and Kalamazoo.

Charles McFadden attempted to cross the Marquette, Houghton & Ontonagon railway track at Spurr mountain, but was struck by the snow plow and thrown from the track. He died at 5 o'clock the next morning.

Schoolcraft county is buying thousands of tons of hay this fall, though it can be raised in that county in quantities. The Schoolcraft Pioneer sees a rich return for farmers who will locate in that favored county.

Thomas Conlin of Grand Rapids was drilling headstones recently when one of the stones exploded, one piece of rock striking Conlin under the eye and another in the breast. His injuries are severe, but not fatal.

A Grand Rapids lad of 15 tried to run away with a show which had been peddling Indian nostrums in that town. His father and mother intercepted him, and he was taken back home just as he was boarding a train.

Prof. Charles E. Charles of Adrian, has arranged 184 musical instruments which harmoniously make music by automatic action. The thing works so successfully that Prof. Charles will put it on the road.

The late Mrs. A. H. Mills of Detroit was a cousin of the late Gov. Morgan of New York. Eighty thousand dollars of the governor's estate will be received by Mrs. Mills' children, Andrew A. and Mary C.

Dr. Jenks of Detroit, assisted by Drs. Bonine and Belknap, of Niles, and Drs. Moore and Eaton of Dowagiac, removed an ovarian tumor from Miss Ona Cooper that weighed about thirty pounds.

C. H. Cook of Montague and W. C. Wilsons of Michigan City have bought 23,000 acres of pine land in Chippewa county from Torrent & Doucy, for $150,000. The estimated cut will be 120,000,000 feet.

Mayor Pringle of Jackson is in correspondence with a New Haven, Conn., clock-making firm who want to locate in Michigan. The firm employs 150 men and turns out 1,000 clocks per day.

O. W. McAllister of the American hotel, Grand Rapids, has been given a year in the Detroit house of correction and fined $100 for selling liquors and tobacco without a government license.

The Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad has just completed in the shops at Grand Rapids an elegant opera excursion passenger coach for use in the northern resort business next season.

The Albion manufacturing company has received a letter from Valerian Tscheuloeff of St. Petersburg, asking for information concerning the goods manufactured by the company.

Miss Fannie M. Hunter of Adrian, aged 25, died the other morning of consumption. Her brother, John C., died of the same disease four weeks ago. The family is a well-known one.

It is estimated that not less than 60,000 bushels of grain were raised in Ogemaw county this year, or more than fifteen bushels to every man, woman and child in the country.

Fred Bouldo, who broke his leg in Hamilton, McClure & Co.'s mill at East Saginaw, has been given $150 from brother employes, each of whom gave one day's work for his benefit.

The governor has appointed Thomas L. Bates of Traverse City member of the board of building commissioners of the northern asylum for the insane, vice Perry Hannah, resigned.

After paying all expenses, interest and salaries, the Central Michigan agricultural society has about $1,000 left to pay for improvements and apply on new purchases of real estate.

Holmes & Holly, for a number of years past in business at Woodland, Barry county, have emigrated from that burg to Tullahoma, Tenn., where they will engage in trade.

A prisoner in the Antrim county jail has been converted since his incarceration, and he confesses that if the authorities discharge him he will henceforth live a straight life.

It is estimated that 750,000,000 feet of logs will be cut along the line of the Wisconsin Central railroad, and the Chippewa, Menominee, and Peshtigo rivers this winter.

It cost Perice H. Bennett, an Ann Arbor student, $50 and the cost of the suit for thumping a policeman in that city. The suit is to be carried to the circuit court.

Mrs. Fred Heath, a prominent society lady of Muskegon, who has been confined in the Pontiac asylum for two months, died in that institution recently, aged 36 years.

A man whose remains have not been identified was struck by an engine on the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad just north of East Saginaw and instantly killed.

Six hundred and fifty-two persons, forty-eight of them females, have been inmates of the Kent county jail in the last six months. Of these, 261 were drunks.

The storage capacity for crude petroleum at the state public school at Coldwater, for which they manufacture gas, has been increased to about one hundred barrels.

By invitation of the Berrien county horticultural society the annual meeting of the state horticultural society will be held at Benton Harbor, Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

Charles Pillen of Lake City, went hunting for a cat, but the bullet struck a piece of hard wood, glanced off and imbedded itself in the calf of Mrs. Pillen's leg.

Senator T. W. Palmer, has been elected president of the American Percheron horse breeders' association, at the regular bi-annual meeting held in Chicago.

Judge Tuttle at East Tawas decides that the tax-law under which the property of a resident may be taxed for payment of taxes of a non-resident is ineffective.

The Battle Creek common council have adopted an ordinance granting permission to any company to put in an electric light on giving bonds of $5,000.

Alexander McLeod of Charlevoix, and Timothy Bresnahan of Muskegon have been appointed deputy United States marshalls for the western district.

William Mahon of Ann Arbor is the owner of the completest Gaelic library in the west, and it is his purpose to transfer the ownership to the university.

Samuel Woodman, who stabbed his wife so dangerously in Akron township, has been remanded to jail at Caro to await trial at the December term.

Arthur Graham's barn at Otisville burned the other night with all its contents. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary. Loss $1,000.

Mrs. Myers of East Saginaw is under arrest for shooting three times at her husband. The woman tried, with her usual ill luck, to shoot the officer.

The brotherhood of locomotive engineers and fireman at Fort Gratiot will give a grand ball and supper Wednesday evening, Nov. 25.

William N. Carpenter, a prominent citizen and old resident of Detroit was thrown from his carriage a few days ago and instantly killed.

An employe of Bement & Son, Lansing, raised a check 10 times its original value, passed it on a saloon and then skipped out.

Examination of Sheriff McIntyre charged with neglect of duty during the strike at East Saginaw has been adjourned till Nov. 24.

A fine of $5 will be imposed on every member of the Grand Rapids grocers' association who gives credit to a known dead-beat.

Patrick Johnson colored of Adrian, is under arrest charged with murdering his two new born babes on the night of Nov. 6.

Dr. E. G. Gale formerly of Flint, and at one time collector of internal revenue for that district, died in Vermont recently.

Edward Brigham, the Battle Creek geologist has gone to Brazil to spend from one to four years in scientific explorations.

More than 1,200 persons have been added to the Catholic church at Kalamazoo since the beginning of the great revival.

The rendezvous of a gang of theives which was recently broken up has been discovered in the woods south of Pittsford.

Dr. F. P. Wright of Grand Rapids will have to pay W. M. Mayo $1,000 for unskillfully treating a broken leg in 1882.

Charles Bailey a prominent citizen and respected farmer of Howell, dropped dead of heart disease a few days ago.

The body of an unknown man was found in the river at the corner of the fair grounds at Ionia the other afternoon.

The father of one of the boys who lost his life at the bridge disaster in East Saginaw will sue for damages.

The Lewis art collection, numbering 723 pictures, will fill six large rooms at the university.

Willard Dodge's bequest of $40,000 to the Kalamazoo female seminary has been paid over.

Sixty saloon keepers in Grand Rapids have been convicted of illicit liquor selling the past year.

Rev. E. E. Childs, for 20 years pastor of the Presbyterian church in Jonesville, has resigned.

The Flint conservatory and music hall is announced to be sold at sheriff's sale Dec 18.

Three of the prisoners who escaped from Ionia a few days ago have been recaptured.

Mrs. Custer says she is not a candidate for the office of pension agent at Detroit.

A. J. Beach, superintendent of the Flint wagon works is dead, aged 50 years.

Perry Hannah of Traverse City denies that he is a candidate for governor.

There are 220 boys and 17 girls in the state school at Coldwater.

Counterfeit $5 are in circulation in various parts of the state.

Mathew Morehouse, a resident of Holly for 53 years, is dead.

## FURIOUS FLAMES.

### Destroy Millions of Dollars Worth of Property in Galveston.

**Nearly $2,000,000 Loss.**

A destructive fire broke out in the eastern part of Galveston, Texas, on the morning of Nov. 13th, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets. About 4 o'clock the fire began to spread to the east and to the west of Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, the wind rose to a gale and pandemonium reigned. For a time it seemed as though the entire eastern half of the city was doomed. The fire spread rapidly to the southward, licking up the blocks of elegant residences hastily abandoned by their inmates. By 5 o'clock it had reached Broadway, which treads the center of the island, running east and west, and by 8 o'clock the fire had eaten its way to avenue O, where at 8 o'clock it seemed to exhaust itself and the fireman coming up checked further ravage at this point, or within two blocks of the gulf. The burned district covers 52 blocks, seven of which are not swept entirely clean. It is 16 blocks in depth, and averages a width of three blocks. From the housetops the smoking burned district resembles a huge black half-opened fan lying across the island from the bay nearly to the gulf. The island at that point is 19 blocks, or one mile and a quarter wide. The fire started on the north side of the avenue A, better known as the strand, which is one block from the bay, and it stopped within two blocks of the gulf. From avenue A to avenue F, for four squares, the burned dwellings were occupied almost entirely by the poorer classes, and several families were crowded in a single house in this strip. From avenue C, however, the burned district includes the wealthiest and most fashionable portion of the city. One hundred elegantly furnished mansions are in ruins. Many of these residences had beautiful gardens attached, and the moneyed loss does not represent over half their value. All manner of estimates are to be heard at this time. The city assessor says the taxable value of the dwellings burned is $650,000. This makes the actual value of the property $1,500,000, which perhaps represents the loss in money. The insurance is estimated at $600,000, although some insurance men who have walked over the district, place the insurance at $800,000. So far as can be learned not a single accident occurred. The scene during the progress of the fire was simply frightful, so filled with misery and terror that whoever witnessed it must bear its vivid impress for a lifetime. The wind rose to a screaming gale in the vicinity of the fire and swept through the burning belt in terrific whirls, carrying millions of live cinders high up in the air and raining them down a mile distant over the wooden city and its panic stricken inhabitants. The entire east end of the city scarcely contains a dozen brick dwellings. All is wood—Texas pine—and it burns with an indescribable fury. Five minutes after a house had caught it would be wrapped in one mighty flame. The alleyways and streets for 10 squares on either side of the burning belt were filled with the blanched faces of helpless men, women and children who could do nothing in such a gale but crouch down for shelter and watch the flames lick up the fruits of a lifetime.

Although the victims number many of the wealthiest residents of the city, whose individual wealth runs up near the millions, yet the great majority of those burned out lost the better portions of their fortunes and their little all. Some families saved a good deal of furniture, others were left with only the clothes on their backs, so confident were they that the fire would not reach them. The loss in personal and household property can never be estimated, and is not included in the previous estimate.

Already the rich men of the city and the well-to-do, even those who have lost their elegant mansions, have determined to look after and provide for the poorer people, and Galveston will probably make no appeal to the outside world.

Following close on the heels of the great strike, which inflicted a moneyed loss on the business men of Galveston of fully $400,000 this calamity is the climax to the woes and sore afflictions of the city. With the exception of half a dozen grocery stores and the iron and car-repairing foundry, where the fire started, no places of business were destroyed.

## EASTERN ECHOS.

James Rice of Ithica, N. Y., under arrest for burglary at Canandaigua jail, cut his throat.

Henry L. Kilbooth, colored, was arrested in Boston with $6,000 worth of diamonds in his possession.

Horace B. Claflen of New York, the prince of American dry goods men, died suddenly on the 14th inst.

River water at McKeesport, Pa. has poisoned 32 workmen, two of whom will die. Analysis reveals lead.

A project is on foot to abolish the Brooklyn post office and place it under the jurisdicton of the New York office.

Nine students of the Ohio Wesleyan university have been suspended for attending the theater to see "Richard III."

Charles H. Barker single, 28 years of age, has fallen heir to $7,500,000 by the death of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Ann Thurburn of London.

Dec. 11th and 12th the two hundredth anniversary of the introduction of printing into the American colonies will be celebrated in Philadelphia.

While workman in Brooklyn were excavating for a new building they unearthed 18 human skulls within a very small area, and only 14 inches from the surface.

Dr. John M. Riggs, one of the most famous dental surgeons of the nation, died in Hartford, Conn., on the 11th inst, aged 75. His will provides that his body be cremated.

Answers to 500,000 circulars sent out by the New York board of trade show that the large majority of merchants condemn the further compulsory coinage of the silver dollar.

Mrs. Mary Stover, a blind woman at Benton Ridge, Hancock Co., O., was burned to death recently, her clothing taking fire while she was working about a stove. Her husband, also blind, was severely burned while trying to save his wife.

The will of Gen. George B. McClellan has been filled for probate. After providing for the payment of all his debts and funeral expenses, he bequeaths all his real and personal estate to his wife, Ellen Marcy McClellan. On the death of his wife his estate is to be divided between his two children.

The Advisory Board of the Laster's Union of Massachusetts have ordered all the lasters employed in forty-two shoe factories in that state to cease work. This is the result of a recent manifesto issued by the manufacturers, on which the rights of the union to dictate prices, etc., was ignored.

Warden Lanehart of the Auburn prison says the goods manufactured by the convicts under the state account system meet with ready sale, and that he has not been compelled to sell any of the wares below the outside market price. The warden looks upon the system as much better for honest labor than the old contract plan.

## WESTERN WHISPERS.

The Piegan Indians are on the war path.

Ex-Senator Sharon died in San Francisco, Nov. 13th.

Petroleum has been discovered in Northern Wyoming, east of the Yellowstone Park.

The damage by the destruction of Chinatown in Tacoma, W. T., amounted to $25,000.

Matthew Smith of Elroy, Wis., was killed at Ashtabula, O., by falling from a train on a bridge.

Reported that Indian tribes in the Northwest are preparing for a general uprising in the spring.

Over 100,000 tons of coal were burned by the fire which destroyed the coal docks of the St. Paul & Pacific railroad company near St. Paul.

Wm. F. Smythe, for many years, connected with the New York Herald and one of the best known journalists in the United States, is dead.

A corporation has been organized in San Francisco, the object of which is to supply California fruit to the eastern markets at reduced rates.

Samuel Kirkley, running a disreputable resort near Fort Niobrara, Neb., has been murdered by some soldiers, and Gen. Howard will investigate the case.

The arrest of Oklahoma boomers is of daily occurrence. The prisoners are released upon signing an agreement never again to trespass upon the Indian lines.

Judge Martin of Atchison, Kansas, refused to transfer five liquor cases to the United States court, and sustained the validity of the prohibitory liquor law in every particular.

For personating another Chinaman in a certificate issued under the Chinese restriction act, Choi AhJow of San Francisco will have to pay a fine of $5,000 and be imprisoned for five years.

James Dana, a brother of C. A. Dana of the New York Sun, while deer hunting near Eau Clair, Wis., shot E. Van Trott, his companion, mistaking him for a deer. Dana is wild with grief.

The boycott of the Knights of Labor against the Mallory steamship company on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railway continues practically unchanged. No signs of settlement are visible.

An anti-Chinese meeting was held in Santa Cruz, Cal., the other evening and adopted resolutions which stated that it was the sense of the meeting that the restriction act should be amended so that further Chinese emigration to this country will be entirely prohibited.

Six years ago a young man named William Thomas was sent to the state's prison in Joliet for the alleged murder of Dr. Allen of Sandwich. His sentence was for fifteen years. A few days since James Young, a convict, made a full confession of the crime and Thomas has been released.

A wealthy gentleman named Phillip Van Trott, one of a party of society men from different parts of the northwest camping in the woods six miles from Thorpe, Wis., was shot and killed the other morning by one of the party, James D. Dana, brother of the editor of the New York *Sun*, who mistook him for a deer.

Gov. Hauser of Montana has telegraphed to Secretary Lamar that Father Blondin, a catholic missionary, just in from the Tongue river country, reports that the Indians are suffering for want of food. The report is discredited at the department as the agent has reported that the usual supplies have been issued.

While a number of workmen were at work on the bridge near Keithsburg, Ill., the corner post of the "traveler" gave way, and the staging, with men, machinery, and a heavy iron column were precipitated into the water. Three men were buried under the debris, one other was instantly killed, and several others seriously injured.

## SOUTHERN SAUCE.

The Texas labor troubles have been amicably settled.

The Louisville Evening Times proposes that citizens of the south erect a monument to Gen. Grant.

The North Central and South American exposition was formally opened in New Orleans, Nov. 10.

Capt. M. A. McGuire, a wholesale trunk dealer of Cincinnati, was drowned in Coulterville, Tenn., a few days ago while endeavoring to save the life of a little colored boy.

## WASHINGTON WAFFLES.

It is suggested that Mount Vernon be made a national park.

A grand nephew of ex-President Tyler is trying to get the position of door-keeper of the House.

Dorman B. Eaton has been temporarily appointed a member of the Civil Service Commission.

The commissioner of navigation reports that there are now 25,513 American merchant vessels, a decrease of 1,117 in a year.

Chinamen entered at New York in transit to China by San Francisco have not been heard from since, and the secretary of the treasury will look them up.

Rev. Wm. Hicks, Guiteau's pastor, got a one cent libel verdict against the Washington Star for a charge that he sold Guiteau's body to the army museum.

Congress is to be petitioned to tax oleomargarine, butterine, and other adulterations of butter, 10 cents a pound, and to place an import duty on European eggs.

Gen. Sheridan wants the Indian lands divided, 320 acres to a family and the residue sold and the funds therefrom collected used to protect and educate the Indians.

The chief of engineers of the war department will in his forthcoming report, recommend that the government purchase the Portage Lake and Lake Superior ship canal.

The sixth auditor's report shows that gross postal revenues last year were $42,560,843 and expenses $49,317,188, making a deficit of $6,756,345, which, when other deficiencies are added, grows to $8,381,571.

The German American Telegraph Cable Company, capital $12,000,000, filed articles of incorporation in Albany on the 12th inst. Lines are to be extended between Germany and the United States and between Germany and England.

The chief of the bureau of statistics reports the total value of the exports of domestic cattle and hogs as follows: October, 1885, $6,586,085; October, 1884, $7,478,026; ten months ended October 31, 1885, $78,826,074; for 1884, $77,934,351; beef and pork products twelve months ended October 31, 1885, $86,082,066; for 1884, $88,468,218; dairy products, six months ended October 31, 1885, $7,597,427; for 1884, $10,287,487.

## FOREIGN FRAGMENTS.

King Milan has declared war against Bulgaria.

Large coal fields have been discovered in Liberia.

Bismarck has been asked to meditate between England and Burmah.

Lieut. Schwaka of Berlin will set sail on an expedition to the north pole next spring.

Two Mexican editors have been given four months' imprisonmet for political offense.

The Canadian government will investigate the wreck of the Algoma in Lake Superior.

Eight young men in Ottawa have been sentenced to prison for life for the crime of rape.

A widow evicted near Latjin, county Limerick, Ire., last May, was reinstated by 200 armed men.

Dr. John B. Lee of Philadelphia has been appointed secretary of legation at Constantinople.

A fire destroyed two blocks on the principal business street of Manchester, Eng. Loss $500,000.

The United States minister protests against the expulsion of five German Americans from Prussia.

The Spanish government has intimated its desire to reopen treaty negotiations with England.

Mexican government ministers propose a great sewerage system for draining the valley of Mexico.

The German and Spanish governments have been asked to protect American missions on the Caroline Islands.

The German colonization society has decided to raise a capital of 1,000,000 marks with which to found colonies in South America.

Mr. Stead, editor of the London Pall Mall Gazette is in Coldbath Fields prison, London. He is allowed only a bible, but has no light to read it.

The Servian troops attacked several detachments of Bulgarians on the 14th inst. The latter were defeated, with a loss of 34 killed and wounded.

A Cairo despatch states that after Gen. Gordon's murder his head hung on a butcher's hook for five days and was subject to the most atrocious indignities.

The government of San Domingo will have to pay $33,000 to the widow of J. J. Pratt, an American who was shot while sitting in his hotel at San Domingo.

While five men were painting the ceiling of a drill shed in Montreal the scaffolding gave way. Two of the men were killed instantly, a third died shortly after and the other two are not expected to live.

Stead, the Pall Mall Gazette editor of London, has been sentenced to three months imprisonment for complicity in the abduction case on which he was recently convicted. His accomplice gets six months' imprisonment.

Four cars of a Grand Trunk freight train jumped the track at Cardinal, Ont., and rolled down an embankment, crushing to death Alexander Milne, a switchman, who leaves a wife and large family unprovided for. A broken wheel is supposed to have caused the accident.

The dominion bridge company have secured the contract for iron work on the Canadian Pacific bridge at Lachine. The bridge will consist of two spans of 2,039 feet each, two of 408 each the channel spans and eight of 242 feet. It will be a simple iron girded truss bridge, the track running on top of the truss.

### A Greedy Teuton

A disciple of Brigham Young has been unearthed in Brooklyn in the person of a German named Frans Gustar Carlson 23 years old. He began marrying last September and has continued until he has six or seven wives. He is in Brooklyn jail for bigamy. Carlson has two wives in Connecticut, one in Boston, one in New York and one in Brooklyn, besides Mrs. Emelia Christine Eklander, whom he deserted the day after marriage, who had Frans arrested. Detectives are hunting for the various wives.

### Servia's Success.

After crossing the Bulgarian frontier the Servian troops occupied a position at Raptcha, the losses on both sides were heavy. This victory enables the Servians to turn the very difficult and rocky gorge of Dragoman pass and the Bulgarians after a gallant resistance retreated to Slivnitza. The direct road to Sofia passes through Tzaribrod and Dragoman, but another runs by the way of Trn and turns both defiles of Tzaribrod and Dragoman, reaching Sophia by way of Bresnik. It was probably on the latter road the fight took place. Col. Djuknich, commanding the Timok division, drove the Bulgarians from the entrenchments at Kielaand captured 150 prisoners. The total Servian loss is two officers and 50 men killed and 230 wounded.

### Frightful Explosion.

Near the little village of Rockfield, 26 miles north of Milwaukee, Wis., the little 4-year-old daughter of Jacob Dhein, lime burner and stone quarrier, innocently picked up a large dynamite cartridge used for heavy blasting and threw it into the kitchen stove. A terrific explosion followed, shattering the house, killing the little girl, fatally injuring Mrs. Dhein and seriously mutilating other members of the family. The child's head and arm were torn from the body, its head being found quite a distance from the house attached to a portion of the family dog's head, the animal having stood by the little one's side at the time of the explosion. The mother had both limbs broken and her body frightfully mutilated. She cannot recover. Mr. Dhein had several bones broken, but is thought not to be fatally injured. The force of the explosion was so great as to scatter portions of the building for rods about.

The Pacific coast is going in "heavy" for raising raisins.


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