Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

TIMELY TOPICS.

A Washington dispatch says: In connection with the proposed change of rules in the House it is understood that an effort will be made to have eulogies on deceased members of Congress delivered in the future on Sundays. During the last Congress more than two weeks were devoted to eulogies to deceased members. Under the present rules as soon as the eulogies begin the House becomes empty; as all of the members except the immediate colleagues of the dead member take that opportunity to clear out. The argument is made that if eulogies were delivered on Sundays, and all who wish to listen to them were admitted to the seats on the floor of the House, a good-sized audience could always be secured, and there would be no interference with the regular business of the House.

WHILE the Caroline Islands controversy was still unsettled, the Germans quietly annexed the Marshall group, which consists of a hundred or more little islands extending north and south about three hundred miles, and lying just east of the Carolines. Our missionaries have established themselves among the southern islands of the group, and several German and English houses have trading posts and white agents on eight or nine of the larger islands. In this remote region of the western Pacific Germany has for some time been the leading commercial power. The commerce, however, very small, and its entire profits probably do not exceed the cost of the three war vessels that Germany keeps in those waters to protect its traders.

BE thankful for the good things you have; for health, if you have it; for friends, if you have them; for a home which you ought to have, and for food and raiment. Thank God that you still live. In joy and in sorrow, in prosperity and in adversity, be ye thankful. It will do you good like medicine. It will make your burdens light and your life happy, and your friends about you happy also. Don't be sad in this world. God made it, and He is our ruler. Don't go through life whining, with a long face, all the way. Be cheerful always, or try to be. Have faith in Providence, in God, remembering that all who love and serve him, all things shall work together for good; yes, for your good.

IS the report of a leading inebriate asylum in England, under the heading of family history, it is shown that in eight cases uncles had been described as inebriates, in four other cases grandfathers had been given to drink, while in only two cases are fathers mentioned as being of drunken habits. Of the twenty-five cases referred to whiskey or whiskey and brandy was the liquor most in demand, it being the favorite drink of nine patients. Eight patients had a craving for spirits, and but only one for gin alone. With regard to the causes of inebriety, business and financial loss or temptation are assigned in seven cases, domestic loss or trouble in six others, sociability in four cases, and want of employment in three others.

THOMAS STEVANS, who is attempting to make the tour of the world on a bicycle, had some rough experiences in Asia Minor. The people did not know what to make of his strange steed. In some places they would not let him enter their villages, and would have no dealing with him. In other places the inhabitants decided he was the devil and threw stones at him. As a rule however, he was very well received. He is now in Teheran, where he will spend the winter, and will start next spring on his long journey across Khorasan, Afghanistan and China.

SCANDINAVIA cannot for the moment be called the paradise of editors. In Sweden the editor of the Stockholm Tidning has been sentenced to four years' penal servitude, fourteenth months additional imprisonment, and to pay a fine of 3,400 kroner for insulting the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princess Royal of Sweden; and in Denmark the editor of Politikken has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for publishing insulting remarks concerning King Christian.

THE Massachusetts state teachers' association have passed a resolution urging the legislature to so amend the school laws as to give school committees the power to select teachers to serve during efficiency and good behavior. At the same time it is proposed to raise the standard of qualifications by more rigid examinations.

No travelers resist the border vaccinations so strenuously as the French Canadian immigrants. A burly man of this class fained during the operation on a Central Vermont train the other day, and his companions mobbed the physicians, under the impression that he had been poisoned.

"It's English, you know," to preserve fruit in the following way: Pears, apples, and other fruits are reduced to a paste, which is then pressed into cakes and gently dried. It is required for use it is only necessary to pour four times their weight of boiling water over them and allow them to soak for 10 minutes, and then add sugar to suit the taste. The flavor of the fruit is said to be restored to its perfection. The cost of the prepared product is said to be but little greater than that of the original fruit.

A traveler just returned from the district of India explains that by very economy a remaining after the first sifting which ends the "washing" is called "ress," and the second quality Souchong. Flowery Pekoe is the very best shoot, with a down on it, called the flower. "Facing" is a simply cooking it in an iron pan, by which means principally green tea is manufactured.

Fairmount park, Philadelphia, is about to have on the road east of Lemon hill a copy of The Westlers. A group presented at Paris once in the Uffizi, and near the Fairmount entrance. Opposite it will be a copy of the "Silenus with Infant Bacchus," now in the Louvre. The groups are provided by the park association.

Pike's Peak railroad when completed, as it is soon expected to be, will be the most notable track in the world. It will be twenty-five feet higher than the Lima & Oroya road in Peru. The cutting is 30 miles of its length will be a succession of complicated curves and grades, with no piece of straight track longer than 100 feet.

AROUND A GREAT STATE.

To Preserve Mount Vernon.

The following is a list of the lady managers of the Mount Vernon association, appointed for the different counties of the state by the vice regent for Michigan, Mrs. Elna A. Rathbone, Ann Arbor. It has been difficult to secure lady managers for some of the count es, and lady managers of adjacent counties are requested to act temporarily for the counties unrepre-ented. While as shown in letters addressed to each of the lady managers it is left to their judgment to determine in what manner contributions are secured for the Mount Vernon fund, it is suggested that some entertainment such as a Washington reception or tea-party should be given the different cities of the state on the 22d of February, and also that a Washington day should be observed in the schools and each school scholar be requested to contribute a penny or more on that day to the Mount Vernon fund. The list: Mrs. J. L. Tuttle, Niles, Berrien county, Cass county.

Mrs. Edward Moore, Three Rivers, St. Joseph county.

Mrs. Lewis, Coldwater, Branch county.

Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Hillsdale, Hillsdale county.

Mrs. Adolph Wheeler, Adrian, Lenawee county.

Mrs. Henry Conant, Monroe, Monroe county.

Mrs. Sellick, Paw Paw, Van Buren county.

Mrs. T. B. Selden, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo county.

Mrs. Stevens, Marshal, Calhoun county.

Mrs. Lizzie Cooley, Jackson, Jackson county.

Mrs. C. M. Sterling, Detroit, Wayne county.

Mrs. Oliver C. Rocker, Mt. Clemens, Macomb county.

Mrs. Wm. Alberton, Pontiac, Oakland county.

Mrs. J. S. Smith, Lansing, Ingham county.

Mrs. Henry Arnold, Charlotte, Eaton county.

Mrs. Holbrook, Hastings, Barry county.

Mrs. Anna Bassett, Allegan, Allegan county.

Mrs. Savage, Grand Haven, Ottowa county.

Grand Rapids, Kent county.

Mrs. Hubert Webber, Ionia, Ionia county.

Mrs. B. Walker, St. Johns, Clinton county.

Mrs. Shattuck, Owosso, Shiawassee county.

Mrs. W. B. Bates, Flint, Genesee county.

Mrs. M. Frost, Lapeer, Lapeer county.

Mrs. John Sanborn, Port Huron, St. Clair county.

Mrs. Townsend North, Vassar, Tuscola county.

Mrs. Frank Keeler, East Saginaw, Saginaw county.

Mrs. C. J. Willett, St. Louis, Gratiot county.

Mrs. Jessie Church, Sheridan, Montcalm county.

Mrs. Luther Whitney, Muskegon, Muskegon county, Huron county.

Mrs. T. Hazelton, Bay City, Bay county.

Miss Sarah Patrick, Midland, Midland county.

Mrs. E. A. Chatterton, Mt. Pleasant, Isabella county.

Mrs. Senator Phelps, Big Rapids, Mecosta county, Newaygo county, Oceana county.

Mrs. Nelson Lovell, Ludington, Mason county, Lake county.

Mrs. W. F. Bellows, Reed City, Osceola county.

Mrs. A. Hyde, Ft. Hawes, Farewell county, Glass in county, Gladwin county, Ogemaw county, Missaukee, Wexford county.

Mrs. Canfield, Manistee, Manistee county, Bengin county, Grand Traverse county, Kalkaska county, Cranford county, Oscoda county, Oloma county.

Mrs. Monroe Lyons, Alpena, Alpena county, Montmorency county, Otsego county.

Miss Noble, Elk Rapids, Antrim county, Leelanau county.

Mrs. C. H. Duffield, Charlevoix, Charlevoix county.

Mrs. Brackett, Petoskey, Emmet county, Cheboygan county, Presque Isle county.

Miss Fenton, Mackinaw, Mackinaw county, Schoolcraft county, Chippewa county, Delta county.

Mrs. Judge Frost, Marquette, Marquette county, Menominee county, Ontonagon county.

Mrs. Archibald McLean, Houghton, Houghton county, Varago county, Hiocwa county.

The Newberry Millions.

A Detroit evening paper gives the following account of the famous Newberry fortune, the division of which has been made necessary by the death of Julia Butler Newberry in Paris a few days ago:

The value of the estate is variously estimated at from $8,000,000 to $10,000,000. One half of this goes to the city of Chicago for the purpose of founding a public library. A large part of the other half comes to Detroit to be divided among a number of Newberrys and a syndicate composed of Senator Palmer, Ashley, Pond and Wm. A. Moore.

Walter L. Newberry, who left the millions, went from Detroit to Chicago in 1834. The place was then little more than a settlement on the prairie. For a mere song he bought 40 acres some distance from the town limits. The enormous development of Chicago soon made Newberry's tract of land a part of the city and its owner became a millionaire. In 1866 he died, leaving a will by which the bulk of his children survived him only a few years. This left the widow standing between Three certificates must be presented to ticket agents at the depots before their signatures when the ticket to Lansing is bought. These certificates, signed by the officers of the teachers' institutes, when presented at the Lansing ticket offices, will entitle the holders to return tickets at one-third fare.

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A Novel Divorce Suit.

The novel divorce proceedings of Annie Mills against her dead husband terminated in the Wayne circuit court this morning by a decree dissolving the marriage on the grounds that William Mills had another wife living at the time he married the complainant.

Mrs. Mills was formerly the wife of Theodore Lee, who served in the union army during the rebellion. He died from battle wounds, and his widow secured a pension. In September, 1868, Mrs. Lee became Mrs. Mills. The naptiks had some drawbacks, as the government declined to pay the ex-widow her pension any longer on the ground that she had a new husband to care for her.

The second marriage was not a happy one, as Mills became addicted to the bottle. In October, 1880, he was convicted in the recorder's court of throwing vitriol on his wife, and was sent to the house of correction for a year. Mrs. Mills applied for a divorce and secured it in April, 1881, on the ground of extreme cruelty and drunkenness.

Recently she applied to Washington for a revival of her pension received from the death of Theodore Lee. She was met by the objection that her second marriage had waived her right to any pension as the widow of Lee. To overcome this difficulty she recently commenced further divorce proceedings in the Wayne circuit court against Mills to annul the marriage. The testimony this morning showed that Mills had a wife and child living at the time of his second marriage. Judge Jenness thereupon declared the ceremony void. By this decree Mrs. Mills again became the widow of Theodore Lee and is entitled to a pension for his death. The payment was stopped solely on the ground that she married Mills, the annulment will entitle her to the monthly installments which have accumulated since 1868. Mills made no defense to the proceedings, as he died several years ago.—*Detroit News, Dec. 12.*

Perils of the Wave.

The Oceolo left Oscoda at 5 p. m. on Friday the 5th inst. and soon encountered a terrible gale. When the storm set in it became impossible to see and the lights went out. There were twenty-two passengers and twenty-five members of the crew on board. They tried to make Tawas, but could not make port. At 12 o'clock Friday night Clar's light was sighted. Within fifteen minutes she struck bottom at the southeast point of the island. The breakers carried the boat out to the sea. William Brown of Cincinnati, cook, died of fright during the gale. About 100 tons of freight were on board, which can all be saved. Besides a number of horses and cattle, Clark J. R. Van Slike, wheelsman John Cavanaugh, first mate Jack Lee, second engineer Frank Tetly, wheelsman Walt, Bostwick, and N. Potts of Forestville, a passenger, volunteered to go ashore for assistance. They started with the lighthouse boat at 10 a. m. Sunday morning towards Clar's Landing and had a terrible time in a floating field of ice. The boat was seen from Tawas by Capt. Jas. Curran and four others started to meet the boat. They could only come within 100 feet of her and could do nothing. The crew stayed and freezing to death, and finally reached good ice. They were met by a team and brought to Cassville at 6 p. m. on the 8th and a tug was sent to the rescue of the men still on the island.

Michigan Land Cases.

The secretary of the interior has rendered a decision in the Michigan land case known as the common limits of the Marquette & State Line and the Ontonagon and State line roads. The secretary holds that the title to the lands in question are not yet vested, and may be published to the world of public adjudication for confirmation of the entries. The facts in the case are stated to be substantially the same as in the case of the Michigan Gaulins, decided by the department Sept. 17, 1885, and the principle therein settled, fully applicable to these. The principle involved in this decision affects lands estimated by the worth $20,000,000. The decision relates to the even numbered sections only, and not to the lands granted to the railroads.

MINOR STATE HAPPENINGS.

The Michigan state teachers' association will hold its annual meeting in representative hall, Lansing, December 29 and 30. Round trip tickets are secured members of the association for one and a third fare on all the railroads. To secure this reduction, however, members must procure of the railroad ticket agents' association certificates. These can be procured on application to H. R. Pattengill, Lansing, or the secretary, Olive Ayres, Flint. These certificates must be presented to ticket agents at the depots before their signatures when the ticket to Lansing is bought. These certificates, signed by the officers of the teachers' institutes, when presented at the Lansing ticket offices, will entitle the holders to return tickets at one-third fare.

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David Pickard, centenced Jan. 1, 1884, from Sanilac county to five years in state prison for larceny, has been pardoned by the governor on the ground that the physician on the Jackson board says that Pickard is a victim of consumption and can live but a very short time. This is the only reason for the pardon.

Gov. Swineford has sent a fine collection of furs, skins and other curiosities from Alaska for to friends in Marquette. The collection includes a sealskin 7×21 inches in dimension, a swan's skin, a shirt made from the intestines of the walrus, eagle skin robes, and many other rich and novel specimens.

The U. S. fish hatchery at Alpena is fully stocked with white fish spawn. The hatchery there have also been sent more than 300,000 trout spawn to the U. S. fish hatchery at Northville.

C. B. Markham, express agent at Berrien Center, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement. He complained to W. F. Becker, carrier, who claims to have unwittingly recceipted for numerous money packages not given him.

A west-bound freight train on the Michigan Central, near Leoni, ran into a freight train stuck in a cattle guard, killing both animals and demolishing the locomotive. The train was in said to have been intoxicated, escaped unhurt.

Prof. E. F. Crocker of Hillsdale has had thirteen horses in training for the past six months, and has finally decided under control that he will start out about Jan. 1 to give exhibitions in the cities throughout the country.

The L. A. & N. railroad company will force men at work on the line between Salt River and Mt. Pleasant. They are also grading south from the D., L. & N. crossing at Alma, and are ironing the bridge south of Alma.

Charles D. Wright, at one time city editor of the Grand Rapids Democrat, was frozen to death in Greenville, Ill., recently. Mr. Wright was temporarily deranged at the time, and wandered away from his home in a storm.

Dr. Henry B. Baker, secretary of the Michigan state board of health, read a paper the other day before the American public health congress at Washington on "The relations of rainfall and water supply to cholera."

Burnham & Stitt mill in East Saginaw together with a quantity of lumber, was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The fire is believed to be incendiary, as there has been no fire about the building since Nov. 26.

A singular marriage took place at Sebewa last week. The father of the bride and the mother of the groom are brother and sister, and the father of the groom and mother of the bride bear also that relationship.

Dr. E. Rutherford, veterinary surgeon of Muskegon committed suicide by taking a dose of morphine. He leaves a wife and two children. Dependent caused by financial trouble is supposed to be the cause.

Suit has been brought by Eber Murray against Police Commissioner T. L. Brooks of Jackson of $1,000 damages. The former's horses were killed by the police at Brooks' orders, hence the suit.

Frank Kuhn, one of the convicts who escaped from Jackson prison months ago, and was subsequently captured in Windsor, Ont., and turned to Detroit, has been sentenced again to Ionia for five years.

Alonzo Hyslop, an inmate of the soldiers' home in Grand Rapids became enraged at an order given to Sergeant Frances Daniels, and drew a revolver and shot Daniels in the thigh inflicting a bad wound.

Gov. Swineford is introducing Michigan methods in his new territory. He has offered a bonus in land to the Alaska lady who will keep her house the cleanest during the next six months.

The officers of the Saginaw City railroad company have filed articles of association for the construction of a bridge across the Saginaw river to take the place of the one lately condemned.

The reunion of the Twenty-sixth Michigan infantry, which was to have been held at Lansing Dec. 15, has been postponed to April 9—the twenty first anniversary of Lee's surrender.

The staff of the new daily Lansing Republican, to be started Jan. 1, is announced as follows: J. J. Bates, managing editor; Lewis F. Pilster, state editor, and H. H. Sutt, city editor.

A recent storm swept away 60 feet of the end of the south pier at Grand Haven and nearly took the pier lighthouse. It was the heaviest gale ever known on Lake Michigan.

A child eight weeks old died in its mother's arms at Battle Creek the other evening. The coroner was called, but without an inquest it was decided that the child was smothered.

The Black River extension of the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena road will be opened for traffic about the 20 inst. The road will be changed to standard gauge the 20th inst.

Larkin & Patrick, Midland, have adopted the bonus system and their employes have adopted a scale of wages ranging from 10 per cent. for the justice manicured.

Ira Gilmore, aged 19, was acquitted of Nelle shot Chris Greenwald. A jury has found him guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The Wayne county circuit court has given a verdict of $5,000 damages to Mrs. Catherine Brandt, whose husband was killed on the Michigan Central last year.

The house and barn, two miles west of St. Louis, on the farm of H. Pritchard, is panning out so well that several of his neighbors have contemplated sinking a shaft.

Peter M. Emery, formerly of Manceiona, was recently drowned at Aberdeen, Washington, where he was engaged in creeting a large mill.

An effort is being made to bond St. Louis for $15,000, being the balance due of the $25,000 offered to secure the T. A. A. & N. W. road to that place.

Little Willie M. Gust of Eaton Rapids, has brought suit against Marshal Wood for $10,000 damages, alleging seduction under promise of marriage.

The new C. & W. M. bridge over the Muskegon at Newaygo will be further up the river than the present bridge and will rest on five stone piers.

Mrs. Cocker, wife of the late Prof. B. F. Cocker of Adrian, died suddenly the other morning of heart disease. She was 67 years old.

James W. King formerly connected with the Lansing Republican, has been appointed adjutant of the Third Michigan cavalry.

Dr. Levi Aldrich of Edwardsburg, a state senator in 1869, and a member of the constitutional convention of 1867, is dead.

The freight buildings, 10,000 bushels of wheat and the ticket at Jones on the M. C. R. R. burned the other night.

Bohemian oats men in northern Michigan are now introducing their peculiar methods with wheat, barley and rye.

Mrs. Samuel Corlon of Union, for many years an invalid, claims to have been cured by the practice of faith healing.

A team of horses and lightwagon were found frozen in a marsh near Bay City on the 14th inst.

There are 500 Knights of Labor in Midland.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1 white	$ .91	@ 91¾
Wheat—No. 2 red	.93	@ 93¾
Flour, roller process	4 75	@ 5 00
Flour, stone process	4 50	@ 4 75
Buckwheat per bbl	2 50	
Corn	36¾	@ 38
Oats	.32	@ 34¾
Barley	1 00	@ 1 10
Rye per 100	3 75	@ 4 00
Bran	12 50	@ 13 00
Clover Seed per bu	5 00	@ 5 25
Timothy Seed	1 25	@ 1 50
Timothy per ton	14 00	@ 15 00
Dried Apple	3¼	4
Cranberries per bbl	5 50	@ 6 00
Butter ℔	14	@ 15
Cheese	12	@ 13
Eggs	21	@ 22
Chickens	8	@ 9
Turkeys	9	@ 10
Turkeys (dressed)	11	@ 13
Ducks ℔	10	@ 11
Potatoes, per bu	40	@ 45
Turnips	30	@ 35
Onions ℔bl	2 00	@ 2 25
Honey	17	@ 18
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