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CURRENT TOPICS.

Gen. Grant's second volume of war memoirs is nearly ready for the publishers.

QUOTATIONS in the divorce market in Indianapolis are as follows: Common separation, $15: small alimony, $25; large alimony, $50 to $100, according to means of the applicant.

THE congress of churches soon to be held at Hartford Conn. hopes to promote ecclesiastical unity among protestant christians through a full and frank discussion of the great questions in which the christians of America are interesed.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's salary is $4,166 66 per month. It is never applied for by the president, but is made out in the form of a voucher at the end of each month and is signed by the treasurer of the United States. The private secretary receives the money, but the receipt must be signed by the president personally.

A BILL has been introduced in the Quebec provincial parliament requiring that a crucifix be set up in every court of justice in the province, and that witnesses, on being sworn, shall place the right hand upon an open Bible, and extend the left toward the crucifix. Each crucifix must have been duly approved and blessed by a Catholic priest of the parish, or some higher Catholic church dignitary.

Fifty years ago a little black boy was taken prisoner by one of the fierce African tribes and afterwards sold as a slave. After being sold for a horse and then for rum and then for tobacco, he became the property of a Portuguese trader and was carried away in a slave ship. One of England's war ships captured the vessel and rescued the captives and the little black boy was placed under Christian influences and educated, and to-day he is Bishop Crowther, England's black bishop in Africa.

APPLICATION has been made to the common pleas court in Philadelphia for the approval of a charter for the Believers' Christian church. According to the charter filed the congregation of this church holds the second coming of the Savior, the judgment of the living and the dead, the resurrection of the dead and life everlasting to be events drawing very near to be experienced by men. "And while this church corporation is in duty bound so set forth and declare all Christian truth, it is its bounden duty to especially and pointedly proclaim these last named events as drawing near till they shall actually occur. We hold and recognize two, and only two, ordinances in the church of Christ by His command, namely, baptism in water and the Lord's supper."

"You send millions of dollars to China to prepare her people for the kingdom of heaven, but you refuse them a home in the United States," was one of the remarks by Guy Min, a Chinaman, who made a speech in San Francisco last week. Commenting upon the above, a Detroit paper very facetiously says: If Mr. Guy Min thought he was making a point against the United States he was sadly mistaken. His statement only shows how willing we are that Chinamen should go to heaven; but we are unwilling that they should come to the United States. On the other hand Mr. Guy Min will please observe, Chinamen are unwilling to go to heaven, while they are willing to come to the United States.

LIEUT. COMMANDER NICHOLS, commanding the Pinta, writes to the navy department from Sitka, Alaska, under date of March 31, and says in part: "The Chillcats are somewhat uneasy, and say they will have no more white men among them. There has been a great deal of 'hoochinoo' among them this winter. They have threatened the white men, but have committed no overt act and probably will not, though they have not the fear of the man-of-war some of the rest have, owing to the fact that their village is about 20 miles above the river bar, and is accessible only by canoes. The Russian citizens of this place and the missionaries are having some trouble, owing to the alleged encroachments of the missionaries on land claimed to be within the town limits. It has culminated in an injunction forbidding the missionaries to do further work until the case can be decided at the May term of the district court. At Hoonyah I heard of a case of witchcraft during the winter. A man and a woman were tied up and allowed to starve to death. The authors of it were apparently unknown."

Another Annecdote of Gen. Grant.

Capt. D. W. C. Lewis of West Chester tells the following little anecdote of Gen. Grant as showing his capacity for organization and accomplishing things: In 1868 the graves of the soldiers at Arlington were to be decorated and Gen. Grant, then general of the army, was present with his staff by invitation. It was the first time that the ceremony of decorating graves had been tried and there was no plan as to how it should be done. All sorts of plans were suggested, but none seemed to strike the party until Gen. Grant, who had been silently listening, remarked, "Let each man take two baskets of flowers, and, accompanied by two ladies, the work will soon be done." The general picked up his baskets and started with two ladies, the crowd accepting the idea and following him. In a short time the graves were all decorated. Capt. Lewis started with his two baskets, the ladies with him being Miss Chandler, the daughter of Senator Chandler, and Miss Matthews, half sister of Schuyler Colfax, and he remarked, referring to Gen. Grant, "There goes the next president." "Well, said Miss Matthews, "if that is so I hope my brother will be vice-president." The Republican convention that year nominated Grant and Colfax.

Kansas law calls dramshops "common nuisances."

New York swells are trying to make it fashionable to discard watch-chains of any kind.

The largest bridge in the world crosses Lake Ponchartrain at New Orleans, and is twenty-two miles in length.

The finest granite in the world is that to South Carolina, and it is being used to pave the streets of Charleston.

MICHIGAN NEWS.

Our Banks.

Michigan has 98 National banks, with an aggregate capital of $9,794,600; a surplus fund of $2,179,846.24, and undivided profits of $1,177,532.46. Their outstanding circulation is $3,711,495; they hold as individual deposits, $16,151,036.52. The loans and discounts are $21,445,360.13, and their circulation is secured by $4,183,000 bonds deposited at Washington. The real estate held by the banks is valued at $375,600.89. During the past year these banks have divided $949,250 among their stockholders. The corporate existence of the following will expire during the time from now to January 1, 1886; First National, Paw Paw; Coldwater National, Coldwater; Lowell National, Lowell; Michigan National, Kalamazoo; Second National, Hillsdale; National Exchange, Albion; First National, Marshall; People's National, Jackson; American National, Detroit; First National, Flint; First National, St. Johns; First National, Monroe; Second National, Pontiac; First National, Owosso. The corporate existence of eight banks in the state, representing a capital of $725,000, has already been extended

For Hotel Keepers.

The Senate has passed, after a very vigorous discussion, Senator Shoemaker's bill for the protection of hotel keepers. It is as follows, the clause enclosed below in brackets being struck out:

SECTION 1. The people of the state of Michigan enact, That every guest who shall, at any hotel or inn, order or cause to be furnished any food or accommodation, with the intent to defraud the owner or keeper of such hotel or inn out of the value of such food or accommodation, and every guest who shall obtain credit at any hotel or inn by the use of any false pretense or device [or by depositing at such hotel or inn any baggage of value less than the amount of such credit, or of the bill of such person incurred,] and any guest who, after obtaining accommodation at any hotel or inn, shall abscond from such hotel or inn, and shall surreptitiously remove his baggage or property therefrom, with intent to defraud the owner or keeper thereof, shall upon conviction be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days, or by a fine not exceeding $100, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

The bill as above is now pending in the House.

Alger's Advice.

Gov. Alger recently sent a communication to both Houses of the legislature, calling attention to the pardoning board recommendation in his message with a statement that upon investigation he has changed his views on the question. He now recommends that a board of four be appointed, to consist of two men from each of the dominant political parties, with sufficient compensation to secure able talent, to act as an advisory board, whose duty it shall be to investigate the cases of such prison convicts as may apply and report to the executive such recommendations as seem best as to pardons, commutations or non-action, the recommendation to be acted upon by the executive as his judgment directs. "It is," says the governor, "a notorious fact that the sentences of criminals from different circuits in the state for the same offense are widely different and frequently so from the same court. There are in Jackson prison two men serving from the same county, one for eight years for stealing a horse and wagon which he claims he took for a labor debt, and the other for ten years for stealing $100,000. These sentences should be investigated and the circumstances surrounding them before and after the sentence. The work is so arduous that the executive cannot attend to it, and besides two lawyers ought to be on the board. The governor recommends that Senate bill 32 be amended to accord with this plan, which is in operation in Massachusetts.

Our Life Charges

Detroit Post.

Of the first ten life convicts sent to Jackson, beginning with March, 1847, Wayne county furnished five. Of the 136 whose names appear in the last annual report as life convicts sent to Jackson since the above date, Wayne county has sent twenty-six. Of the sixty-two committed during the past ten years, Wayne county has sent twelve.

James Hitchcock, a life convict in the state prison at Jackson, from Ingham county, has served the state continuously since 1853—a period of thirty-two years, or just one half of his life, having been 32 years old at the time of his sentence, a longer period of continuous service by some five years than that served by any other convict. He is safely trusted outside of the walls without a keeper, showing no desire of escape. He was the tenth life convict sent to Jackson

GENERAL STATE ITEMS.

Wexford county is to have a new jail.

E. E. Carleton, a St. Clair pioneer, is dead.

Hon. Edward S. Moore of Three Rivers is dead.

Muskegon will put in a bid for the soldiers' home.

Real estate dealers of the state have organized a state association.

The Indians are catching immense quantities of white fish in the "Soo."

The colored people of Allegan are raising funds to build an M. E. church.

Four million young white fish have been deposited in the bay at Bay City.

A destructive fire, the second this year, occurred in Michigamee on the 1st inst.

Moses W. Wheelock offers $5,000 to have the soldiers' home located in Battle Creek.

N. E. Smith of Ionia, has lost 100 peach trees by the cold weather of the past winter.

Tom Navin's cell in Jackson prison is being fitted up luxuriously by Jackson ladies.

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

Miss Alma Smith, who was injured by jumping from a train at White Cloud, is dead.

Eighteen prominent citizens of Clare county are under indictment for trial at the next term of court.

Gov. Alger has appointed Joseph E. Sawyer of Pontiac a trustee of the eastern asylum for the insane.

The body of a female infant was found in an out building in Kalamazoo recently by scavengers.

It has just been discovered, that Joseph F. Sabine, a Detroit man, was killed in California over a year ago.

Rumored that a number of capitalists are about to build a railroad between Grand Rapids and Muskegon.

Thos. Pockett aged 17, of South Bay City can hoop 300 salt barrels per day, after they are put together with a machine.

Mrs. Ferris, a resident of St. Joseph for 50 years, dropped dead of heart disease the other afternoon. She was 75 years old.

Col. Summer F. Spofford, an old citizen of Tecumseh, is dead, aged 77. Remains were taken to Des Moines for interment.

The business portion of Grand Junction, Van Buren county, was destroyed by fire on the 2d inst, at a total loss of $20,000.

Martin Coppersmith of Bay City, has gone to take possession of a good sized fortune left him in that far away land of Germany.

The Berkey & Gay furniture company of Grand Rapids, will furnish the new "Albany" hotel now being erected in Denver, Col.

The Rev. Theodore Nelson, who was recently appointed secretary of the state board of charities and corrections, declines to serve.

Frank Probert of Portland, accused of trying to kill his young wife accidentally, is under $4,000 bonds to appear before the circuit court.

The War Department will ship head-stones for all soldiers graves now unmarked at Burr Oak, in time to have them set for Decoration Day.

Geo. Gunton, formerly of Adrain, has received $4,600 back pension and the allowance of $30 per month for the loss of a leg in the war.

The cases of Alva Dibble, the charivari homicide, and Frank Abrams, larcenist, have been laid over at Howell till next term of the circuit court.

Capitalists of St. Clair, Marine City, and Mt. Clemens, are agitating the subject of a narrow guage road from Detroit to Port Huron by way of St. Clair.

The Alpena guards have received their pay for their services at Oscoda during the labor trouble there last summer. The amount was $7.50 per man.

Digging down to the water mains of the city works in Adrian on the 30th ult, it was found that the pipes were filled with ice, though they were at the depth of over five feet.

David Woodward of Clinton, estimates his loss in peach trees killed by the severity of the winter at $4,000. Nothing daunted, David will replant the orchard and try again.

Vennor & Co., of Boston, who were the highest bidders for Grand Rapids' city hall bonds, but whose bid was rejected because of certain informalities, will contest the legality of the award in the courts.

George Fisher of Naubinway, was struck on the head by a fellow workman and killed. The man who struck the blow says it was accidental. As there was no one present at the time the truth will be difficult to arrive at.

Edward Webb of Ovid, while coupling cars near Marshall, was run over by a loaded car. The bones of one of his ankles were completely crushed, necessitating amputation, which operation was successfully performed.

H. M. Robert, charged with swindling a Big Rapids bank out of $400, has been brought to the latter city from Richmond, Ind., and lodged in jail. Lumber dealers in Big Rapids claim to have been swindled by Robert to the tune of $5,000.

Newman & Rice sold 1,000 sacks of flour last week to be shipped to Belfast, Ireland. They have shipped to all states that border the Atlantic, from Virginia to Maine, and also to England, Scotland, Wales and South America.—Portland Observer.

Tom Feeney of Quebec, Canada, was killed on Peter's logging railroad near Manistee. He was on the tender and the engine was backing up, when a projecting limb swept him off and the engine passed over him, crushing his skull and cutting off one arm and leg.

The building boom in Big Rapids this season is to be unprecedented. A $30,000 court house, stave and heading works, Darrah Bros. & Co.'s flouring mill, Wilson Stickney's brick block and an iron railroad bridge, and residences too numerous to mention.

A convict in the Jackson state prison in a recent application to Gov. Alger for pardon, wrote that the horse which had brought him into trouble was "30 years old, more or less," and that "it had a bone spavin, a stiffed joint and three cocked ankles."

Sheriff McIntire of Saginaw county has recovered a verdict of $750 against a Saginaw job printing office for printing a libelous circular during the campaign last fall.

Wm. Heart, the crook who was shot by a policeman in Grand Rapids, while resisting arrest, died of his wound the next day. The officer who shot him has been arrested.

Allouez, Pewabic, Hancock, Phœnix, Wolverine, Osceola and St. Clair Copper mines have been closed on account of the decline in the price of copper and other complications.

The committee to visit and recommend a suitable site for a soldiers' home have been instructed to examine and report upon the desirability of annexing Fort Gratiot to Port Huron.

Edward Clark, who lived with his father about four miles from Port Crescent, on Monday afternoon April 26, shot and killed his stepmother. He has been arrested and confessed the crime.

Ex-City Attorney Clink of Muskegon has had his examination on the charge of perjury made by ex-Mayor Cook. Clink was bound over for trial at the May term of court with bail fixed at $2,000.

The floor of the Haven M. E. church at Jackson settled alarmingly the other night while crowded for services. The pastor's attention was quietly called to the fact and he dismissed service without creating a panic.

Ferdinand Schwindt's eight year old daughter, Ella, of Grand Rapids, while playing around a bonfire with other children the other night, caught her clothes on fire and was fatally burned. She died in terrible agony.

County Treasurer Stebbins of Kent county, who owns a fine peach farm at Sparta, says there are many live buds and he expects a small crop. One hundred peach trees are winter-killed out of of a total orchard of 1,500.

Several lumbermen attempted to enter a house of ill-fame at Big Rapids, but were denied admittance. They threatened to break down the door. Frankie McClaren, inmate, thereupon opened fire on the besiegers, shooting Wesley Larkens in the bowels. He will die.

The whitefish eggs in the Michigan State Hatchery at Alpena have begun to hatch. There are about 25,000,000 eggs in the hatchery, and the most of the young fish will be planted in the lake near that place, Alcona and Oscoda. Some will be sent to Lakes Michigan and Superior.

Dr. Ohlinger, claiming to live in Windsor, Ont., was arrested in Monroe the other day for violation of the law requiring physicians to file an affidavit with the County Clerk setting forth that they are properly qualified. He pleaded guilty and in default of a payment of a fine of $5 was sent to jail for fifteen days.

The Vermontville Echo tells of a young lady in Assyria who was subject to fits. By the advice of friends a puppy was placed in bed with the unfortunate lady, who shortly began to show signs of improvement, and finally fully recovered. But the puppy contracted the ailment and is now a thorough-bred epileptic.

John McLain, aged 25 years, was killed on the 1st inst while unloading logs from a log car near Alger Station on the Mackinac Division of the Michigan Central Road, a log rolling over him and breaking his neck. The remains were shipped to his former home in Park Hill, Ont.

Mary McArthur brought suit against the city of Saginaw for damages for the accidental killing of her son, Angus, who was thrown from a wagon drawn by a runaway horse, colliding with a lumber pile obstructing the road. The jury returned a verdict of $3,500 for the plaintiff. The case occupied five days.

Edwin G. Gould of Howard City, a shingle sawyer, left the train going east the other afternoon to get a drink of liquor, being intoxicated at the time. He then tried to board the train when in motion and was badly cut and mangled about the head and arms. He was on his way to Canada to attend his mother's funeral.

In February last an express package of $500 addressed to Alger, Smith & Co., Black River, was lost between Oscoda and Black River while in the hands of Green's stage line. Henry Russell has been examined and bound over to the circuit court for embezzling the same in bonds of $500. Russell was driver for the stage company, who procured his arrest.

Extensive repairs will soon be begun at St. Francis college. The building will be given a new roof, a new veranda will be added, it will be repainted inside and out, the second story of the north wing will be thrown into a large dormitory and the fences will be repaired, painted and sanded. The improvements will cost about $2,000.—[Monroe Democrat.

Benan, who murdered Deputy Sheriff Kohl at Negaunee, Mich., on April 5, and made his escape was captured on the 2d inst., after a two days' chase by Sheriffs Oliver of Delta, and Anderson of Marquette counties, and posses, in a house of ill-fame, two miles south of Escanaba, where he was hiding in a closet. He was taken to Marquette and lodged in jail.

The annual convention of the woman's Christian temperance association of Michigan will be held at Albion, May 19 to 22. Miss Frances E. Willard, president of the national W. C. T. U., Dr. Henry A. Reynolds, the red ribbon reformer, and Miss Anna Gordon, superintendent of juvenile work, and others, will make addresses. Special rates will be made on all railways centering in Albion.

Burglars entered the store of Walling Bros. at the Junction, near Jackson, a few nights ago, and carried off about $75 worth of goods, consisting of two overcoats, two full suits of flannel underclothing, some overshirts, two pairs of pants, cigars, tobacco, cutlery, a revolver and about $1.50 in small change. They left a lot of old, ragged clothes on the floor.

Gov. Alger and staff and a party of friends will attend the national grand encampment of the grand army of the republic at Portland, Me., June 21. The party will leave Flint or Detroit two days previous. Gov. Robie of Maine, has requested Gov. Alger to loan the tents belonging to this state grand encampment, and engages to be responsible for their transportation, return and all damage that may happen.

As the fast mail passed through Adrian a few evenings since the engine struck at the Winter street crossing a horse and buggy containing Mrs. Levi Auchampaugh and a little daughter. It threw the horse several rods and landed the occupants of the buggy in an adjoining lot. The horse had to be killed. The child had a bad cut on the forehead and was otherwise bruised. Mrs. Auchampaugh was seriously injured.

Capt. Henry Stark died at his residence in Otsego township on the 1st inst. aged 74 years. He was a soldier of the United States army during the Black Hawk war, and was stationed at Chicago 52 years ago, when that place was the western post of the U. S. army. Capt. Stark served as a lieutenant and captain during the war of the rebellion, in the Sixth Michigan infantry for four years. He was a pioneer of Allegan county, and an honored member of the G. A. R.

Henry Ray of Coldwater, owner of the Schilling patent for concrete pavement, covering this state, has commenced ten suits in the United States court in Grand Rapids, against residents of Three Rivers, White Pigeon and Constantine, for infringement. The patent claimed to be infringed upon is a pavement made to imitate stone and laid in blocks. The pavement is in general use throughout the state, and if the patent is declared good, suits will be commenced against all using them to collect royalty.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1 white	$1 00	@	1 05
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 00	@	1 05
Flour	4 75	@	5 00
Corn	45	@	50
Oats	35	@	40
Barley	1 30	@	1 50
Rye per 100	4 20	@	4 20
Corn meal per 100	18 00	@	19 00
Clover Seed ₱ bu	4 70	@	4 75
Timothy Seed	1 75	@	1 80
Apples per bbl	2 50	@	3 00
Apples per bu	75	@	1 00
Butter ₱ lb	14	@	16
Eggs	11	@	12
Maple Sugar	10	@	11
Potatoes	38	@	45
Turnips	35	@	40
Onions ₱ bu	90	@	1 00
Honey	13	@	15
Beans picked	1 15	@	1 25
Beans, unpicked	90	@	1 00
Hay	15 00	@	18 00
Straw	6 00	@	7 00
Pork, dressed ₱ 100	5 50	@	6 00
Pork, mess new	13 50	@	13 75
Pork, family	13 75	@	14 00
Hams	10½	@	11
Shoulders	8	@	7
Lard	6	@	7
Tallow	5	@	5½
Beeswax	30	@	35
Beef extra mess	10 25	@	15 50
Wood, Beech and Maple	5 75	@	6 00
Wood, Maple	6 25	@	6 50
Wood, Hickory	6 75	@	7 00

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market active with values steady; shipping grades, $4 55@5 80; butchering, $2 50 @4 30; stockers and feeders, $3 65@4 90.

HOGS—Market dull and very weak prices 10c lower; rough and mixed, $4 @4 25; packing and shipping, $4 4 30@4 45; light, $4 35@4 45; skips, $3 75@4 25.

SHEEP—Market fairly active and firm; inferior to good shorn, $2 25@4; wooled, 3 50@5 12½.

ENGLAND EXCITED.

GEN LUMSDEN AND STAFF RECALLED.

Foreign News in Brief.

Gen. Lumsden and the majority of his staff have been ordered to return to London. This is practically a recall, although Gladstone says it should not be so regarded. It is accepted throughout England as a humiliating surrender. It means that so far from submitting the Pul-i-Khisti affair to investigation and arbitration—upon which Mr. Gladstone laid so much stress in his recent speech—the czar has sustained and honored Komaroff, while England discredits, abandons and dishonors her agent in the matter, before any investigation has been made, and while all the information at hand fully justifies him.

Mt. Vesuvius is active again.

The British income tax has been advanced to eight pence on the pound.

Arrangements are now in progress to induce the pope to grant an audience to the Prince of Wales during the latter's visit to Rome.

A dispatch from Gen. Briere de l'Isle states that the Chinese generals refuse to evacuate Tonquin or to retire from the positions which they have captured.

Famine prevails in Kordofan. The revolt against El Mahdi is spreading. The report of the routing of El Mahdi with heavy losses at Mesalamia confirmed.

It is reported that a secret treaty has been signed between England and Turkey by the terms of which England will be allowed to send men of war through the Dardanel's in case of war.

The insurrection in Panama has been peacably settled through the efforts of the consular corps and the American naval officers. The insurgents have surrendered and withdrawn from the city. Government troops are now in control.

The hostile Arabs are again becoming troublesome to the British. Scouting parties of these Arabs now make constant attempts to destroy the sections of the Suakim-Berber Railway already constructed, and they cut the telegraph wires wherever they can. Every night now El Mahdi's men fire upon and into the British forts.

In the house of lords on the afternoon of May 4, Earl Granville, secretary of state for foreign affairs, in answer to inquiries, stated that England and Russia had agreed to renew the negotiations in London concerning the Afghan frontier question, and that the meeting of the delimitation commission had been arranged in detail.

His lordship said that both England and Russia had agreed that the difficulties which had arisen from the Penjdeh incident should be submitted to a full investigation and reference to friendly powers.

Lord Granville said that both governments would facilitate the inquiry as much as possible. The Penjdeh district will remain neutral territory during the progress of the negotiations. "The Russian government," continued Lord Granville, "have stated their readiness to consider the question of withdrawing their troops should the decision of the Afghan boundary commission prove to be against them. Any differences that may arise regarding the interpretation of passages in the dispatches of the two governments would be dealt with in a manner consistent with the honor of both countries.

An Official Count.

The official canvass of the votes cast at the state election on April 6 has been completed by the board of state canvassers. The following are the official returns by counties:

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

COUNTIES.	Thos. M. Cooley.	Allen B. Morse.	Scattering.	Totals.
Alcona	455	202	....	657
Allegan	3274	3058	....	6332
Alpena	849	1259	....	2108
Antrim	736	827	1	1564
Arenac	110	617	....	727
Baraga	256	330	....	586
Barry	2138	2701	....	4339
Bay	2455	4172	....	6627
Benzie	395	397	....	792
Berrien	3066	3698	1	6765
Branch	2555	2563	....	5118
Calhoun	4041	3974	1	8016
Cass	2036	2207	....	4243
Charlevoix	757	1173	....	1930
Cheboygan	543	1092	....	1635
Chippewa	522	757	....	1279
Clare	476	507	....	983
Clinton	2004	3096	1	5101
Crawford	197	223	....	420
Delta	601	672	....	1273
Eaton	3258	3276	1	6535
Emmet	633	913	....	1546
Genesee	3845	3494	4	7343
Gladwin	231	205	....	436
Grand Traverse	1141	626	1	1768
Gratiot	2178	2279	....	4457
Hillsdale	3571	2494	....	6065
Houghton	1510	1126	....	2636
Huron	1209	1985	1	3195
Ingham	3181	4446	1	7628
Ionia	2033	4609	1	6643
Iosco	872	857	....	1729
Isabella	4447	1202	....	2649
Isle Royal	....	....	....	....
Jackson	4456	4940	1	9337
Kalamazoo	3473	3108	1	6582
Kalkaska	438	368	....	806
Kent	7475	7806	1	15292
Keweenaw	542	90	....	632
Lake	573	727	....	1300
Lapeer	2558	2490	....	5048
Leelanaw	620	520	....	1140
Lenawee	4663	4717	3	9383
Livingston	2050	2833	....	4883
Mackinac	254	593	....	847
Macomb	1711	2891	....	4602
Manistee	833	1450	1	2334
Manitou	13	164	....	177
Marquette	2800	1603	....	4412
Mason	583	1125	....	1708
Mecosta	1704	1776	....	3480
Menominee	1969	990	1	2950
Midland	1086	694	....	1780
Missaukee	393	218	....	611
Monroe	2074	3366	1	5441
Montcalm	2371	3886	....	6257
Montmorency	95	125	....	220
Muskegon	2629	2117	....	5346
Newaygo	1197	2020	....	3217
Oakland	3727	4908	2	8637
Oceana	1095	1254	....	2350
Ogemaw	460	309	....	769
Ontonagon	242	257	....	499
Osceola	1059	1056	....	2115
Oscoda	153	120	....	273
Otsego	361	381	....	742
Ottawa	2571	2850	....	5421
Presque Isle	73	531	....	604
Roscommon	184	299	....	483
Saginaw	4595	6218	....	10813
Sanilac	1509	2614	....	4123
Schoolcraft	395	256	....	651
Shiawassee	2192	3005	....	5197
St. Clair	3068	4411	12	7491
St. Joseph	2368	2770	....	5138
Tuscola	2461	2709	....	5170
Van Buren	2932	2789	223	5944
Washtenaw	3205	4523	1	7729
Wayne	5494	14054	1	19549
Wexford	905	994	....	1899
Alger (new co.)	150	63	....	213
Totals	138694	168625	261	307580

Majority for Morse, 29,931.

REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The following was the vote for regents of the state university. In Antrim county 825 votes were returned for Aaron B McAlvay. In Montmorency county 85 votes were returned for Charles B. Whitman. In Mason county Frank S. Cressey got 37 votes, and in Houghton county 48 votes were cast for Lathrop S. Ellis. All three were counted by the state board as "scattering."

COUNTIES.	Charles S. Draper.	Aaron V. McAlvay	Chas. R. Whitman	Moses W. Field	Lathrop S. Ellis	Frank B. Cressey
Alcona	443	437	212	218	2	2
Allegan	2787	2789	2670	2661	850	847
Alpena	785	785	1210	1208	112	113
Antrim	823	....	721	713	18	18
Arenac	139	50	715	498	103	101
Baraga	281	281	305	305	....	....
Barry	2132	2111	2494	2479	222	222
Bay	2196	2196	4230	4220	201	199
Benzie	435	434	348	345	6	6
Berrien	2975	2968	3407	3407	379	378
Branch	2628	2612	2187	2181	305	304
Calhoun	4009	4005	3767	3767	274	274
Cass	1898	1897	2156	2153	214	214
Charlevoix	1004	1005	910	910	3	3
Cheboygan	634	634	984	980	6	5
Chippewa	467	464	808	805	7	6
Clare	565	559	385	385	13	13
Clinton	2247	2239	2601	2570	264	264
Crawford	216	214	205	201	....	....
Delta	670	670	593	594	....	....
Eaton	3088	3082	3012	3008	421	421
Emmett	629	627	865	865	49	49
Genesee	3500	3495	3488	3216	665	664
Gladwin	233	231	198	202	....	....
Grand Traverse	1149	1152	590	576	27	31
Gratiot	2040	2200	2162	2154	251	251
Hillsdale	3215	3215	2375	2368	473	473
Houghton	1492	1492	1093	1092	....	....
Huron	1018	981	1725	170	398	395
Ingham	3114	3107	4120	4106	386	388
Ionia	2732	2749	3674	3663	249	492
Iosco	887	885	786	788	54	54
Isabella	1414	1495	1202	1199	43	43
Jackson	4068	4055	4775	4753	612	613
Kalamazoo	3287	3285	2998	2998	301	303
Kalkaska	452	487	290	290	6	6
Kent	6578	6573	7628	7618	1075	1078
Keweenaw	531	531	101	101	....	....
Lake	525	527	630	630	99	99
Lapeer	2585	2555	2584	2309	145	145
Leelanaw	745	646	475	475	....	....
Lenawee	4061	4033	4530	4444	808	809
Livingston	2142	2092	2588	2522	212	212
Mackinac	283	281	559	558	2	2
Macomb	1622	1616	2830	2813	160	161
Manistee	804	1436	1115	853	311	140
Manitou	13	13	164	164	....	....
Marquette	2746	2718	1618	1591	73	73
Mason	1013	1082	931	929	43	....
Mecosta	1734	1721	1591	1588	163	168
Menominee	2175	2176	733	732	13	13
Midland	1105	1097	576	674	5	5
Missaukee	321	292	213	214	63	63
Monroe	2001	1967	3296	3237	214	213
Montcalm	2832	2833	3348	3344	65	65
Montmorency	85	....	....	121	9	9
Muskegon	2533	2517	2515	2495	265	265
Newago	1125	1127	1885	1883	203	203
Oakland	3993	3713	4471	4310	453	456
Oceana	961	961	1048	1047	335	339
Ogemaw	450	438	322	325	....	....
Ontonagon	227	227	251	254	10	10
Oceola	1019	996	821	825	262	262
Oscoda	170	169	98	101	....	....
Otsego	353	345	341	344	44	45
Ottawa	2646	2644	2642	2649	230	230
Presque Isle	66	66	534	533	....	....
Roscommon	189	188	294	292	1	1
Saginaw	5466	4791	5633	5424	210	121
Sanilac	1728	1727	2400	2397	12	13
Schoolcraft	404	404	245	....	247	....
Shiawassee	2000	1909	2694	2589	496	498
St. Clair	3162	3161	4146	4136	188	189
St. Joseph	2482	2462	2044	2516	48	49
Tuscola	2351	2348	2444	2443	372	374
Van Buren	2925	2925	2664	2665	358	358
Washtenaw	2707	2975	4729	4264	431	449
Wayne	6899	6567	12609	12188	279	304
Wexford	935	935	842	843	89	89
Alger	151	151	62	62	....	....

TOTALS AND PLURALITIES.

Charles S. Draper	138,353
Alvin V. McAlvay	136,605
Charles R. Whitman	155,622
Moses W. Field	154,435
Lathrop S. Ellis	14,960
Frank B. Cressey	14,554
Plurality for Whitman	17,269
Plurality for Field	16,080

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

APRIL 28.

SENATE.—Senator Cline offered a resolution instructing the committee to visit proposed sites for a soldiers' home and inquire into the Fort Gratiot annexation matter when it visits Port Huron. Adopted. Senator Belknap offered a resolution appropriating manuals to members and officers. Adopted. Bills passed: Incorporating the village of Chippewa Lake; amending the Ludington city charter; amending act 142 of 1883 relative to upper peninsula petit-jurors; relative to a stenographer for the sixteenth judicial district; to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among cattle; to regulate gas works was lost, vote reconsidered and bill tabled; directing the auditor general to suspend the spring sale of delinquent lands; authorizing the auditor general to suspend the spring tax sale was passed. Senator Carveth was appointed a member of the joint select tax committee.

HOUSE.—The following passed on third reading: reincorporating Howard City; authorizing the auditor general to suspend the sale of lands delinquent for taxes for 1882, the sale having been advertised for May 4. The governor subsequently notified the House of his approval of the joint resolution. Adjourned.

APRIL 30.

SENATE—The governor noted his approval of the following acts: Supplementary to the general railroad act; reincorporating Roscommon. The following bills passed on third reading; regulating gas works; amending act for appointment of an assistant prosecuting attorney for Wayne county. The governor requested the two houses to meet him in joint convention, and the Senate passed a resolution fixing the time for to-morrow afternoon. The following bill was lost: for the appointment of a commission to prepare and report a bill revising the general banking law—lost; reconsidered and tabled. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—The governor noted his approval of the acts making an appropriation to the reform schools; reincorporating Holland; for a ferry across Pine lake; restricting powers of commissioners of highway of Republic township; amending the charter of Saginaw; for an infirmary at Kalamazoo asylum; establishing a board of fish commissioners; for examination of teachers in Alpena; relating to vacancies in the superior court of Detroit; amending laws to protect fish; authorizing Spalding, Saginaw county to build a bridge; authorizing the auditor general to suspend sale of lands delinquent for tax in 1882. Mr. Northwood offered a resolution instructing the committee on the proposed soldiers' home to investigate and report upon locations. Adopted. A long petition from citizens of Petoskey, asking that the Hampton anti-board insurance bill be passed, was adopted. Bills passed: amending Hillsdale city charter; amending Vassar village charter; appropriating money for the Travese asylum; to tax railroads operating under special charters; amending Sec. 5065, How., relative to public school teachers, was lost; regulating the width of wagon tires, was lost. Adjourned

MAY 1.

SENATE.—Bills passed: Amending Sec. 2884, Howell, relative to subjects for dissection; to index the general laws from 1882 and hereafter. The governor transmitted a communication from the governor of Maine asking the loan of tents for the G. A. R. national encampment at Portland, Me. A resolution authorizing the loan was adopted. The governor also transmitted a message in reference to a board of pardons. Referred to the judiciary committee. Adjourned till 9 P. M. Monday.

HOUSE.—The governor communicated his approval of the act amending Chap. 263 How. relative to trials of issue of fact. The governor by message recommended that a board of pardons, to consist of four persons, two from each of the dominant parties, be provided for by an enactment. Referred to the committee on judiciary. The governor also transmitted a copy of request from Gov. Robie of Maine, for the loan of tents for the use of the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Maine the coming summer. Gov. Alger recommends that the request be granted. Referred to the committee on military affairs. The following bills passed on third reading unless otherwise noted: Appropriating $65,000 to the state normal school; reincorporating Royal Templars of Temperance; reorganizing school district of Flint; for adjustment of claim of Peter des Pelder; relative to reports of superintendents of the poor; for the publication of reports on current subjects of interest to farmers and horticulturists by professors in the agricultural college; amending Chap. 167 Howell, relative to industrial schools; changing name of N. Benham. A resolution by Mr. Estee, requesting the state treasurer to report to the House the rate of interest paid by the banks in which state funds were deposited during the year ending April 30 inst., and also the amount paid by each bank and the total amount, was adopted. Adjourned until 9 p. m. Monday.

MAY 5.

SENATE—The governor by message advised legislation looking to the establishment of a board of pardons, to be allowed a stenographer but no secretary and to be limited to a session of not to exceed six months during the term of any governor. The governor approved of the acts establishing a school of mines in the Upper Peninsula; reincorporating Howard City; incorporating Oscoda; appropriating $15,000 as working capital for the Northern Asylum; reincorporating Vassar. The following bills passed on third reading: House bill, amending charter of Hillsdale; House bill 126, to provide attorney fees for foreclosures laid on table. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—A communication from President Angell of the University, stating that Randolph Rogers had presented his collection of casts to the University and asking for an appropriation to defray the expense of transportation was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Reported adversely: Senate 201, making the University tax one-tenth of a mill. The bill was tabled; incorporating the Village of Hart, Oceana county; amending section 9577, Howell, relative to exceptions in criminal cases. The Governor, in a message, made further suggestions as to a board of pardons. Referred to the Judiciary committee. The Governor noted his approval of the following acts: To put in repair a state road in St. Clair county; incorporating the City of Ludington; incorporating the City of Wyandotte; issuing a patent to Chester C. Morton. The Governor returned House bill 18, to secure minority stockholders representation on boards of directors, without his approval. The vote by which the bill was passed was reconsidered and the bill laid on the table. The afternoon was spent in committee of the whole. Adjourned.

The Women Will Aid.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE G. A. R. OF THE REP'C, TOLEDO, O., May 1, 1885.

[General Orders No. 6.]

On the 30th of May the Grand Army of the Republic will observe the Nation's Memorial Day. The veterans of a hundred battles will go forth laden with spring's blossoms to strew them in memory of their comrades dead.

Women of the Relief Corps, be it yours to twine these garlands of imperishable love. Be it yours to teach your sons and daughters to gather the treasures of wood and lawn, to wreathe them into crosses that shall tell of sacrifices endured, into crowns that tell of glory won.

Let every relief corps prepare a memorial for the unknown dead. Let a mound or urn in every churchyard be heaped with flowers in memory of the half million men above whose far Southern graves no mother's tears shall ever fall, no daughter's hand plant sweet forget-me-nots. Let a call be made in every community asking those whose dear ones sleep on the battle-field or in the National Cemetery to add a testimonial of flowers with a card attached to each, bearing the name, company and regiment to be remembered.

Nor should the graves of the patriotic women be forgotten. Above the lowly mounds of the army nurses, of those who rendered loving service to the Union soldier; of your own number who have fallen by the way, never again to respond to the call, "Come and help us," let tender hands strew the flowers that shall tell the story of royalty and love. With every token of the highest and purest patriotism, let the Nation's Memorial Day be forever linked. Let it be a holy day, consecrated to valor and love.

By command of National President.

KATE B. SHERWOOD.

EMMA D. SIBLEY, National Secretary.

A New York paper thinks that green is very likely to become highly fashionable since the princess of Wales played her winning card in Dublin.

ANOTHER HORROR.

A COLLAPSED BUILDING TAKES FIRE.

Several Lives Lost.

About 9 o'clock on the morning of May 5, the roof and a portion of the walls of a large building in Brooklyn, N. Y., fell in.

A dozen manufacturing firms had portions of the building and employed altogether several hundred hands, chiefly young women, all of whom were at work in some of the five stories of the building. As soon as the crash was heard and before an alarm could be sounded the inflammable, tinder-like woodwork of the exterior was ablaze, and the first firemen who arrived found many of the panic-stricken female operatives crowding and shrieking wildly at the windows which opened upon the interior area of the works. Their retreat had been cut off and the firemen quickly ran up the ladders, but the girls were hemmed in and many fell back into the flames before help could reach them. The inflammable character of the building hindered the efforts of the firemen. It was ascertained that the engineer of the factory, Daniel J. Lowry, was one of the victims. He was killed by the falling of the west wall of the middle wing on Atlantic-ave.

The cause of the fire was the overturning of the boilers of a soap factory on the second floor. The west wall of the middle wing, on Atlantic-ave., had settled; workmen were screwing it up with jacks; the middle jack had been screwed up too high and it was lowered, when the whole weight of the wall came upon the two jacks at the end, and it fell with a crash.

It is not now known how many lives were lost, but it is believed that 30 persons perished.

Our Fallen Braves.

In connection with the memorial address of G. A. R. Commander-in-Chief Kountz, the following is issued:

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, TOLEDO, O., April 20, 1885.

General Orders No. 15.

In accordance with rules and regulations May 30 will be observed as Memorial day. As defined by resolution of the eighteenth annual encampment, it will be kept sacred to the memory of our heroic dead. Let no idle merry-making mar its consecrated hours.

Twenty years have passed since our last grand review. The death roll of years has added tens of thousands to the half million graves we left behind. The daily tolling bell, the freshly knotted crape, the muffled drum, the slow and solemn procession, tell how fast our comrades join the silent ranks above.

One by one a gallant leader languishes upon his couch of pain, and over myriads of homes the death angel hovers darkly. Hallowed be the day that brings such solemn thoughts as these.

Our comrades sleep well. No tear can disturb their profound slumber; no perfume of flowers can make their rest more sweet. But wherever Memorial day is observed there rises a higher idea of American valor, a holier care for the men who saved the Union.

Let posts of the grand army everywhere assemble. Enlist all loyal hearts in an observance of the day. Let the women and children be invited. Let all who reverence the flag unite in the ministrations of loyality and affection. The custom of inviting the clergy to hold memorial services on the Sunday preceding Memorial day is again commended, and comrades should feel it a privilege and a duty to attend.

Where there are no graves to gather around, as on the frontier, memorial services may still be held. Where there are no flowers to wreathe there still remains that perfect flower of freedom—the red, white and blue. Above each patriot's grave may its benedictions fall.

The flowers of love are immortal. Be it ours to cherish them in our hearts and let their fragrance fill our lives.

By command of

JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Commander-in-Chief.

W. W. ALCORN, Adjutant General.

Supreme Court Judges' Opinions.

The opinions of the Justices of the supreme court, in the tax case appealed from the Wayne circuit court, have just been filed. The question of the validity of the tax law was first raised in a case from the Marquette circuit. The law was held constitutional by that court, and the decision was sustained by the supreme court by an equal division. The law was held unconstitutional by Judge Chambers of the Wayne circuit, and there being no change in the opinions of the Judges of the supreme court, the decision of Judge Chambers was sustained.

In the opinion, just filed, Chief Justice Cooley does not treat the question at large. He says that he assumed, unwarrantably, it seems, that the original judgment, though rendered by a divided court, would be accepted by the circuit judges as law and followed by the supreme court as a precedent until it should be overruled by a majority of the court. He thinks that if a decision, because not made by an equal number, may be disregarded by a Circuit Judge, we have and can have, no settled law for the state, and that this state of affairs would so much resemble a judicial scandal that he would yield his opinion if such yielding would be essential to prevent such a consequence. He, however, reiterates his conviction that the first judgment should be abided by, and does not concur in much that Justice Sherwood says on the constitutional question, for the reason that he thinks it is distinctly opposed to the current of authority. He thinks that on constitutional questions the court is drifting to the position "that those statutes are constitutional which suit us and those are void which do not." Justice Champlin concurred with Chief Justice.

In his opinion, sustaining that of Judge Chambers, and controlling the disposition of the case, Justice Campbell again emphasizes the doctrine that courts cannot become executive agencies. He again expresses his conviction that the proceeding is not due process of law, either executive or judicial. He reviews the legal history of the state with reference to its bearing upon the right of commissioners to intervene in the actual work of legislation. He declares that under the constitution the door is not left open "to the introduction into the actual work of legislation, or a participation by persons not members and not selected by any constituency for that purpose, and still less for admitting advocates on one side with important authority in the direction of business, without making provision for having the other side represented or defended by any one." (This refers to the terms under which the Tax Commission, which participated in passing the law, was appointed. The members had a voice, though not a vote, in each House of the Legislature when the question was under consideration.) Justice Campbell affirms the decree dismissing the proceeding.

Justice Sherwood, in an opinion concurring with Justice Campbell, holds that the proceedings as authorized by the Tax law, is not only a clear violation of the provisions of our constitutions, both state and national, but of the elementary principles upon which these provisions are founded. He insists that there is not due process of law in the proceeding. He is, furthermore, of the opinion that the presence of the tax commissioners in the legislature was a usurpation of legislative functions. He repudiates the suggestions of counsel for the maintenance of tax laws, "that it is the duty of the members of the court who do not believe the law to be constitutional to unite in a decision that it is, where the members of the court are equally divided upon the question, on the ground that they have doubts or should have doubts, when in fact they have none."

Justice Sherwood concludes his opinion as follows: "The objectionable features of the law and the illegal manner of its enactment have been generally and pretty fully described and pointed out. With these eliminations and such other needful changes as will readily suggest themselves to the legislature, I apprehend no difficulty will occur in the enactment of a general tax law which will meet the requirements of the constitution and the necessities of our people without depriving any citizen of his just and legal rights.

A TENEMENT HOUSE HORROR.

Eight persons were killed and fourteen injured just before 1 o'clock the other morning by an outbreak of fire in a crowded tenement on First avenue, near Thirty-eigth street, in New York. The building is a new tenement house standing alone next to a coal yard on the east side of the avenue. The ground floor is occupied on the north of the entrance by a restaurant kept by John Humphries, in the rear of which the fire broke out, and on the south side by John Burger, a saloonkeeper. The other four floors above are occupied by seven families, one suite of apartments being untenanted. There was but one dark and narrow hallway through the building for the use of the forty inmates. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Koerner, who lives on the fifth floor. She smelt the smoke and immediately roused her son Jacob. She immediately rushed into the hall and shouted at the top of her voice. The whole house was full of smoke, which was surging up in great black billows from the basement. Down stairs in the rear there was a bright light, which showed where the flames were cutting off the retreat. At the sound of the woman's voice nearly everybody in the house sprang out of bed, but they were all sleeping at the time. It did not take long for them to realize their danger, and without waiting to put on their clothing, there was a mad rush of half-naked men, women and children, shrieking and crying, for the street. The steep flights of narrow stairs were blocked by the crowd. Men cursed and swore as they tried to push the women and little ones out of their way in that desperate struggle for life. At the bottom of the stairs they fell over one another, and a pile of human beings was formed in the twinkling of an eye. Several women lost their senses and rushed to the windows, whence they threw themselves to the ground, and one despairing mother, Mrs. Katrina Lemburger, 30 years old, threw her four children out of a window, and then wildly flung herself after them. As soon as the firemen arrived they began to pour streams into the rear of the house and the flames were soon under control.

All expectation of anything like a big exodus to Europe this summer has been abandoned by the steamship agents.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE PENSION BUSINESS.

A statement prepared at the pension office shows that the business of the office during the month just ended has exceeded that of any previous month. From this statement it appears that 5,870 "original" pension certificates have been issued during the month of April, 1885, against 3,734 during the same month last year, and that the total number of pension certificates issued was 8,199, being 1,866 in excess of the number for April, 1884.

A CONVICTED CANNON.

A Salt Lake dispatch of the 1st says: Angus M. Cannon, who is president of this "stake," a brother of Congressional delegate George Q. Cannon, has been convicted of unlawful cohabitation. Sentence was deferred till May 9. A proffer to prove no sexual commerce was ruled out. Judge Zane held that living with three women represented to the world as wives constituted the crime of cohabitation. Bishop James C. Hamilton has been arrested on a charge of polygamy.

PRUSSIAN FRAUDS.

The commissioner of pensions has directed the suspension at the Philadelphia agency of 102 pensions which have been drawn, although the pensioner are dead. In some cases, the commissioner says, the persons in whose names the pensions were drawn have been dead since 1871. He has also directed the suspension at the same agency of pensions to seven widows who remarried in 1881, but who have continued to draw their pensions ever since. The commissioner has asked the Attorney General to bring suit against the pension agent for the moneys so unlawfully disbursed

BAD FOR THE FARMERS.

A terrible hail storm passed over Virginia the other afternoon and extended into North Carolina. All the growing cotton, corn and vegetables were destroyed, and the farmers will be compelled to plant again. The hail fell to the depth of twelve inches and a whirlwind prevailed along the center of the storm, blowing down barns, fences and sheds. In some places in Surrey county, Virginia, the hail fell to the depth of eighteen inches and in some spots was drifted to the depth of four feet.

A DARING ROBBERY.

Shortly before the express train on the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road should have reached Bloomington a man, having the appearance of a tramp, entered the express car from the smoking car, armed with a heavy hickory stick. In the express car were George K. Davis, the express messenger, and Peter Webber the baggageman. The tramp struck Webber on the head felling him, while Davis ran for his revolver. Before he could reach it the man hit him also, and then, taking away the revolver, shot him in the head. He then made the baggageman open the safe and take out the money. The tramp then pulled the bell-cord and stopped the train, but first fired at Webber, the bullet striking him in the forehead. Webber succeeded in reaching the smoker and gave the alarm, but the solitary train robber disappeared in the darkness. The alarm was not given until the train reached Bloomington, when a search began. The amount stolen exceeds $1,200. Webber died the next day about noon, and Davis can not recover.

SOME POSTAL FIGURES.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General has made a report of the effect during the first year of the reduction of letter postage from three cents to two. He says that the actual revenue for the year ended September 30, 1884 (the first year during which the reduced rate prevailed), was $42,184,809, or $7,467,899 less than the estimated revenue upon a three cent rate, and the loss by the reduction of the rate to two cents was $523,100 less than the estimated loss. The immediate falling off in the issue of postal cards was 18.03 per cent., amounting to 83,034,287 cards. Crediting the extra revenue on letters from the loss on postal cards with $830,343 of the beneficial results of two-cent postage would leave $1,967,592 to be divided between the benefits growing out of the increased number of letters and the substitution of sealed circulars for open ones. He thinks the actual loss in revenue even less than this. In conclusion, Mr. Hazen says: "I will only add that the results of two-cent postage have more than realized the most sanguine expectations of its warmest advocates." He thinks that when the law making the single rate weight limit one ounce instead of a half ounce goes into effect it will add to the revenues by inducing persons sending light packages to send them under seal instead of parcel rates.

BLOWN TO FRAGMENTS.

A terrible catastrophe occurred in Galveston, Texas, at half past 7 o'clock on the morning of May 3. One of the boilers at the Tremont Hotel exploded, instantly killing a number of persons and wounding several others, doing great damage to the hotel and neighboring property. The concussion from the explosion was appalling. The Tremont House is a large five-story brick structure, 130 feet frontage on Tremont street and about the same depth on Church street. The boiler house was situated at the northwest corner of the building and was a small one-story brick structure attached to the main building. The explosion shook the great building with such terrible force that the guests thought a tremendous earthquake had occurred and ran panic-stricken about the hallways.

PLEADING FOR PEACE.

Alfred H. Love, president of the Pennsylvania peace society, acting under the authority of the universal peace union, recently transmitted the following letter to his majesty the czar of Russia. "To the Emperor Alexander of Russia: Honored and respected sir—Permit the members of the universal peace union to come very near you in sympathy and prayer, and to implore you to withhold the declaration of war in the impending troubles in the Afghanistan. Whatever rights your great empire may be entitled to will be more justly and promptly determined by calm and peaceful conference with your opponents, and, in case you cannot agree satisfactorily, we beg you to submit your differences to kind and impartial arbitration. We are mindful of your power, influence and great friendship towards our nation. We have before addressed your imperial majesty in sympathy for the loss of your illustrious father, and in behalf of principles which would secure prosperity throughout your borders, and we claim to be your friends. Therefore we appeal to you again. Do not go to war! Hold back your great army and navy, save life and treasure, and thus advance the cause of an enlightened civilization, and the highest honor will be yours."

CARELESS WORKMEN TO BLAME.

Careless workmen making repairs on the house 171 Eldridge street, New York, allowed a large cornice to fall into the street, and several children playing there were struck by the falling mass. Joseph Koponkowitz, 6 years old, and Theodore Neumiller, aged 7, received fatal injuries. Anna Schapsky was so badly hurt that she will probably die. The police arrested six of the workmen.

A BATTLE WITH INDIANS.

A dispatch from Battleford on the 6th inst. says: To-day a flying column under command of Col. Otter, numbering 300, comprising mounted police under Herschmer, men from the Queen's Own Rifles, B battery, Ottawa foot guards, and C company, besides mounted volunteers from Battleford, had an engagement with Poundmaker on their reserve. It lasted from 5 in the morning till noon and was most hotly contested throughout. The losses on Otter's side were eight killed and twelve wounded. The Indian loss is estimated at fifty.

PACK YOUR GRIP.

The latest important mining discovery is reported from Cheney, W. T., where great excitement has been caused by the finding of an immense deposit of carbonate of lead, rich in silver, within three miles of that place. Men are flocking there by hundreds, and claims are staked out for miles along the ledge, which is 12 feet wide on the surface. Men from Colorado pronounce it equal to the Leadville prospect.

Hen's Infatuation for a Cow.

Patrick Doyle has a cow on his dairy farm near Middleton, N. Y., whose life is made miserable by a hen's singular attachment for her. For over a year the hen has been an inseparable companion of the cow, and spends all of the time, when not on her nest or joining the other chickens when they are fed, perched on the cow's back. There she roosts at night, whether the cow may be in the barn, the barn-yard, or the pasture. The cow does not approve of this close companionship, and is always trying to shake the hen off her back or whisk her off with her tail. The hen is always prepared for these attempts, and when the cow lowers her head and shakes her shoulders the hen trots along her back beyond the effects of the shaking. If this bring her within reach of a possible whisk of the cow's tail, she watches it closely, and at the first movement of that appendage she trots back again to a place of safety between the cow's horns. At times the cow will suddenly start on a dead run around a field or barnyard, lowering her head, lashing her tail, and bellowing, as if to terrify the hen into taking her departure. The hen will then scramble to and fro on the cow's back to maintain her position, but the result of this manœuvre on the part of the cow is, nine times out of ten, to force its unwelcome companion to fly off. The cow is no sooner at rest then the hen steps up and mounts again to her perch. This amusing scene is witnessed almost daily by people who go to the farm for the purpose.

Somebody has counted the cats in London. There are 700,000 of them.

A Ladies' Medical Book.

Which every woman and every husband should read, illustrated by anatomical cuts and charts, is being issued by the Zoephora Company, of Kalamazoo, Mich. Price in cloth binding 50 cents. For the purpose of introducing it, sample books in pamphlet form will, during the next 30 days, be sent on receipt of 10 cents. In ordering be sure to mention this paper.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Fire wiped out the entire business portion of Caberry, Ill., on the 3d inst.

The working force at the navy yard in Washington has been reduced 100 men.

The Niagara park bill, passed by the New York legislature has been signed by Gov. Hill.

A Russian spy has been in British Columbia taking drawings of the fortifications and harbors there.

A number of fanatics in Cornnie, Maine, had their ascension robes ready April 29, but failed to use them.

Commodore Cornelius K. Garrison, died in New York city on the 1st inst, of paralysis of the heart.

The commissioner of pensions holds that the widow of Lieut. De Long, of the Jeannette, is entitled to a pension.

Isaac W. England, publisher of the New York Sun, recently died of dropsy of the heart, aged 53 years.

Plymouth, Pa., is afflicted with typhoid fever, 600 people being down with it, and the death rate averaging 1 daily.

There was coined at the United States mints during the month of April $1,991,500 in gold and $2,432,000 in silver.

Two of the striking quarrymen at Lament, Ill., were killed by the militia, which had been called out to quell a riot.

Secretary Lamar has decided to appoint S. B. Bevans of New Jersey, superintendent of Indian schools, at $3,000 per year.

The New York assembly has passed a bill providing for a stamp tax on speculative trades in oil, stock, grain and provisions.

The national board of trade has adopted a memorial to be presented to congress favoring a new Canadian reciprocity treaty.

Seventy striking quarrymen at Joliet, Ill. were arrested by the military for attempting to prevent other men from working.

James Logan, his wife and child, of Waterloo, N. Y., were burned in their house which was destroyed by fire on the 3d inst.

The total coinage at the mints of the United States during the month of April amounted to 2,803,900 pieces valued at $4,423,500.

The third annual visit of the Veterans of the Army of the Potomac to the battlefield of Gettysburg was made on the 4th inst. President Cleveland and party were present.

The Pittsburgh window glass trade is duller than it has been for years. The accumulated stocks are three times heavier than usual.

Judge Wylie of the supreme court of the District of Columbia has resigned and Judge William M. Merrick is expected to succeed him.

The total public debt, less cash in treasury May 1, 1885, was $1,497,741,844; decrease of debt during the month of April, $4,837,339.

John McCullough's (the actor) mental condition is becoming worse. He is in St. Louis now, and imagines he is Chicago or Cincinnati.

Immense quantities of coal are being shipped to Cape Town, Africa, for the use of British cruisers in case of war between England and Russia.

Kent H. Hayden of Omaha, has been appointed national bank examiner by the secretary of the treasury for the states of Kansas and Nebraska.

A detachment of the Canadian voyageurs, numbering 81, who were with Wolseley on the Nile, have arrived at Portsmouth, Eng., on their way home.

Miss Julia Jackson, only child of "Stonewall" Jackson, will be married June 3 to Wm. E. Christain, a grain merchant of Richmond, Va. The lady is 23 years old.

During the month of April, Postmaster-General Vilas appointed 600 postmasters at fourth-class offices. The majority of appointments were made to fill vacancies.

A trunk in the baggage room of the Union depot in Pittsburg emitted a terrible stench. The trunk was opened, and found to contain the body of a man in an advanced state of decomposition.

The president has appointed John S. Williams of Indiana, to be Third Auditor of the Treasury Department, vice E. W. Keightley, whose resignation has been accepted, to take effect on the 30th ult.

A terrible disease is depopulating Plymouth, Penn. From six to 14 deaths occurred daily for several days. The epidemic was brought on by the filthy condition of the streets, and the impure water.

The postmaster-general has forbidden the delivery of registered letters and money orders to F. Ridd & Co., of Dubuque, Ia., on evidence that they were conducting a fraudulent business through the mails.

Mrs. Sarah E. Wilson, wife of Theodore D. Wilson, chief of naval construction, United States navy, and well known in social circles throughout the north, died in Washington recently after a period of long suffering.

The fever epidemic which has been raging in Plymouth, Penn., has spread to adjoining towns. Hundreds of cases have occurred, and many deaths. The inhabitants are making an effort to better their sanitary condition.

A dispatch received on the 27th inst., says: A tenth part of Montreal is under water, and the police are succoring with boats the inhabitants confined in the upper chambers. From all points come stories of flood, loss of life and property.

New York locomotive engineers object to the tests for color-blindness, claiming that only experts could determine the shades they are called upon to name. Several of the best engineers have been discharged, and a strike may result, the men claiming the conditions required are oppressive.

After 23 years' litigation the heirs of Cyrus H. McCormick, the Chicago reaper man, won a suit at New York, which he commenced. The Pennsylvania railroad company had taken his baggage off before he secured tickets, and the property was burned in the depot at Chicago. The trunks contained $16,000 worth of jewelry and fine clothes. The court of appeals allowed the claim with interest for 23 years.

Seven newsboy were arraigned at the police court in Toronto on a recent Sunday for selling papers on Sunday and were remanded. In the Metropolitan church Sunday the preacher delivered a stirring sermon warning his congregation against desecrating the Lord's day by purchasing papers. When the congregation was dispersing several newsboys were standing at the doors with free papers which were all quickly disposed of and eagerly perused.

A Pardon Board Recommended.

The following is Gov. Alger's message to the Legislature on the subject of pardons:

"Permit me to again call your attention to the matter of a Pardoning Board.

"Since my inaugural, and after further investigation, I have changed my views somewhat, and now recommend that a board consisting of four, two from each of the dominant political parties, with such compensation as will secure able talent, be appointed as an advisory board, whose duty shall be to investigate the cases of such convicts in our state prison and house of correction as may apply, and report to the Executive with such recommendations as in their judgment seems best either as to pardons, commutations, or non-action. After a full examination of each case is made, the recommendation so made to be acted upon by the Executive as he in his judgment shall deem best.

"It is a notorious fact that sentences of criminals from different circuits in the state, for the same offense, are widely different, and frequently so from the same court. There are now in Jackson state prison, I am informed, two men serving from the same county, one for the term of eight years for stealing an old horse and wagon, which he claims he took for a labor debt of about $20, and which he sold for that amount, and the other for a term of ten years for stealing near $100,000.

"Very many cases are reported, which if at all as described, should be investigated, both as to the offence and term of sentence, and also as to the commission of the crime, and his conduct in prison since being sentenced. This work is so great that it is simply impossible for the Executive to attend to it thoroughly and properly, and besides at least two lawyers ought to be upon the commission.

"I am sure the State of Michigan ought and will see justice done to even this class.

"Senate bill No. 32 could, I think, be so amended as to serve the purpose, if you deem it wise to act in accordance with these recommendations. This is substantially the same as the law now in force in Massachusetts."

There is no law in Arkansas for the adoption of heirs. A bill has passed the House curing the defect.

Peanut flour, now an important southern product, makes very palatable pastry.

Camphor trees are growing thriftily at Quincy, La. The plants were obtained from Washington.

The steamers of the Inman line charge $5 extra for the use of a self-leveling bed.

Tennessee produces more honey than any state in the Union, the annual crop being over two million pounds. New York comes in second best.

The largest town in the United States is Woonsocket, R. I.; population 20,000.

Miss Fanny Mills of St. Thomas, Pa., has feet 18 inches long.

An ostric's stomach is located in its back, between the wings.

Mention is made of a company now preparing to develop an immense copper property in northwest Texas.