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TIMELY TOPICS.

The last survivor of John Brown's foray in Virginia in 1859 is his son Owen. He had just gone to Pasadena, California, broken in health, in hopes to repair his failing strength in that milder climate. His brother Jason and his sister Ruth Thompson, with her husband, all live there and are cultivating a fruit farm. Two sisters, Sarah and Ellen (Mrs. Fahlinger), live on a fruit farm at Saratoga, owned by their widowed mother at the time of her death two years ago. Sarah died a few some years ago, and is buried in San Francisco mint, but has been sent adrift recently by the new domestic superintendent. Another daughter, Anne (Mrs. Adams), is living with her children at Rohnerville, in northern California, and a brother, Salmon, owns a sheep range near there at Bridgeville. None of the family have much of this world's goods.

For the benefit of our fun-loving readers who have had a surfeit of neckie socials, pie socials and a dozen other kind of socials, we suggest the following: A number of masked persons supposed to be ladies, are put up at auction and sold for old maids, from an auction block, as slaves used to be sold in olden times, and as pretty maidens are yet sold in some quarters of the earth. Some of them prove afterwards to be toys, and of course this is a fraud and never ought to be imitated. The party that has the highest price for his "old maid" for the rest of the evening, and consequently takes her to supper. When they are seated at the tables the old maids are compelled to unmask, and all present have an opportunity to see who have been sold.

Is this country we work too hard, and too continuously. We are wearing ourselves out: and that too without any real advantage even to our pockets, for there will be just as many goods sold in 5d days as there would be in six, and the profits would be just as large. In mechanical occupations men would be compelled, just as much to lie the shorter time as in the longer, on account of the greater freshess and vigor they would bring to their tasks. But even if they could not accomplish as much it would still be a public benefit, for the shortened time would result in employment being provided for a greater number of people.

When Bartholdi, the artist, seated himself at the Union League banquet, in New York, this is what he saw: "In the center of the large round table was a sheet of water 8x14 feet, representing the bay of New York. The colossal statue of Liberty giving light to the world from an imaginary crescent moon, light towered up on Bedloe's island. Fort Wadsworth and Governor's island were clo t hand, with the French vessels Isere and La Flore floating between them. Little cray gay with flags made the surroundings look a nearly as possible like the scene when the statue was conveyed to the island."

Tourists report that the once mighty Euphrates river is likely to disappear altogether. For some years the river banks below Babylon have been giving way so that the stream spread out into a marsh, until steamers could not pass, and only a narrow channel remained for the native boats. Now the passage is being filled up, and the prospect is that the town on the banks will be ruined and the famous river itself will be swallowed up by the desert.

The New York members of D. K. E. one of the secret societies represented at the university of Michigan, have opened a new club-house on Wes Thirty-sixth street, near Fifth avenue. The building is fitted up handsomely, and the library is said to be a feature of the club. Among its members are N. Butler, Whitelaw Reid, Sidney Webster, Julian Hawthorne, Hubert O Thompson and Bishop Dudley.

A manual training school has been opened in Toledo, and was officially dedicated on the 4th inst. ex-President Hayes presiding. This building is the largest and best in the country, being erected solely for this purpose It will accommodate 300 pupils and will furnish complete courses in drawing, wood carving, molding, dress making, cooking, etc., free to pupils in public schools.

It is reported from California that a new species of bear has been discovered on Mount Shasta which is found in no other part of the world. It is about the size of a shepherd dog, is perfectly white and very ferocious. Three of them have been killed but one captured alive.

A Chinese Barber.—One of the most important personages in Mott street, New York, is Ah Ong, the fashionable barber. Unlike the American colleagues, he does the larger part of his business in the stores or residences of his customers. The chair is a low, three legged stool, on which the customer sits bolt upright. Coat, waist-coat, necktie and collar are removed, and a common long cloth put around the neck. The face and throat are washed with perfumed water and dried with a soft towel, ago remaining moisture being removed by a vigorous fanning. The shaving that follows is remarkable for its quickness, it takes almost no lather is used. After going over the face and throat, Lee shaves the back of the neck and temples, and the eyebrows are in regular, curs away enough hairs to produce the symmetrical effect. The second part of the operation is what he prides himself upon. The razor is dried and put away for a time, he produces two small ear razors, calipers, tweezers, scrapers and sponges, and with these he proceeds to embellish the ears. He first shaves off the down on the outside, and then, with a dexterous sweep of the wrist, the hair on the inside of the ear. The blade of this ear razor is shaped as large as a thumb, and is concaved almost into a crescent. The sensation is pleasant rather than otherwise. With his other implements he cuts and tweezes the ear until its color is bright pink. The third part of the job is a Swedish movement on a small scale. The muscles of the face, scalp and throat are kneaded, pinched and rolled, even the eyelids being exercised. Then the muscles of the arms and trunk are alternately flexed and relaxed, the finger joints "cracked" and the head twisted into a dozen positions. The finish to a touch consists in being patted and pounded with Lee's fist and open hand from the top of the head to the soles of the back, and the job is complete. Time, thirty minutes, and cost "sap dollar."

A negro in Texarkana, Ark., has for a living A writer to one of the metropolitan papers says he will undertake that for pay. He says constitutional. He says that Stevens had friends in Bay City. It was thought probable he may have gone there, and it was subsequently learned that he had gone north on the Bay City road. The following morning he was found trudging wearily along toward Orion. City Marshal Graves of that village was notified, and met Stevens just east of the town and arrested him. Stevens made no resistance, and was taken to the village and locked up to await the arrival of the Detroit officers, who came in the afternoon and returned to the city the same evening with their prisoner. Stevens confessed that he killed the girl, but gives no reason for committing the terrible crime. The engagement ring which he had given her, the razor with which he did the deed, a bottle of chloroform and a sponge were found on his person.

Fred C. Lewis received $100 damages against the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad in the Wayne circuit court recently. Lewis was carried last Belden station at night, and in attempting to walk on the track fell into an open culvert and broke his back. His lower limbs have since been paralyzed. On a previous trial by Jay Speed took the case from the jury on the ground that falling into a cattle guard was too remote a consequence of the company's original wrong to make them responsible. The supreme court sustained Judge Speed, but held that Lewis ought to recover for the "inconvenience" of being carried by Belden. The $100 verdict was for the "inconvenience" only.

The Bay City stone company recently placed over a grave in that city a dark Quincy granite cottage monument with the following inscription: "Anna M. Clemens, born October 23, 1853; died April 7, 1880." Anna M. Clemens death caused as great, though not so prolonged a sensation, as that of Martha Wallis, whose body was found tied up in a bag in Detroit river. Anna's remains were found in the river Rouge, on a bridge across which a few miles below Detroit had previously been found her cloak. Here was a mysterious murder, for which a Detroit doctor was tried but acquitted and the perpetrator is still unpunished.

The dead body of a well-to-do farmer of Vermontville, Jacob Lake, who had been spending the afternoon and evening in the village, and who started to drive home, a distance of four miles, was discovered in a gutter not far from the village. According to all that can be ascertained he was thrown from his wagon and dragged a short distance, when his head struck a sharp stone which penetrated his skull just back of the left ear, probably causing instant death. Deceased was about 60 years of age and had been for some time addicted to the use of ardent spirits.

For some time past there has been trouble in the Polish Catholic church in Detroit. This culminated a few days since in a regular riot, the direct cause of which was the attempt of a priest, who had recently been appointed to celebrate mass. The women were the ringleaders in the riot, and the belligerent females had a number of officers and men with clubs, stones, mud, etc. A number of arrests were made, when the mob dispersed, only to rally again in the evening, and form in a column for mass, and the same scenes were enacted.

B. H. Parker planted ten acres of ground with red kidney beans. The hills were planted three feet apart each way, and were cultivated last year during the whole season. All the product of the ten acres, given so little cultivation, is about 200 bushels, or 20 to a bushel, $400 for the ten acres. Bean culture is a profitable business, if this is a fair product. Mr. Parker shipped four cars of beans last season.—Greenville Independent.

The following are the officers of the state association of Holstein-Friesian cattle breeders for the ensuing year: President, Hon. Wm. Grand Rapids; Vice President, C. H. Stone, Hastings; Secretary and Treasurer, W. K. Boxton, Howell. Directors for one year, W. A. Rowley, Mt. Clemens; E. G. Sweet, Mason. The next meeting of the society will be held at Hastings on the first Tuesday in December, 1886.

Canadian parties are scouring northern Michigan for rock elm, paying therefor from $12.50 to $15.50 for each tree as it stands. Nearly 300 men, mostly French Canadians, are employed cutting trees and hewing them into a plane timber, which is shipped to England for ship building purposes. Last season upwards of 5,000 feet of rock elm was cut, and all of it this manner.

The Michigan Central's change of time on its county branch is not pleasing to the inhabitants. Heretofore the time between Au Gres and Detroit was nine hours, now it is 13, and Detroit newspapers are from 40 to 60 hours stale when they reach that village. The postmaster general has been appealed to, in the hope that he may be able to remedy the evil.

Birdall & Barker's saw mill in the south end of Bay City was a total destruction by fire the other night, which broke out at 11 o'clock. The loss is placed at $150,000, insured for $100,000. The mill in 1873 by Jacob Birdall, was and was the largest on the river, having a cutting capacity of 400 000 feet of lumber per season. The fire originated in the fire room.

The Bapman iron and wire works in Detroit were destroyed by fire on the morning of December 3, together with a number of houses in the vicinity. The loss is $300,000, but partially insured. No fatalities occurred, although there were several narrow escapes from falling wall. Between 450 and 500 workmen are thrown out of employment.

Milo Haynes and E. Seaton, arrested for operating an illicit still, which was discovered on the latter's farm near Almont, were arraigned before Justice Jerome Commissioner Harris in Port Huron. Haynes asked for an adjournment to December 10, which was granted. Haynes and Seaton are locked up in default of $1,000 bail.

Stephen McFinally, the boy who stabbed Burwell Langan to death in Detroit, a few weeks ago, has been sent to the Ionia house of correction for eight years. The lightness of the sentence was due to the recommendation by the jury of mercy to the prisoner. Ten days were granted in which to settle a bill of exceptions in the case.

Battery H, first Michigan light artillery held its annual reunion at Holly Wednesday. Twenty-five old comrades were present and renewed their acquaintance. Some present had not met for twenty years. The usual business was transacted and officers re-elected. They meet again the first Wednesday in December next.

Thos. B. Irwin died in Paw Paw a few days ago. He has resided there nearly 43 years. In 1856 he was elected to the office of register of deeds of Van Buren county, and served in 1861. Afterwards he was appointed postmaster under Grant's administration, and held that office until falling back on his pension, he had to resign.

A lumber firm has built a railroad seventeen miles out of Midland in the direction of St. Louis, and as the F. & P. M. are operating it and as it runs over an old Canadian road bed, St. Louisians are hoping to get an eight mile gap completed and then all are early day get the facilities offered by that road.

Edward Woodmancy of Kalamazoo, was walking over the G. R. & I. track one day and when he picked up a curious looking piece of iron and began to pull it out, he found it from it upon the iron rail. It proved to be a torpedo, and exploded, blowing off the cuffs of the fingers of his right hand.

Fred Crabb, an 18-year-old boy of Ypsilanti, who was taken to the Detroit house of correction for treatment a year ago, was allowed to return home three weeks ago at his mother's pleading. Last week he attempted to kill his service and went violently insane. He was returned to the asylum.

Mrs. Martha Strickland who conducted the examination of witnesses in the Foley trial at St. John is undoubtedly the first woman in the history of Michigan jurisprudence who has led the prosecution in a murder trial, and probably the first in the United states

A. W. Wright, the real owner of the Lansing, Alma & St. Louis railroad, which failed in his negotiations to lease the road intends to operate it himself in the course of a w ek or ten days and intends extending the road south toward Lansing at once

There is an exhibition at the Grand Opera House at Coldwater an old, dust worn picture, said to be an original Rembrandt. It was purchased in New Orleans some years ago and afterward taken to Rome, where art critics pronounced it genuine.

Deputy Sheriff Munger of Fort Rock was stabbed in the arm Wednesday night by Frand Knox, colored, whom he was trying to arrest for an outrage on a colored girl 14 years old. Knox escaped and Munger offers $25 reward for his capture.

Mr. Solomon Conrad, a wealthy farmer living near Charlotte, refused to take care of a aged father who came all the way from Indiana to spend the winter with him. The old man made up a purse and sent the old man back to Indiana.

Neuralgia, rheumatism and bronchitis, in the order named, caused most sickness in Michigan the last week in November. Diphtheria is reported at thirty-five places, scarlet fever at eighteen, and typhoid fever at ten.

George Hurst of Byron Centre sues the Lake Shore railroad in the Kent circuit court for $25,000 damages for injuries received by being thrown from a train Oct. 15, 1884. He is permanently paralyzed in both legs.

A tidal wave struck the mouth of the Saginaw river on the 5th inst, causing great destruction of property and much suffering. Cellars were filled with water, docks overflowed and valuable property washed away.

The secret knights A. O. U. W. of Michigan are now under the jurisdiction of the Illinois grand legion, but have decided to join the Indiana grand legion, which does not yet agreed upon, and organize a state grand legion.

The Thompson Bros' salt block at St. Clair has been shut down for a month for repairs and partly because the state salt inspector for 1884 has the packing of salt when the temperature is below 40 Fahrenheit.

Little Sam, an Indian living near Grand Haven, was struck by a Chicago & West Michigan train near Grand Haven, and terribly mangled. Both legs were amputated, and Sam died during the night.

The 4-year-old son of Dr. Henry A. Reynolds, who is visiting at the residence of John Hoyt at Port Huron, accidentally drove a knife blade into his eye, and will probably lose the sight of that eye.

Edward Vanfleuline's examination on a charge of murdering Ezra Vanderhoof in Muskegon last October resulted in holding him for trial at the December term of the circuit court.

Postmaster Codd of Detroit will not be disturbed by the new postmaster general. The postmaster general regarded the charges against Mr. Codd too flimsy to demand his resignation.

Dr. Yates of Cedar Springs, left the army in 1865, on account of a disease contracted. He has just been awarded a back pension amounting to $2,112, and is entitled to $8 per month henceforth.

Mrs. Minnie Bellinas, wife of the proprietor of the Bellinas hotel, Port Huron, has been sentenced to three years at Jackson for breaking into a Reed City millinery store about a year ago.

George Hunt of Byron Center sues the Lake Shore railroad for $50 damages for being crowded off an excursion train between Byron Center and Grand Rapids, on the 4th of July.

Charles W. Pelham has been appointed superintendent of Jackson's letter carriers in place of W. H. Lyons, who held the position since the system was adopted in Jackson.

A new township is to be created in Arenac county at the next meeting of the board of supervisors, to be called Turner township. It is to be taken from the Lake township.

The Charlevoix village council has passed a resolution offering $5 to the first team that will arrive on the eight inch ice when an alarm is given and take the engine to a fire.

Thos Foley of Maple Rapids, charged with the murder of his twin babes some time ago has been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Geo. Werner of Marshall and the city marshal of that place, have been sued for false claims; a jobbing and shooting affair. The case is adjourned until Dec. 30.

Chase, Lake county, is to have a fine pottery business. Clay in the neighborhood is particularly adapted for that purpose. Good fuel and fire clay also abounds.

The thieves are committing such depredations in Frankenmuth township, Saginaw co., that it is proposed to organize patrol bands from the south to track them.

The annual meeting of the Branch county pioneer society will be held at the parlors of the Southern Michigan hotel, at Coldwater, on the evening of the 22d inst.

The first man admitted to the asylum at Grand Traverse was a citizen of that place. He worked in the lumber business, and is now which he now occupies.

The prospects for gold are so flattering at Elwell, Gratiot county, that several parties in the neighborhood have commenced shafting.

Augustus Gallup of the Grand Rapids hotels, under arrest for selling liquors with out a license and for selling on Sunday.

W. H. York offers $10 reward for the conviction of the person who set fire to his barn near York's station, Sanilac county.

Rail road earnings in Michigan for September were: $6,311,985.72 and in round of $101,223.25 over the same period last year.

Samuel J. Burgess, a prominent citizen of Marshall, died suddenly a few days since of a hemorrhage of the liver.

During the nine months ending October 1, Michigan railroads earned $46,163,919.95, a decrease of $2,376,528.46.

Mrs. Diantha Jones of Batavia, Branch county, is in her 100th year, and has never needed spectacles.

Forest trees, each one of which made a carload, are being planted on the sanitarium grounds at Alma.

A pardon is to be asked for Chas. Gillman, who murdered his mother in St. Clair county four years ago.

Quartermaster General Hart has advertised for tents to be used at the next state militia encampment.

One hundred and one old soldiers are sheltered at the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids.

The president has appointed A. W. Copland postmaster at Detroit vice Geo. C. Codd suspended.

The Kalamazoo electric light company will have their plant in full operation by Christmas

There were 70 dwellings erected at Benton Harbor this season, at a cost of $200,000.

January 15, the Twenty-first Michigan infantry will hold a reunion in Grand Rapids.

6 The Kalamazoo tubular well company has received an order from New Mexico.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 8, 1885.

Wheat—No. 1 white, spot 90c bid, 91c asked; December, 90c bid, 91c asked; March, 96c bid, 99c asked; No. 2 red spot, 91c bid, 92½c asked; November, 90c bid, 92c asked; December, 1,000 bu at 92½c; No. 3 spot, 1,000 bu at 85c; February, 94c bid, 95c asked; May, 98½c bid, 99c asked; rejected, 70c bid.

Corn—No. 2 spot, 40c asked; No. 2 white 37c asked; new mixed, 37½c asked.

Oats—No. 1 white spot, 32c asked; December white, 34c asked.

Clover seed—Prime spot, $5.40 bid, $5.50 asked; March, 1,000 bu at $5.50 asked; No. 2 spot, $5.10 bid, $5.15 asked.

Flour—Michigan winter wheat, stone process, $4.30@4.75; Michigan winter wheat patents, $5.25@5.50; Minnesota bakers, $4.75 @5; Minnesota patents, $5.50@6; Indiana winter wheat, $5@5.25; Rockwheat, $5.75@6 per 100 for eastern counties.

Provisions—New mess pork, $10.25@10.50; mess pork, old, $9.25@9.50; family new, $10.50 @11; lard, $6½@7; smoked hams, 11@12c; smoked shoulders, 7@7½c; smoked long clear, 7½@7½c; dried beef hams 10@10½c; extra mess beef, $9@9.50.

Seeds—Per lb: Timothy, 1@1½c.

Pop corn—Quiet. per lb, 3@3½.

Honey—Per 1-lb frame, 15@17c. Inactive.

Tallow—Market lifeless at 4½@4¾ per lb.

Potatoes—60@65c per bu. Market at a stand-still.

Apples—Per bbl, $1.50@2. The market is dull.

Oils—Water white, 12½c; Michigan test, 11c per gal.

Dressed Hogs—Scarcely any; moving. Per 100, $7@7.50.

Hops—Quiet per lb, New York, 19@13c; State, 5@15c.

Cider—Market dull; Stateboard, 10@11c; common sweet, 8c per gal.

Beans—Per bu, city picked $1.55 in carlots; unpicked, 60c at 90.

Maple Syrup—Very little inquiry, at former quotations, 6c for good to fancy.

Grapes—A few are still offered. Concords, 75@80c; Catawbas, 90c per lb.

Dressed Turkeys—Per lb, 10@12c.

Dressed Chickens—Per lb, 8@9c.

Dressed Ducks—Per lb, 8@9c.

Onions—Very few moving. Barrel lots quoted at $2@2.15, from store worth about 5c per bu.

Cranberries—The market rules steady at 9½@10 for prime Ohio; 10@11c for ditto state per bu.

Sweet Potatoes—Offerings very light. Jerseys, $2.25@ 2.5 and Illinois at $2.50@2.60 per bbl.

Eggs—Genuine fresh in tight supply and firm at 22c, held storage, 20@21c, and limed, 17@18c per doz.

Cranberries—Very few inquiries are reported; Cods are offered at $7 @7.50; state at $5@6 per bbl. Stocks liberal.

Butter—Extra choice dairy, the only kind called for, is scarce and firm at 16@17c, creamery, quiet, 20@21c.

Foreign Fruit—Oranges, Florida, 84 @4.50 per box; Messinas, $2.50@3, cocoanuts, $4.50 per 100; Malaga grapes, $2 50@3 50 per keg, $4.50@5 per bbl.

Poultry—Considerable "left over" stock still in market and dealers will take what they can get for it. Fire chickens would bring 6@7c; turkeys, 10@11c, and ducks and geese, 9@ 10c; ducks, 8@9c.

Game—Venison, carcass 7@8c; saddles, 9@ 10c; bear, 10c; squirrels, 75@ $1 per doz; pigeons, $1 50 per doz; woodcock, $2 75@3 per doz; partridges, per pair 60@75c; rabbits, 75@1c; shad, docks, per pair, 55@60c for canvas backs, and 35@40c for teal and wood; quail, per doz., $2@2 25.

LIVE STOCK.

Cattle—The market is steady; choice and extra good grades of shipping cattle, are quoted at $3.50@3.80; good to choice stockers and feeders at $2.20@2.60; through Texas cattle strong, $2.60@3.75.

Hogs—The market is 5@10c higher; common and rough and mixed grades of hogs are quoted at $3.55@3.75, good and choice assorted packing and shipping grades of hogs, from 250 to 400 lbs, at $3.70@4; common to good light and bacon grades of hogs at $3.50@3.65.

Sheep—Inferior to native sheep steady, sold at $1.75@3 60; Western, $3@3.75; Texans, $1.75@ 2.50; lambs, per head, $4.50@4.60.

CONGRESS CONDENSED.

Dec. 7.—Senate.—At precisely noon the Senate was called to order, and the session of the 49th congress began. After prayer Sergeant Sherman was notified of the president of the Senate by Mr. Edmunds. Mr. Voorhees of Indiana, rose stated the name of Mr. Hendricks. The vote was a strictly party one, and resulted in the election of Mr. Sherman. Committees were appointed to notify the President and the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate. The credentials of Mr. Logan as senator-elect from Illinois, and Mr. Hair from Mississippi, were presented, and the senators were sworn in. Until otherwise ordered 12 o'clock was fixed as the hour of daily meeting. The secretary was instructed to notify the President and House of the choice of Mr. Sherman as president, and committees appointed to join the House committee and notify the President that congress had assembled and was ready to receive any message. The Senate adjourned until 2.40 p. m. when it was called together by the newly-chosen president. Mr. Voorhees of Indiana presented appropriate resolutions on the death of the late Vice President, with a request that they be laid on the table subject to the order of that of respect to the memory of the late Vice President; the senate adjourned until 2.40 p. m. to-morrow.

House.—J. R. Clark, clerk of the House, called that body to order at precisely noon. After roll call the members responded very promptly, and the numbers as promptly sworn in, the floor speedily decked at once to the choice of a speaker. The names of John G. Carlisle of Kentucky and Thos. B. Reed of Maine were presented, and the former was finally nominated to the election of Mr. Carlisle by a majority of 60 votes. A committee was appointed to notify the President, and senate of the organization of the House, and that body adjourned.

EASTERN ECHOS.

Foreigners are refused work at the Pittsburg glass factories.

The Standard oil company proposes to pipe natural gas to Buffalo.

The New York chamber of commerce wants New York's harbor fortified.

A co-op ative nail company with $100,000 capital has been organized at Pittsburg.

Thos. Ryan, of New York, cures the New York World for libel, placing damages at $50,000.

The Erie railway company offer $1,000 reward for the apprehension of the author of the Scott letter.

A shipment of 40,000 stands of arms, worth $80,000 was made from New York to Turkey a little over a day.

E. J. Leverson Lytton, cousin of Lord Lytton, died suddenly in New York of heart disease, aged 33 years.

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The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania holds that the act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine is entirely constitutional.

A terrible accident on the new Croton aqueduct near Merritt's Corners, N. Y., on the 7th inst, and four men were instantly killed.

A collision on the Baltimore & Ohio road near Washington, D. C., resulted in the death of one person and injury to a number of others.

Levi Ward, the ex-banker now in Sing Sing prison, threatens to make a full confession of all the business transactions of the firm of Grant & Ward.

Thomas Sutcliffe of Easton, N. Y., a special student of Harvard college, is under arrest charged with the larceny of books from the college library.

Mrs. Wm. Orleans county, N. Y., a woman named Miles, between 60 and 70 year-old, was murdered the other morning in some unknown way.

A terrible collision occurred on the Brooklyn elevated road on the morning of the opening of the grip. One man was fatally injured, and five others seriously.

The election returns, laws applicable to Cleveland's civil service reform passed by the last legislature of Ohio, are declared unconstitutional by the supreme court.

County Clerk James F. D. Crane of West Chester county, N. Y., has disappeared, leaving a shortage in his accounts of $20,000. He is believed to be somewhere in Texas.

At Newcastle, N. Y., Donald Stewart, aged 12, after being admonished for some trifling fault, took his sleep-starve ed, from the cellar, where he died in 30 minutes.

James F. D. Crane the absconding West Chester, N. Y., county clerk, left a note behind, in which he confesses to a defalcation of $20,000 in his accounts.

At a cremation at Mount Olivet, N. J., a workman was unable to close the crematory door and the cremation went on in the usual process of burning the remains of a deceased.

Gov. John D. Van Buren died at New York, on the 8th inst. in the 62d year of his age. He was a member of the legislature, judge advocate general, inspector of state arsenals, and a lawyer of high standing. He was a Hoffman candidate for the governorship of the quiet administration.

WESTERN WHISPERS.

Oklahoma is free from intruders.

Chicago had a $200,000 fire on the 6th inst.

Four Indians scalped Thos. Stanton alive at San Bernardino. Gal bearise he would not give them whiskey.

Within 12 hours, over 10 inches of rain had fallen at San Luis Abispo, Cal., with a corresponding flood in the city.

Knights of Labor of the Pacific have adopted resolutions and forwarded the same to congress declaring foul the Chinese immigrants.

Four men have been killed in race troubles near Yuma, Arizona, since the 1st inst. Malignant typhoid is armed and more trouble is feared.

Cougar woman Lawler of Chicago, was hurt on a foot train going to Washington. As a consequence she will have a lame ankle. Her fake cost a railroad speed to 40 miles an hour.

Mrs. Catharine Stiles of Des Moines, Iowa, had found a gang of tramps and was about to take unto herself a fifth when the law laid its iron grip on him, and she now languishes in jail.

An organized band of women at Tampico, W. T., led Henry Roberts, the village postmaster, to a post and gave him a severe thrashing with raw hides for filtrating his letters.

Battleford, Out., has been quiet since the hanging of the eight half breeds. The Indians have gone to their reservations and the 50 captured prisoners have been sent to the penitentiary.

A former congress held in Indianapolis recently passed a resolution that congress be requested to so change the tariff state by state that what it was in 1880, or the act then inforce, by a vote of two thirds.

Albert Boles, aged 35 years, a mechanic in the Oliver chilled plow works at South Bend, Ind., on the morning of the 8th inst. shot himself as was going to lose his mind. He was the son of a wealthy manufacturer in Frederick City, Maryland.

Four Mormons were chosen by the Church to assassinate Bishop Mar-hall Collins near Lake City, because collins had incurred the wrath of the saints by testifying against polygamy and other Mormon practices. The intended victim however killed one of his assailants, and then the Mormons took to arms and a Jonesboro blood of Collins. He was taken to Fort Dodge for safety. A Mormon mob made a desperate attempt to capture him, but were driven back by soldiers. The Mormons retired to a good ambush, and in the meantime three regiments and a force of artillery were dispatched on the scene, and the Mormons retired.

SOUTHERN SAUCE.

The Indians in Arizona are murdering whites right and left. Settlers are fleeing in every direction

Yellow fever was warmed by a $150,000 blaze on the 6th inst., when J. P. Mills & Co.'s oil mill burned down.

Charlotte Wickliffe, colored, died at Louisville recently, aged 117. She claims to have danced Washington in her arms when he was the toy-town. She was the mother of 15 children, the oldest being nearly 100 years, and of 63 grandchildren.

Senor Romero, Mexican Minister, emphatically denies that American miners in the state of Coahuila, Mexico have been driven by persecution to seek Mexican citizenship in the hope of securing more perfect protection. He says no Americans have been ill-treated in that state.

The fund for the relief of Galveston fire sufferers now amounts to $118,000, of which $101,000 has been paid to the relief committee. The committee have thus far distributed $66,000. Twelve hundred applicants have received aid, and the majority of whom are heads of families.

An attempt was made the other night to burn the temporary quarters used for the colored orphans, at Galveston, Texas, the fire was discovered just before the little ones retired. Had the discovery been made a few moments later a terrible holocaust would have been the result.

WASHINGTON WAFFLES.

Congressman Warner says the silver coinage measures to be taken at the next congress will startle the silver men.

The United States sues J. L. Hodge of Washington, a former army pay master, for $161,000 short age in his accounts.

The coinage at the various mints during November was $4,653,950 of the amount $2,500,000 was in standard silver dollars.

Salisbury, N. Carolina, manufacturing its main street with gold quartz at a cost of $3 per ton.

A club house, for the entertainment and comfort of artists, is being built in the vale of Conway, in Wales, by eight painters.

Prayers are sold at auction in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Mackay employs a "press agent" to keep the world ringing about her in the Paris paper

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New York centipedes make fur from feathers.

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AROUND A GREAT STATE.

Michigan Horticulturists.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society was held in Benton Harbor on the 1st, 2nd and 3d inst. About 100 delegates were present from twenty-eight branch societies. The first session was devoted to the appointment of committees, reports on the injury to fruit by the past winter, and a discussion of new market varieties. The evening session was opened by an address of welcome by A. L. Kingsley, secretary of the Berrien county society, which was responded to by Hon. T. T. Lyon, president of the state society. The topic, "Insect Enemies," was then opened with a paper by W. A. Smith of Benton Harbor, followed by a lively discuss on on the relation of insects and birds. The subject of quince growing was introduced by E. H. Scott of Grand Rapids, who was generally considered profitable. W. K. Munson of Grand Rapids read a paper on the effects of severe winters; a paper on our production of fruit was read by the secretary from S. L. Fuller of Grand Rapids; a discussion of methods of purchasing nursery stock was led by A. G. Gulley of South Haven. The last topic of the evening was "Grape Rot," opened by W. A. Brown of Berrien county. The rot is becoming very destructive in the southern part of the state, and others are good remedies, sulphur having no effect, as it does with mildew.

The morning session on the 3d, was devoted to the subject of onion growing and a discussion of methods of marketing fruit, and listening to the reports of the officers, followed by the annual election, with the following result. President—Hon. T. T. Lyon, South Haven; Secretary—Hon. Charles W. Garfield, Grand Rapids; Treasurer—M. Pearsall, Grand Rapids; Members of Executive Board—L. H. Bailey, Jr., Agricultural College; A. G. Gulley, Schoolcraft.

At the afternoon session "Storing Celery," was discussed by P. W. Johnson, G. G. Bennett and S. M. Pearsall of Grand Rapids; Thos. E. Wolf of Coopersville, and W. W. Tracy of Detroit. The next subject, "Growing and Marketing Squashes," was opened by a paper from F. F. Rockwell of Lapeer, followed by H. W. Davis of Lapeer; Charles W. Garfield of Grand Rapids; W. W. Tracy of Detroit, W. K. Munson of Grand Rapids; C. A. Sessions of Owosso county and others. The subject of growth and varieties of sweet corn was discussed by H. W. Davis, W. W. Tracy and others. Mr Davis is an extensive grower of corn for drying purposes, and Mr. Tracy supertintends the growing of large amounts for seed. An essay was read from Mrs. Mary N. Allen, Secretary of Genesee and Hillsdale Society, on "The Farm-ra' Table Supply," and one from D. Newton of Cooper on "Window Plants."

The evening session was given to ornamental horticulture. A message of greeting was received from the Ohio Horticultural Society, in session at Columbus. A paper on "Climbing Plants," from O. C. Simonds of Chicago, one on "Shrubs," introduced by President Lyon; one on "Lawn Bedding," from Hon. W. K. Gibson of Jackson, and one on "County Cemeteries," by R. T. McNaughton of Jackson.

The morning session of the third day opened at 8 30 with a discussion of fruits for family use. Other topics of the forenoon were: "Strawberry Experiments," "Raising Strawberries," "Storing Winter Fruits," "Convenient Implements," and "Methods of Inducing Earliness and Protection from Frost."

The committee on exhibits reported twenty-two exhibitions of fruit and a fine display of