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GENERAL NOTES.

THE nation rejoices in the cheering news of Gen. Grant's continued improvement, and the prayers of a united people go up that the brave old hero may be spared to us "yet these many years!"

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the Detroit Post asking when, if ever, for formed every month in the year in Michigan, and he is answered: It is said to be a matter of record that in 1816 formed every month in the year in Detroit. In 1859 there were frosts every month, and particularly heavy ones on the 4th and 10th of June and the 31 and 4th of July.

MISS FRANCES WILLARD in the Chautauquan for May says: "After all it does not so much signify what you may do, as that you do it well, whatever it may be, for the value of skilled labor is estimated on that democratic basis now adays. President Eliot of Harvard university, the cook in the Parker house restaurant and Mary L. Booth of Harper's Bazar each receive $4,000 a year."

THE resolution to appropriate $5,000 for the purpose of holding a celebration on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Michigan's admission as a state was lost in the House. There was no debate, but members thought the scheme was too chronic at the state expense. The resolution passed the Senate and the House may reconsider its action. The event seems to be one worthy of some notice.

THE men responsible for the fall of the buildings in New York a short time ago have been indicted for manslaughter and held for trial, and the New York authorities show a determination to punish such criminal carelessness to the full extent of the law. It is high time that men whose duty it is to inspect buildings should be made to recognize the right of the public to a thorough and systematic performance of the duties imposed upon them.

A GENTLEMAN who returned from Europe a few days ago brought Gen. Grant a card from Gladstone given him by the Premier a few days before. The card read as follows: With respectful sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery and a long and useful life. Wm. E. Gladstone." Gen. Grant read it in silence. His eyes were suffused with tears, and he thanked the bearer with the warmest enthusiasm for the unexpected tribute from across the seas.

HALF BREEDS and full-bloods, under the leadership of the hot-headed and impulsive Riel are literally pitching the Northwest red. Already two massacres have occurred and the end is not yet. The commander of the Canadian troops has made the egregious blunder of going into the wild northwest without an adequate supply of horses, and to add to other miseries is that of hunger. In many respects the commander seems to be another Brad Ioch, and perhaps a similar fate awaits him.

ALARMING news comes from Russia concerning the spread of the Nihilistic cause. Cases of cholera have occurred at widely separated points in the south and in the extreme northeast. The people of Galicia are panic-stricken. Energetic measures have been taken by the government to isolate infected towns. Despite all precautions, the probability is that, having reappeared so early, the scourge will make great headway and gather its victims by the hundreds. Of course, America will escape a visitation of the hideous disease; but the wise thing to do is to prepare for it, and to this end it is incumbent upon all that the strictest sanitary measures be observed, and the utmost vigilance observed in the enforcement of the old saw that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

In a recent lecture upon "The mind, its faculties and their culture" Rev. J. W. Ashman, of the Emanuel church of Detroit, said: "Some people will say, 'What about fiction?' Well there are novels and novels. Men are being made lower than brutes by reading some of the trashy literature of to-day, literature that corrupts the heart and inflames the passions. The works of Sir Walter Scott, Longfellow, George Eliot and a few other authors contain food for thought and may be termed acceptable fiction. The great trouble is that we have carefully enough to discriminating between the good and bad in literature. If we would make our mark in life we must be ourselves. Deprive a man of his selfhood or individuality and he is a nonentity. The success, of Napoleon was due to his individuality, and in order to make a success of anything we undertake we must retain our individuality."

A correspondent of the Detroit Post, writing from Richmond, Va., says: The decision of the supreme court in the coupon cases will play and havoc, not only with state finances, but also with public schools, and all public institutions of the state. Under an act passed the board of sinking fund commissioners have recently purchased Riddleberger bonds to the amount of $1,700,000, for which they pay in cash $900,000. This leaves in the treasury about $300,000, which will soon be absorbed by incoming coupons under the decision, and of which there are outstanding and past due $2,500,000 of consol bonds of 1871. Under these circumstances the condition of the state will be deplorable, and as soon as the full text of the decision is known there will be intense political and financial excitement all over Virginia. It is apparent now that the whole question of the debt will be reopened politically and otherwise, and it is not improbable that Gov. Cameron will be compelled to immediately reconvene the legislature.

MICHIGAN NEWS

How a Lansing Religious Figure Is Reduced.

The Lansing Republican figures the returns from the late elections as follows:

The face of the returns for seventy-seven counties in the office of secretary of state, with additional returns collected from our exchanges, for all the counties except Alpena, Crawford and Isle Royal, give Judge Cooley 193,210, and A. B. Morse 185,128. Full returns will swell Morse's majority slightly above 28,000. Whitman ran about 8,000 ahead of Field, his leader being on the Prohibition ticket, while Draper is 1,000 ahead of McAlvey on the Republican ticket. The Prohibition vote in counties is not far from 18,000. The total vote for prohibition regents will reach 15,000.

That Minority Bill.

The following is the full text of the minority representation bill which is now awaits the governor's signature:

SEC. 1. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT. That in all elections for directors of any corporation organized under any general law of this state, any stockholder, any stockholder shall have a right to vote in person or by proxy, the number of votes he or she stock owned by him for as many persons as there are directors to be elected, or to cumulate said shares and give one candidate as many votes as will equal the number of directors multiplied by the number of shares of his stock; or to distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he may think fit. All such corporations shall elect their directors annually, and at such elections the directors shall be balloted for at one and the same time and not separately.

Proposed to the Act are very confident the United States Supreme Court will decide that the measure is unconstitutional.

GENERAL STATE ITEMS.

Bela Lockwood lectures in Manistee May 13.

Mecosta county's new court house will cost $30,000.

The Lossons battery reunion is to be held in Ionia May 20.

Ionia is trying hard to get the state soldiers' home located there.

The warden of the Jackson prison now gets $1,000 salary a year.

Vermontville ships more maple sugar than any other point in Michigan.

The new salt mill at Ludington is down 210 feet; the brine is 62 per cent.

The new saloon area in Grand Rapids has blossomed out with a full brass band.

Michigan stone has been chosen for the new postoffice building at Fort Wayne, Ind.

It is expected the Michigan & Ohio railroad will reach Muskegon in the coming summer.

Ionia is to have a new Scotch cheese factory, company in June for a European tour.

George Hackling of Richmond, has broken both legs and both arms, and is dying.

There will be considerable summer lumbering in the Upper Peninsula this summer.

Pewamo has an extensive clothing store with a tailoring department attachment.

Sturgis boasts of three furniture factories which sell goods in all states and territories.

Sportsmen, beware! It is unlawful to shoot any wild water fowl or snipe after May 1.

If any attempting to kill Mr. Plowchecks uses profane language or tobacco he will be expelled.

Ira Lane of Ovid is in jail in St. Johns because she has one more husband than the law allows.

Mrs. Marth strickland of St. Johns will make no statement concerning Lieu. Miller's so called weather.

Bee keepers in the state report 90 to 95 per cent of their swarms killed by the recent cold weather.

H. H. Brinkerhoff, a well known citizen of Ypsilanti, was found dead in bed on the morning of April 30.

Mrs. John C. Johnson of Saginaw city, died very suddenly a few days since. She was only five minutes.

Young Herat, a fakir, was shot in Grand Rapids by a policeman, who was trying to arrest him. Herat will die.

The Union School Furniture Company, of Battle Creek, shipping a large school house to Santiago, Chili, South America, recently.

Dwight Township, Huron county, reports discovery of coal. The vein is said to be 6 ft. Winsor's farty, four miles from Port Austin.

The freight house at Ionia, which burned up in Lansing is temporary, and if not done at once, it will be necessary to replace the sails.

The auditor general communicated to the house that the other day he issued a total of $1,778,800 had been paid as bounties to soldiers by the state.

During the first week (April 23 days), ending April 19th, the Elk Rapids furnace made 24, tons of iron. It will go into blast again about June 1.

During the past year Coldwater has sold $100,000 worth of Jackson county land, and $20,000 of which sum has been reaped within the past two weeks.

The appropriation bills for the reform school, the Kalamazoo asylum, the state public school at Ionia have passed, and the works have passed both Houses of the legislature.

The first charter election at Rockwood, can be brought forth two tickets, one called the "Double" and the "mossback." The "Dubs" triumphed by 60 majority.

For many years Lorenzo Falk was a leading citizen of Barry county, respected and well-to-do. Advertisements of his sale appear in Hastingsmont. A few days ago Falk was taken to the county poor house.

Henry Bent, aged eight years, while sliding off the Grand Trunk railroad bridge in Jackson, fell in the water. Two little lads saw him were too scared to be of assistance, and before help arrived Bent was drowned.

Jacob Brown, proprietor of the machine shops in Reed City, while attempting to board a moving freight train, slipped between the wheels and had his right leg cut off above the knee. He is about 50 years of age.

During the past year there have been expended in Coldwater by parties from various parts of the East in the purchase of horses, drafts, roadsters and trotters, and about $30,000 of that sum has been spent in the vicinity.

N. E. Smith has lost 400 peach trees by the cold winter. It is safe to say that half the peaches this year in this part of the Michigan. Fruit men will be well satisfied if they have saved the trees. J. V. Mapes, of Ionia county, lost in number, all alive.—Ionia Standard.

A colored man was killed on the Detroit, Lansing & Northern near Lansing, Saturday. Williams. He was about 20 years old and leaves a wife, but no children. He was killed the Quackenbush mill, but a mile from where he was killed. Evidently he was on his way home from the city.

Mathew Kemp reports to us what he calls a neat operation in the saving of a large lot of valuable fowls a few days ago. Finding them with their crop full of wheat, he at once sewed up the rents carefully and the birds went about their customary business.—St. Clair Republican.

Freddy Brabman, son of Comptroller Brabman of Bay City, was thrown from a Shetland pony horse he was playing with, endeavoring to learn him circus tricks, has had several pieces of bone removed from his skull, and the lad may recover, but will doubtless lose the sight of one eye.

Latest statistics place the grand total of the pine product of Michigan for 1884 at 700,000,000 feet as against 1,000,000,000 feet last year, while not all the logs put in during the past winter will reach the mills this season. The falling off was purposely curtailed, owing to the general depression in business.

Those interested are warned to look out for a young man traveling about the state and claiming to represent the Kalamazoo Paper company. He is said to make rates in the name of the company at hotels, secure a small amount of printing, runs up a fair board bill and then gets away between two days. He is described as a fair talker.

Daniel Weaver of Ovid township, Clinton county, was charged with setting fire to burning of his barn April 5, on which he had effected $700 insurance Feb. 18. One Haynes has made a written statement that Weaver came to him to fire the barn, and threatened to shoot him when he refused. Weaver was arrested, furnished bail pending examination.

Considerable interest is manifested owing to the discovery of silver ore near Bay City, and it is claimed this strata extends through to Au Sable. Some parties left the night of Tuesday last and drove Emery's mill, some two miles again to Kawkawlin, where the soil shows by an analysis make by Prof. Kedzie eighty-seven and one-half per cent iron.

Improvements at the state public school for dependent children are so far made and include remodeling of the school room and the east end of the main building into a commodious dormitory, the erection of a large and convenient school room, besides additions to the building proper, a new barn and other improvements in the grounds. There are now in the room the benefit of concerts, with very few exceptions, unexceptionally healthy.

Daniel Weaver of Ovid township, has been arrested for burning his barn April 5. February last Weaver secured an insurance policy of $700 on his barn and contents of the Lansing company. On the night of April 5 the barn and a span of horses were burned. Weaver reported the loss and notified the insurance agent to state that he would surrender the policy. He is charged with that his neighbors were raising a subscription for him. There were other suspicious circumstances, and a careful investigation followed. It now appears that Weaver tried to hire one Haynes to fire the barn, and when the latter refused, threatened him with a dose of cold lead. Haynes has made a written statement charging Weaver with filling the barn with oil and setting fire to it, and that the insurance policy when the statement was read to him, but was arrested. He is out on bail awaiting examination.

Care needs a roller process flouring mill Milan is to have a $6,000 roller flouring mill.

Ex-Mayor Norton of Pontiac, died very suddenly April 22.

An Agricultural society has been formed in Schoolcraft county.

Hillsdale announces that it has many desirable locations for the soldiers' home.

J. J. C. Davis, formerly of Pontiac, has been appointed chief of police of Lansing.

The Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee shops are to be removed from Detroit to Fort Gratiot May 1.

Orlando W. Powers of Kalamazoo, has been appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme court territory of Utah.

Kalamazoo wants artesian well water, and esteem parties are now there figuring to sink a 1600 foot well for the best.

Marlette's flouring mill and some smaller industry parties are now there figuring to sink a 1600 foot well for the best.

Orders to the amount of nearly $5,000 were issued by the postmaster at St. Clair county during the three months ending March 31.

John Sweeney, a teamster, while skidding logs six miles from Calumet, was fatally crushed by a log rolling from the top of the load.

The Fenton Independent says the business blocks in Flint fell in the other evening. The back wall and the roof are a total wreck.

Another large manufacturing industry will soon be started at Big Rapids by outside parties in the manufacture of barrel shoes, heads and hoops.

Alcona, 55 Michigan cities have paid $1,000 for the purpose of holding a celebration on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Michigan's admission as a state was lost in the House. There was no debate, but members thought the scheme was too chronic at the state expense. The resolution passed the Senate and the House may reconsider its action. The event seems to be one worthy of some notice.

A committee of Ionia gentlemen have been appointed to lay before a legislative committee the benefits to be conferred by locating the soldiers home in that city.

Kalamazoo college is to be closed at the end of the present school year, for lack of funds. This college is one of the oldest educational institutions in the state.

Harvey Owens was killed at Pratt's railway about two miles east of Farwell. While he was coupling a locomotive to a freight he fell over him and crushed him.

A young man by the name of R. W. Owens was killed by being crushed between two logs while working on the railway of the Tobacco River, about two miles from Farwell, Saturday.

Grand Rapids has a musical prodigy, aged four years, named Lulu Pettinger, who plays with elegance and correctness, and displays her musical performance at the age of two years.

Classopolis: All excitement over an application for the appointment of a guardian for Jas. L. D. Shoemaker, the original prophet of the town, crazed.

The farmers clubs of Summerfield, Whitford and Bedford, Monroe county, have formed a tri-county union. Jas. Smith is president, Peters as president, and J. H. Sage as secretary.

Andrew Jackson Good, died in Whitehall on the 21st inst. Mr. Good was a leading lumber man and one of the most public spirited citizens of Muskegon county. He was 53 years of age.

Frederick Smith, a life convict in State Prison, who was sent from Bellaire in 1875 for stabbing a man in a fight, died in that institution recently of heart disease. The remains were sent to Bellaire.

A Hamilton of Battle Creek, a brakeman on the Chicago & Grand Trunk railway, was thrown off his train near Ionia and fell on a knitting works, which 125 persons are employed.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

APRIL 22.

SENATE—Many petitions were received for submission of the question of woman suffrage; also many remonstrances against the license system. Senate bill was introduced providing representation on boards of directors in joint stock companies. The following bills passed: to third reading: authorizing the Kalamazoo Saginaw county, to borrow money to build a bridge; to provide for the Fish Commission journal.

House bills passed: Amending dog tax act; appropriating money for the Michigan semi-centennial; was lost; vote reconsidered and reconsidered; excluding from the prohibitions and professions of schools from the state school fund; to provide for the amendatory law, so as to adopt Canadian system of assessment. Adjourned.

APRIL 24.

SENATE—The following bills passed on third reading: to secure to the minority of charge of boards of directors, appropriating $121,700 for the Michigan Soldiers' Home; to increase the salary of the state librarian was lost; to provide for the publication of journals was tabled, appropriating $15,000; the Northern asylum at Traverse City; making an appropriation for the school for the blind; making an appropriation for the Public School; to convert the Kalamazoo Asylum; making an appropriation for the Kalamazoo Asylum; making an appropriation for State prison in Upper Peninsula; providing for the publication of journals; appropriating money for infirmary at the Public School; authorizing judges of the Supreme and Recorders court, interchange of judges; to provide for the organization of young men's Christian association.

House—The following bills passed: amending the charter of Port Huron; providing for the relief of Frank Marsac; amending the charter of Port Huron; to provide for the Saginaw county to build a bridge across the Saginaw river; amendatory to Howell, relative to the compensation of witnesses; amending the charter of Ionia; to provide for a commission, relative to grand jurors, was tabled; amending section 8, Howell, relative to jurors; reconsidered and tabled; amending section 9, Howell, relative to summary proceedings to recover land; amending the charter of Port Huron; amendatory to the charter of Port Huron; authorizing the Kalamazoo Saginaw county to borrow money to build a bridge across the Saginaw river; amendatory to Howell, relative to witnesses; amending section 4, Howell, relative to jurors; amending section 4, Howell, relative to organization of young men's Christian association.

APRIL 25.

SENATE—Bills passed: Restricting the powers of the building commissioner of Hamtramck; to provide for the relief of Frank Marsac; amending the charter of Port Huron; suspending the operations of Howell, section 4, relative to jurors; amending section 4, Howell, relative to organization of young men's Christian association.

APRIL 27.

SENATE—The governor noted his approval of the act amending the charter of the city of Ann Arbor. Senate bill was introduced by one Senator and two Representatives to the joint committee on ways and means, providing a sinking fund to be applied to the payment of the tax law bill which was referred to the joint committee on ways and means. Senate bill was introduced, providing for the relief of Oscoda. Adjourned.

HOUSE—The Senate bills making appropriations to the Northern Insane asylum at Traverse City were reported favorably by the House committee on the Northern asylum. A number of House bills were considered in committee of the whole. Adjourned.

APRIL 27.

SENATE—A resolution by Mr. Monroe reciting that grave difficulties are likely to ensue in the enforcement of the act of the supreme court upon the constitutionality of the tax law, and instructing the auditor general to suspend the collection of taxes under the law for May 1 and until such time as the legislature may direct, was adopted by a vote of 28 to 2. The following bills passed on third reading: Senate bill, to provide for the payment of the salary of the state librarian. Senate bill, Mr. Metcalfe. The bill amending section 9648, Howell, relative to burial grounds; incorporating the city of Ionia; to provide for the relief of Oscoda. The following passed at the afternoon session: Senate bill, relative to the fees of jurors; relative to trial of issues of fact was passed; for repairing a state road in St Clair county; amendatory to Howell, section 4, relative to jurors; an appropriation for the state Industrial Home for Women. Adjourned.

HOUSE—The following passed: Resolution relative to the time of the adjournment; the names of streets in Bay City; amending section 9894, Howell, relative to the time and place of the trial of the offence of the violation of a court stenographer; was not passed; vote reconsidered and tabled; amendatory to section 211, Howell, relative to State Agricultural College; amendatory to Howell, relative to dentists; amending section 9802, Howell, relative to state aid for juvenile offenders; amendatory to Howell, relative to drilling and regulating the habits of employers in cases of sexual intercourse with their employees; amending act 53 of 1879, relative to meat and poultry; amendatory to Howell, relative to residents to line shafting on fair grounds where exhibitions are held; establishing an Upper Peninsula mining school; relative to a steeplechase for the Twenty third Judicial Circuit; amendatory to Howell, relative to summary proceedings for the recovery of land; for the relief of Wm. E. Charles. Adjourned.

Alabama gets more out of the pending river and harbor bill than any southern state except Texas. Her members of congress deserves the thanks of the people.

Key West voted a bonnet to its "handsomest married woman," or tried to; but every husband voted for his wife, and the bonnet was destroyed in the fight which followed.

Traveling mesmerists nowadays carry good "subjects" around with them. The professional "subjects" are called "horses."

The American clear company of Coldwater has shut down.

A $30,000 addition to the Northern Indian school is erected.

The log crop of the Saginaw Valley will be one quarter of a billion feet.

A little child of Wilbert Sager, of Fabius, strangled to death while drinking water.

The Rice Creek Lumber company, of Oscoda, aged 70. He had resided in Livingston county since 1836.

The nine-year-old son of John Smith of Berrien Springs, was killed by a bay rake falling on him.

The state board of agriculture have adopted resolutions of respect to the memory of the late Hendricks.

An Ottawa county lady, 73 years old, has applied for a divorce, pleading incompatibility on the part of the husband.

Jacob Brown, an aged gentleman attempted to board a freight train near Chase, when he fell and broke his left leg.

The new tub and pail factory at Caro is up and running, the proprietors expect to have it in running order by June 1.

W. H. Smith, the man whom Halstead indicated for the Garfield murder, has been discharged for want of evidence.

Dr. Tibbetts, an East Saginaw doctor, is suspected of poisoning his wife for the sake of credit and then disposing of her.

George Gordon, formerly of Adrian, has received $4,000 from Uncle Sam, which has been on struck over an arm of the Civil war.

It is noticed the longitudinal timbers are being spliced three times in a length. Only the shorter timbers are being used.

A Jackson man has a gray horse in the Grand Trunk yard at Grand River crossing in Detroit, a few days since and instantly fractured.

A Grand Rapids dentist has a cage containing a bald eagle and four mice. The eagle is very gentle and allows the mice to fight sing the alligator to sleep.

Ionia county's 2 years, of Cathlic, was playing near a pail of heavy hole-sights, when in some way the pail tipped over, breaking both legs and the child died.

James Murray of Bridgeport township left Saginaw on Saturday last for Detroit, starting with a team and lumber wagon. His team was found floating in a bay five miles below Bridgeport.

Grand Rapids very modestly asserts that it is the only place in the country where the soldiers home appropriation committee of prominent citizens has been appointed to present the matter to the legislature upon the ground.

The Pontiac Gulf lost company, which had recently begun operations, has struck a vein of petroleum, at 30 feet, and burning at 150 pairs of bedstead. The works are run by steam power. Mr. D. W. Gamble is the knitting works, which 125 persons are employed.

GENERAL NEWS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

A committee of three will be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury in a few days to examine into the condition of the public securities in the Treasury, of the United States, incident to the transfer of the office of Treasurer. The committee will be composed of a representative from the Treasury department, a representative of the Mechanics National Bank of New York, and a representative of Mr. Morgan, who will be the representative of Mr. Drexel, and a representative of Mr. Dabney, who will represent the interests of Mr. Cooper. The committee will meet for business April 30.

A Washington dispatch says: A German named Adolph Hess with his wife and child, lived three miles from Conway, Ark., on a farm. Last Saturday the child went home, drunk, the other night, took an axe and cleaved the head of the child in twain, and then the woman found with the Hess then beat his wife on the head until it was cutted, and then cut her throat from ear to ear. Hess then was secured with the child's clothes, and the woman's dress, and placed under and wall. The woman died almost instantly after being found. The child died in a few hours. Hess then hanged himself in the house, but was cut down and revived.

The Oklahoma movement has subsided, so far as any actual entry of lands is concerned, and the boomers have decided to stay in Kansas until further notice, and let the government work.

W. W. Corcoran, the Washington philanthropist, died at his residence, leaving for that result, an estimated fortune of $10,000,000 which he has given that partial.

A terrible disease is depopulating Pensacola, Fla., and has been fatal to 300 people for several days. The epidemic was brought on by the heavy rains, high tides and the impure water.

Six steamships landed 2,000 immigrants at Castle Garden on Saturday, and 1,000 at the other ports of entry, the other combined only departing of the week, 12,000 immigrants have brought the week ending April 25.

Gen. Grant's 6th birthday occurred April 27, the day fixed for the publication of his card from all over the United States, all deeply all impressed in health and sadness. Messages were made by the physicians.

A dispatch received on the 26th instant, says that the Chinese in Chicago, have left, and the police are guarding with their clubs, the stands combined in the upper chamber, from which the Chinese have left, and left the dead behind.

The republic disorganized the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers is threatened. The finishers at Pittsburgh, following the lead of the Amalgamated, have said to be organizing an association of their own.

Lieut. Wm. H. Schultz, U. S. N., who has been selected to convey the U. S. government's contribution to the Cotton Exposition, has selected the steamship Alabama, which will be used for the gunnery exposition, will purchase a new cutter to be kept from the ship, which will cost $8,500 to go and return from Boston.

Mrs. Ella Taylor, a handsome young lady 20 years of age, was shot dead on the 26th inst. by the cemetery on Fourth street, the other evening, by unknown parties, while on her way home, when coming out of the park, exclaimed "There's a ghost!" All started to run, when Mrs. Taylor fell, exclaiming "I feel mortally wounded!"

A Gilmore power stolen. Another Gilmore power stolen. Bridgeport, N. Y., exploded the other day, killing foreign pipe, and injuring another, and a boy, and besides killing a span of horses. The accident was caused by pumping water into the hot boiler.

In the Dominion commons recently was presented a petition from the people of Prince Edward Island, containing 3,000 names, including the members of the provincial house, the speaker of the House and a majority of the legislature, asking that the province be allowed to pass its military house law.

In the Northwest!

EPITOME OF OTHER FOREIGN NEWS

The besieged garrison at Battleford has been relieved.

Advices have been received in Toronto that the Indians have taken the Hudson Bay fort of Food, and that the crowd is obliged to surrender.

A collision occurred between Middleton's forces and half-breeds on Friday, April 24. In all two of the half-breeds were killed and wounded. The rebels were badly worsted, but retreated in good order.

Refugees from Fort Pitt state that two priests at Frog Lake were beaten to death and burned, and that the Indians killed the children at Frog Lake and compelled the people to attend a mock marriage between a half-breed girl and an half-breed. The Indians shot 10 of the Indian agents.

In their instructions the northwest commission are told that the government deem it expedient to call claims for compensation in connection with the extinguishment of the Indian title in Manitoba, and that the half-breeds who have taken up their homesteads in Manitoba previous to July 15, 1870, the land shall be set apart for the half-breed in the aggregate to the extent of 160 acres, and if any such half-breed parting to less than 160 acres the difference redeemable in land at the rate of $1 per acre, and in the case of a half-breed head of a family residing in the territories previous to July 15, 1870, who is not in possession occupancy of land, issuing scrip redeemable to the extent of 160 acres. By grant of the Dominion parliament the province of Manitoba previous to July 14, 1870, a lot of land of 240 acres is at present in undisputed occupant to the extent of 160 acres, or equivalent.

A company has been organized at Oxana, Ala., for the manufacture of steel. It is said that the stock has all been subscribed, and that the erection of large works will be

THE RUSSIANS LOSE

Another Battle Fought on the Afghan Frontier—Nine Hundred Killed.

OTHER FOREIGN NEWS

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily News, says that another engagement was fought on the Afghan frontier, and that of the Russians. Nine hundred were engaged in the battle nearly all were slain.

If there has been a battle the presumption is that it was fought on the Afghan frontier, pushing further toward Herat. Or it is possible that the Afghans have taken the offensive, and may have made a desperate effort to retrieve the disaster which the Russian forces recently crushed the Russians they by the weight of superior numbers.

Cholera has reappeared in Cairo.

Russia's Baltic fleet aggregates about 215 vessels.

The Russian press are clamorous for the seizure of Herat.

The Sunday closing movement is being agitated in Germany.

Turkey declares she will close the Dardanelles in case of war.

English merchants in St. Petersburg are preparing to leave the country.

Twenty-four persons were killed by an avalanche at Ischl, Austria, April 24.

American property in Panama is now under surveillance of American troops.

Gen. Gordon's journal, which has been constructed over an arm of the China sea.

It is noticed the longitudinal timbers are being spliced three times in a length. Only the shorter timbers are being used.

The Russian bulletin of Rufland and Russia April, may be briefly stated as follows: Gen. Obruchef, who has great influence over the czar, has resigned. Nihilist bombs and explosions at Moscow, and Constantin exhibited threatened to disturb the negotiations between England and Russia continue.

Another dynamite explosion occurred in the government house at Moscow. Nihilists were bundle shaken. Mr. Swanson, solicitor for the Bank of Montreal, was fatally injured. Police are inclined to think the explosion was the work of a lunatic, who was disappointed in the caused the explosion in the lower and parlia, ment buildings.

Further details of sufferings are being received from the mining districts of Yorkshire, England where 50,000 men and boys are on strike against a reduction of wages of 5 per cent. The mining owners have issued an appeal to the public, which has been throughout Britain for assistance, to enable them to hold out against the demand of the men. The appeal submitted to reduction after reduction until the wanty wages they receive barely afford them a living.

The American Marines have occupied Panama, and have taken possession of the guarded. One rebel was killed before the American succeeded in relieving order. The following from Washington: Admiral Jewell has been received at the Navy Department dispatches which represent that Gen. Osmania is protect transit and American property. The rebels of Panama and American marines are secured to this must. Your instructions were published in the Panama papers. No misunderstanding with the Government of Colombia will arrive soon, when everything will be turn to be of the Panama Railroad Company.

The following is the basis of the compromise between Russia and Great Britain: Russia will agree to the boundary line between Zolend and Sir Peter Lumsden at Pul-i-Khumri, Russia and England Rafuz, and Russia limit the zone to be ceded to the territory between the Lesser Hindu on the south and a line from Aa Gaiza to Pul-i-Khatum on the north, excluding Pul-i-Khatum and including Penjdeh. Russia moves no further south that no further advance will be made, provided the Afghanistan attempt to advance beyond the forces of the Ameer. The commission are instructed to find a practicable frontier north of Merutchak and to the Oxus, Russia will not oppose Zulfikar and Akrabat to Afghanistan. Penjdeh is to be ceded to Russia, and Merutchak is to be ceded to the Ameer.

MR. GRANT'S LESSON.

A BUSY WOMAN.

The Works for a Newspaper and the Pleasures of Housekeeping.

New York Letter to Boston Herald.

About the most extraordinary work I have ever known a woman to engage in is carried on by Miss "Middy" Morgan, who is attached to the staff of the New York Times. Miss Morgan's department is the cattle market, which she follows with great closeness. For her services in this line she receives a salary of a very fair salary, and she is also paid handsomely for her services in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad. She does additional work for other papers, and her income ranges close to $100 a week. Miss Morgan is one of the well known figures in Park Row. She is a tall woman, whose attire is singularly masculine. She wears broad, thick shoes, a short, heavy dress, thick mittens, and a little hat of that perched on top of her head. One would pick her out for a member of the Susan B. Anthony movement at a glance. Nothing otherwise evilly disposed about her. She lives away out in New Jersey, in a house placed at the terminus of the railway company, and she doesn't generally reach home until late at night. After leaving the train she is obliged to take along walk through a lonely place in the dark, and she has a wholesome aversion to tramps and other unlawful characters.

One afternoon, when she was at home, three of these gentry came to her with the exclamation, "Well, old woman, we've come to rob you!" Middy went down into the pocket of her dress and drew her big revolver. "This is what I have got for you." The tramp, who was the leader of the other tramps, put entered into a wild scramble for the door. They must have subsequently come back and left a lamentable mark upon the premises, because, no matter how thickly the country is loaded with ruffians of that description, Middy never relies upon the grounds of plucky Miss Morgan. It is said that she sometimes speculates in stocks of various kinds. At any rate, her husband was familiar with a refractory letter, "would you mind making me allowance?"

"Allowance, Eva?" and Mr. Grant stared at his wife with unfeigned surprise. "What in the world do you want an allowance for? Don't you have everything you want? Will Mr. Cleveland be a Texan as much yours as mine, so that do you want to divide it for?"

"Because, papa, I don't feel that I have any right to be a cut of your money," answered Mrs Grant. "If I want and I have to ask for it, explain just what I want, and why I want it, and then go to approve of my plan you don't it out to me as if I was a beggar. I have been married eight years and in all that time I have never had a dollar given me as much as a dollar for myself. You have no idea how I dislike to ask for money for even the necessary purchases for myself. I feel as if I should be just regularly ever so little money I would divide it up and try to get along with out asking you for any more. Will you do this, Will?" was pleaded.

Mr. Grant looked at his wife in astonishment.

"I don't see any use in it," he answered. "No, if I was in your place and had everything that I needed, I wouldn't care if I never had any money at my disposal."

"Try it once!" exclaimed Mrs. Grant eagerly. "Let me take charge of your purse, and I will give you money for all your necessary expenses. I don't ask you to give my suggestion a fair trial. You are so used but care to leave any money in my possession, and I wonder if you just see whether you would be willing to be impecunious, and ask for every thing you wanted. Let me have the money and I will show you whether you do not think an allowance would be a better plan."

"All right, as a bargain," said Mr. Grant, and he produced a fat wallet, emptying his pockets of all their loose change and throwing his pocketbook on the table.

"Now, I want twelve cents for car fare and well, say a quarter for lunch."

"Here it is," answered Mrs. Grant, counting out the seven cents and gathering up the rest.

Mrs. Grant's thoughts wandered to her husband many a time that day, and she wondered if he felt the full weight of being almost penniless. As for herself she felt rich in having so much money in her possession, and venturing to buy some little presents, knowing that she had wanted to make fun long time, but had put off because she disliked to ask for money. Among other purchases

At least a dozen times that morning Mr. Grant's hand found its way to his pocket before he remembered that he had no money, and that he could buy nothing but the necessaries of life, which he felt he kept him from satisfying him to lunch with him. Then for the first time he realized that it might prove a great deal more pleasant to be able to extend invitations to his friends. He was not prepared to admit the inconvenience of empty pockets when he went home that evening, though

"I got along first rate," he said, in answer to his wife's question, "but I ask you to give me a little more money next time, Eva."

"What for?" demanded Eva, serenely.

"For smallness," laughed Mr. Gr in "Cigars, et cetera; half a dollar is do."

"I don't see what you want cigars for," answered Mrs. Grant, "as you know you can get along without them if you try. Half the wants in this world are merely imaginary ones."

Mr. Grant's face flushed; he recognized the words as his own. He would not ask again for any more money, but he felt that he was in a fair way to lose his silence, wishing that he had possession of his pocketbook again. The first day it had seemed more like a joke than anything else, but now it was the first day he had barely sufficient for immediate necessary expenses, and the next day it was decidedly disagreeable to know that he had her down to the pocket money for lunch and carfare.

"If Eva feels this way all the time I don't wonder that she talked up so nice of her own," he said to himself as he rode homeward.

One day as he convinced him thoroughly that it was annoying as well as humiliating to be obliged to present a petition for every small sum, and when he went home that evening he confessed that he had learned by experience how inconvenient an empty purse is, and admitted that a regular allowance was no more than justly due to his wife. He set aside a certain portion of his income for Eva's use for the household expenses and an additional amount for her own personal use, and after this she never put off making some necessary purchase for weeks because she had to ask for the money.

"I learn a lesson that I never forgot in those three days," Mr. Grant often tells his friends when they are arguing against making regular allowances to their wives.—Philadelphia Call.

Cardinal Newman, who has just celebrated his 84th birthday, still shows wonderful amount of mental vigor.

Personal Paragraphs.

Governor Boutwell has lived in Groton fifty years. He went there March 5, 1835, from Lunenburg, whither his parents removed from Brookline, where he was born in 1818.

Among the pleasant perquisites of the Presidents, the free use of boxes at the Washington Theatre is one that they have more or less availed themselves of. Last week the manager of one of the boxes sent a ticket to Mr. Cleveland and placed at his disposal a box for any night when he should feel like going, extending the invitation to anybody he might choose to take with him. Mr. Cleveland said he would be pleased to visit his show, and named a night when he thought he might be able to do so, but postponed the visit. He declined to accept favors in the way of boxes, and said he should pay the regular box office price.

A correspondent at Sparta, Ga., writes: "Recently David Dickson, the richest planter in the South next to Richard Stockton, of Mississippi, died leaving an estate of $500,000. He had no children but a large number of relations, and excellent people who expect to be handsomely remembered. His will which has just been probated, reveals the fact that he has cut off his kindred with mere pittances, and bequeathed fully $400,000 in property to Amanda Eubanks, a negress, making her the richest colored woman in the world."

The Washington correspondent of the Cleveland Leader says: "The new Cabinet turns out a handsome looking set of men. Bayard's face is classic, and it might have stood for one of the Greek sculptors' models. Manning's is strong, and is indicative of the stage of blood in Cleveland, though it is more expressive as far as intellectual strength is concerned. Vilas looks like Roscoe Conkling in the face. Lamar's photographs resemble Tom Nast's typical fire-eating Southerner. Whitney has the most intellectual looking set of Cabinet Ministers. He looks like a good fellow and a high-toned man. Garland has the homeliest face."

A magnificent flower show has been in progress in private parlors in Fifth avenue, New York, in aid of the Gerard Beekman hospital. Among active promoters were Mrs. Astor and Mrs. Vanderbilt. Among the varieties of the rose family exhibited, says the Mail and Express, were a Jacqueline rose, a full-blown, fragrant pink rose was much admired; among the elder ladies the Sunset, a large orange-colored rose shaded to a light pink hue, was the favorite, its principal competitor being the Douglas, a fragrant crimson with purple tint. Roses were also exhibited in bewildering beauty of ferns, lilies, heaths, hollies, laurels, lilacs, carnations, amaryllis plants, hyacinths, tulips, snowdrops, daffodils and orchids. The exhibition has been a great success in all respects. It is said that the flowers displayed could not be bought for $150,000, the orchids alone being worth $100,000.

The Chinese Giant to Get Married.

St. Louis Sunday Sayings.

"I understand you are to be married, Chang. How is it?"

A slight smile passed over Chang's face—it took quite a while to get over it—but a blush was just perceptible.

"Yes, I am to be married, Though I expect to go home to China first."

"Who is the lady?"

"I would rather not tell her name. She lives in Kansas City. She is rich and is worth over $200,000. I am worth about $150,000, and I have left my wife barely sufficient for immediate necessary expenses, but the next day it was decidedly disagreeable to know that he had her down to the pocket money for lunch and carfare.

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