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TIMELY TOPICS.

Dr. J. H. Vincent gives to the Sunday School Times the pleasantest reminiscences of Grant that have appeared anywhere Dr. Vincent was Grant's pastor in Galena during the two years before the latter went to the war. He was a regular attendant, never missing a Sunday at church, a simple-hearted, intelligent, friendly neighbor, whom I respected and loved," who greatly pleased his pastor in their first interview, because "he seemed to under stand and to be deeply interested in national affairs, and discussed men and parties, perils and possibilities, with great ease, and with remarkable sense and ability." Dr. Vincent speaks very warmly of Mrs. Grant's character, her husband's character, and her freedom from pretense and her habitual simplicity.

One curious revelation of the last census was the growth of the female population of the large cities. It was shown that New York contains about 25,000 more women than men Boston has a surplus of 18,000 women in Baltimor there are 17,000 more women than men, and so on in several others of the large Eastern cities. Fifty years ago the reverse was true. The cities are the places to pursue their careers, while the women stayed at home but more recently women, both in this coun ry and in Europe, have been crowding to the business centre.

Reports of the turning of Negroes to white are frequent, but the turning of a white man to black is an unheard of occurrence. Yet such a transformation is reported from Dale county, Ark., in the person of a Mr Hemming. The discoloration began about six months ago in spots on different parts of his body, and continued to spread and grow darker ever since, and now the small spots have made their appearance on his cheek, forehead and neck. The physicians say there is no record of such a case.—*Boston Journal.*

The decline of pauperism in London is remarkable when it is remembered how rapidly the city is growing year by year. Thus in the second week in July the total number of in-door and out door paupers relieved in the metropolis was 83,559 against 85,208 in the corresponding week last year, 84,653 in the corresponding week of the year before, and as large as 86,496 in the corresponding week of 1882. The extremely low prices for food may account for this.

The first copy of a new journal call ed The Linguist has just appeared in England It is printed in five different languages—English, French, Spanish, Italian and German—and it is announced that if necessary a supplement will be issued later containing articles in Portuguese, modern Greek, Russian, Hindostani and Arabic. Students of the languages, it is expected, will be particularly benefited by the perusal of this paper.

From a Michigan Supreme Court decision in the case of sharpers who had swindled a countryman in a fashionable card trick: "We do not think it profit able to draw over nice metaphysical distinctions to save thieves from punishment. If rogues conspire to get away a man's money by such tricks as those which were played here, it is not going beyond the settled rules of law to hold that the fraud amounts to stealing.

The New Orleans Picayune thinks that emigrants will not be attracted to a state until a better class of citizens are appointed to stand at railroad depots with their mouths open as the train goes by. Travelers get the idea that old seeds at the depots represent the community in which the depot is located.

The commissioner of education reports that in the South the school enrollment of white children has increased 297,185, and of the colored children 199,231, during the past two years The total expenditure for public schools in 1884 was $17,053,467, an increase of $2,232,495 over that of 1882

DETROIT MARKETS.

Wheat—No. 1 white	$ 81	@ 83
Wheat—No. 2 red	88	@ 89
Flour, roller process	4 50	@ 5 00
Flour, stone process	4 50	@ 4 75
Corn	40	@ 45
Oats	31	@ 32
Barley	1 55	@ 1 60
Rye per 100	1 00	@ 1 05
Bran	12 75	@13 00
Clover Seed ⅌ bu	5 00	@ 5 25
Timothy Seed ⅌ bu	1 75	@ 1 80
Apples per bbl	1 50	@ 1 75
Butter ⅌ lb	16	@ 18
Cheese	8	@ 8
Eggs	18	@ 19
Chickens	9	@ 10
Turkeys	10	@ 12
Ducks ⅌ pair	60	@ 75
Potatoes, new, per bu	30	@ 35
Potatoes ⅌ bbl	1 10	@ 1 25
Pears, common variety, ⅌ bbl	2 50	@ 3 50
Pears, Bartlett, ⅌ bbl	3 00	@ 3 50
Peaches, per bu	2 50	@ 3 50
Turnips	30	@ 35
Onions ⅌ bu	75	@ 80
Honey	10	@ 11
Beans, picked	1 25	@ 1 50
Beans, unpicked	75	@ 1 00
Hay	15 00	@17 00
Straw	6 00	@ 7 00
Pork, dressed ⅌ 100	5 50	@ 6 00
Pork, mess new	10 50	@10 75
Pork, family	11 00	@12 25
Hams	10	@ 10½
Shoulders	5	@ 6
Lard	6	@ 7½
Dried Beef	12	@ 13
Tallow	5	@ 5½
Rosewax	22	@ 25
Beef extra mess	10 00	@10 25
Wood, Beech and Maple	7 75	@ 8 00
Wood Maple	5 50	@ 6 50
Wood Hickory	5 50	@ 5 70

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market steadier; shipping steers $4 10@ 4 40 Stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 10 cows, bulls and mixed, $2@3 90; through Texas cattle firmer at $2 ⅌@3 70; Western rangers, steady at $3 15@4 35.

HOGS—Market steadier; rough and mixed $4@4 25; packing and shipping $4 25@4 65; light weights, $4 30@4 90; skips, $2 30@3 90.

SHEEP—Market stronger; natives, $3@3 40 Texans, $1 75@3.

WOOL.

"The Boston Commercial Bulletin says "Michigan fleece is ranging higher than Canada. No. 1 Canada is quoted at selling at 32c and held for 33c. Michigan No. 1 is exceedingly scarce in this market, there is said to have been a strong speculative movement from Philadelphia, but as No. 1 wool has been brought here from that city during the week at prices slightly below those ruling here, it would seem as if the feeling were not generally extended among the trade of that city.

Hereafter all patent medicines in Austria must be tested for purity by government officials.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

All communications for this paper could be accepted only by the date of the issue of the week previous to publication, but as an evidence of good faith on the part of writers that they will be able to furnish the copy promised, we request that the proper names and dates, to have the letters and figures plain and distinct. Proper names are often difficult to decipher and occasion of the careless manner in which they are written.

AROUND A GREAT STATE.

The Situation in Bay City.

The mill employes in Bay City still present an almost solid front for 10 hours as a day's work. But have some mills started somewhat considerably. At first it was 10 hours and no not down. Now it is 10 hours and such de crease in pay as the mill owners may deem proper.

Of the 32 mills in what the men call the Bay City section, only two are making any show of full work for 10 hours a day. Of the Bay City Boards, Lumber, Hogan & Sonderman, the two Hills, Jones, Wright, F. E. Bradley, Myers and Green & Stevens.

The foreign element have turned out to be the greatest kicks. It is a curious fact, by the way, that so with the Poles and French Canadians. Some of the strikers have been offered work at 10 for want of food. It is probable that so only as and continue to arrive the men will sold out for labor. It is a curious circumstance in which this far the men have exceeded their own expectations.

Grand Rapids Selected.

The Detroit Post of the 23d says: For six laws and nights the board of managers of the Michigan soldiers home talked and talked in a side" They had an opportunity of selecting offered them but the trouble was to decide which to take. Some time before the weary work was ended. On the 36th ballot, Grand Rapids had 15 votes, Fifty years ago, of the board voted for Grand Rapids. That settled the first part of the question Now the board will have to decide as to what good in our grand Rapids the home shall stand. Fruit has could not be the place, it lie in the suburbs. It offers the Ball place on the west side of the Grand river with enough add to make up the number of acres. Ward placed 20 acres on the east side and down the river, portions of Reynolds and Powers arms in Paris township, and the Burchard farm, 112 acres in Wyoming township. These places the city is prepared to offer any other part that the board may prefer. The task of deciding the question of the home will go on Sunday, Aug. 31, at which time the board will meet in Grand Rapids.

The Strike Ended.

The mills of Warner & Lansing, C. K. Eddy and N. Holland, are operating on old rates and wages There are some mills running at Lake Saginaw and on the river 27 on old time and wages, and 13 on 10 hours and reduced wages. The end of the strike has thus been reached in the Saginaws. So far mill hands have been the losers, not making repairs or shortness of logs than balanced the saving of help. There are very few idle men on the streets, and business quarters are beginning to assume the usual hum. In a few days the rafting of logs will be resumed at the Tittabawassee boom as the mills will be prepared to take care of them.

Fatal Stabbing Affray.

Benjamin Badge is a well to do farmer in Tittabawassee township, Saginaw county, was fatally cut in a quarrel near the village of Freeland by Herbert Hodges, a young man who has been had blood between the families for some time, and Hermosa had caused the arrest of Mrs. Falling on the charge of assault and battery case came up for trial and she was acquitted. The was brought back to Saginaw for preliminary examination and got out of their wagons to settle. The fight began with a few spring hooks and Badgerly, cutting him 16 times and penetrating his lungs and kidneys Hermsy escaped. The wounded man cannot recover.

A Decision of Interest to Farmers.

In the matter of D. C. H. C. Rick & Co. plaintiffs of the spring tooth harrow, vs. Isaac Taylor & Co et al, for the infringement of a patent, which was tried in the United States court at Grand Rapids, Judge Stanley Matthews presiding, Judge Taylor has been before the courts for several years and involves the question of how far infringement will have to pay a royalty. The case is one of the most important ever tried in this country.

Fatal Swing.

Frank Gromney, aged 11, the eldest son of samuel Gromney of Ionia, was killed by his father's sawmill and got into a belt to saing, seizing it around his body. The belt lapped on the shaft revolving 700 times a minute and it was fully a minute before the machinery could be stopped. The poor boy was dragged to his father and wanted to be carried to the house He lived twenty minutes, although his neck was broken, and his ribs and left and his bowels were torn out. He was a trained man, almost unrecognizable.

Awaiting Trial.

The six men who were under arrest in Bay City for intimidation and obstructing the public in interests have been held for District Magistrate for trial at the circuit court. They were taken back to jail

MINOR STATE HAPPENINGS.

St. Ignace had a $20,000 fire on the 24th inst

Smith Bros., of Hillsdale have just imported a fine Norman stallion

Hilton The Bay City editor is held for trial on a charge of conspiracy Bail was fixed at $3,000.

The Michigan hedge company has been organized at Adrian with paid up capital of $150,000.

Howell has raised, the necessary $40,000 to secure the T. A. & A. M railroad, and work will begin at once.

Mrs. A. E. Daniels took morphine to help her up the golden stairs Her husband and a friend pump brought her back.

Ben Butler will defend Representative T. R. Barry who is now in jail at Lodi for a shot gun conspiracy and intimi ing to boot.

A committee of citizens for a cadetship at West Point from the South District will be held at Kalamazoo October 10.

Celery Lansing in Kalamazoo estimate the damage to that crop by the late rain to be fully $50,000, and perhaps $75,000

A Muskegon lumber jobber believes that by the middle of 1885 lumber will reach the highest price known for 10 years.

Government sanitary inspectors are to be appointed at Detroit and Port Huron to aid the local inspectors at those points in the work.

Diphtheria has been prevalent in Springwells,—the Detroit annex—and nearly 2 0 children have died from the disease this season.

A meeting of the Michigan state division of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen of the United States will be held at Lansing Friday, Aug. 28.

Ex-Congressman E. S. Lacey, of Charlotte will deliver an address on the silver question before the American bankers' association at Chicago on Sept. 24.

John Schneider, aged 22 years of Adrian was killed the other day by being run over and cutting away in the town of Dover and crushing him against a fence.

Elmore Benedict, aged 7 years of Leonidas township, St. Joseph county, fell from a sequ stack and was crushed to death, two wheels passing over his body.

Hillsdale college conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws on Judge Cooley. The gentleman in return recently sent his check for $200 for the college museum fund.

The body of Fred Martin, son of Mrs. William Martin, 11 years old, was found in the Kalamazoo river at Kalamazoo Friday. It is supposed that he fell in while fishing

Brighton village has guaranteed $10,000 to the new Baptist and Methodist churches, and the remaining country are being urged to make up the remaining $5,000 to secure the prize.

Mrs. Butcher, a colored woman from Calvin township, aged about 70 years, fell dead at the Air Line depot in Battle Creek on taking lunch. Heart disease is the supposed cause.

Mrs. Court Allen, an old pioneer of Royal Oak, died a few days ago. She was one of the most philanthropic woman this state has produced, and was quite well known throughout it.

Fernando Smith, a well-to-do farmer of Adrian township, was committed to the asylum and has been taken to the Toledo insane asylum. It is said he became fearful of being shot his present deplorable mental condition.

Myron Bumpus of Redford, indicted by the grand jury for murder of Martha Bell, has been released on $3,000 bail. His securities were Mrs. Bumpus and Mrs. Bell, mother of the accused and Addison Fletcher of Ypsilanti.

John Tribeny, a newly arrived Finlander was found in Saginaw with a bullet hole in his right eye. He was in a bucket coming up out of the mine and becoming frightened at a sudden descent of a short distance, sprang out, falling 140 feet.

Catherine Butcher, a woman about 50 years of age, dropped dead in the Air Line depot at Cassopolis, while waiting for a train. A post mortem examination showed the fact that death was caused by a clot in the right ventricle of the heart.

The strikers' relief store at Saginaw City has been closed, the men having generally received work the necessity for its existence had ceased. During the time it was operated 3,000 families were relieved and 488 rations were distributed to applicants.

A young son of Henry Haller of Hemlock City, 12 miles from Saginaw City, was seriously hurt by a kick from his young colt. Dr Barber and Davis of Saginaw, and Rhine of Hemlock City, trepanned the boy's skull. It is doubtful if he will recover.

Gilbert Wilson, for years with his brother in Kalamazoo, a leader in the Y. M. C. A. in public free on his farm in Cooper and was found lying dead under a tree, six miles from the present. He was well-known throughout the county. His age was 60 years

The Ionia Sentinel calls the attention of the national authorities to the epidemic of small pox in that county and suggests that measures be taken immediately to prevent its introduction into the United States, presumably by way of railroad from Mexico.

The test drilling on the site of the proposed new driver tunnel at Port Huron is progressing satisfactorily. Six borings have been made in the bed of the river, and rock was struck at an average depth of 8 feet. The contractors of the tunnel is not yet a settled fact, but it looks probable.

A justice of the peace on Drummond's island sentenced a farmer to jail for 30 days for hauling in his hay on a Sunday. The work was done to save it from an approaching storm The justice of the peace is a farmer on the island and the latter will prosecute the justice for false imprisonment.

Ferdinand Yahnke, the murderer of Anna strong in Frankfort, was found guilty of murder in the second degree and remanded to his cell. When judge Parker read the sentence to bring Yahnke up for sentence it was found he had committed suicide by hanging himself with a picture cord in the jail.

Wheeling tournament will be held and the Michigan trap shooters will meet at Jackson at Milford September 9, 10 and 11, at which time the following cups will be shot for and contested for The individual championship cup, state of Michigan cup, Jackson county clay bird company, and team championship of the state.

Jones Kerr, a alabam, a farmer living six miles west of Mt. Morris, was in that village the other evening and after drinking to some extent started for home. He was found away on route, throwing him from the wagon a disjointed neck. He died in a few hours later. Deceased was the single man about 36 years old.

A large barn on the farm of Richard Newman in Hunter township, Calhoun county, together with hundreds of bushels of wheat, oats, grass and agricultural implements, was burned the other evening. The loss will amount to $2,500, with no insurance. The barn was fired by sparks from a threshing machine engine lodging in the barn.

Under the efficient management of the Ionia board of correction the sanitary condition of the jail institution is in a commendable state. During the first half of August but 44 days work were lost to the prisoners, while while last year in the same time 223 days were lost. The management is credited with the health of their institution.

A $800 team of E. J. Whalen Franklin township, Lenawee county, was killed in Jackson recently. The owner and a hired man, who were standing at their heads, were kicked and trampled upon by the team. The team was insured in the Lenawee farmers' mutual, of which Mr. Whalen is president. The team was struck five times during the same storm.

Four barns and a grain house on the farm of James Ryan, in Ionia township, near Fort Ewery, Monroe county, were burned a few days ago, together with a large quantity of the crop. The loss is estimated at from three thousand to four thousand dollars, the insurance being about $2,000 The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have catched from the engine of a thresher which was being used in running a threshing machine.

Mrs. Failing, who was so severely burned in the Tekonsha fire, died at Battle Creek the other morning. The funeral which took place following morning was attended by a large number of people. Mr. Failing is still very low and doubtful. The electric company raising $1,000 for the benefit of the afflicted family, and all Battle Creek is subscribing liberally. It is the most heartrending affair that occurred in Calhoun county.

Dani Melchinis a resident of Imlay City, was killed the other evening by falling from a train of cars. He was on the train which crossing the Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad track, was struck by a Chicago express and in reaching for the last his balance and fell under the wagon, the forward wheels of which passed over his body, killing dead in a few minutes. He was 60 years of age and leaves a wife and family of grown up.

Fred Austin, a conductor on the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad, in Illinois, had a narrow escape from being cut in pieces by Kirby, just before his train pulled out of Hinkley's for the west. He was in the act of leaning down to pick up a piece of blood in the pulmonary artery, caused by the excitement. He was assisting the injured man to the depot at Chicago, Burlington & Iowa station near.

He was injured in the side and back.

Aaron Wessels, a merchant an old resident of St. Louis, failed for $60,000 and assigns to Jacob Shelby. Mr. Wessels, who is a son in law of Wessels, opened an extensive store at East River, with Mr. Wessels, contributing the latter business, stock and store, have now been levied upon and are in possession of the sheriff. The latter is a bachelor, living with his father and Wm O. Miller of Salt River, who claim that the store and stock of goods have always been Wessels'.

What will no doubt prove to be another murder to be added to the list of murders committed in Saginaw Co., was perpetrated the other evening. Shortly after supper Mrs. Miller and Fred Miller, who had been in attendance at a dance at the residence of Frederick Palm, became the worse for liquor and had a fight during which Miller drew a knife and stabbed her twice in the left breast, one wound piercing the lung. His assailant fled but subsequently was captured and jailed. The victim cannot survive.

A man representing himself to be the agent of a New York company visited the Ionia working gravitat county. The agent gives away to gallons of his liquid, and then goes to the farmer's and offers to sell them a fifty per gallon for any more he may want The agreement is affixed to the order for 100 gallons, shrinkage after the year has expired and upon all the gallons more with charges amounting to $32 50. About $1,000 have been taken within a radius of 20 miles.

The body of Thomas Hogan was found in the steamboat channel in Grand Rapids, the other day. He had left home on the 12th of July. His hat and a $2 bill were found floating near by. He was a laborer in a lumber and penetrating He shall was found near the left side, the left thigh, a government contractor but a few years ago, he had a bank bln $25 for the rent of a boat. The bodi was taken to the morgue in the city hall, but the cause was undetermined. Hogan was single and about 35.

Medical skill is somewhat baffled by the recent discovery of a rifle ball lodged in the head of an old soldier. The man, Jacob Wolfe, of Eaton county, soldier, was wounded in the battle of Stone River. The ball entered near his nose, and he supposed it passed out behind the ear, as did the surgeon who examined him soon after. Nothing was thought of it for a few days ago when, while coughing, the ball was dislodged and he spitted it out. It was encased in a thin covering of flesh The doctors appear to be sorely perplexed over the affair.

A correspondent of a Detroit daily writing from Kalamazoo says: The decision in the spring tooth harrow case, which judge Stephens in the United States court at Grand Rapids, is sadly confounding the farmers and leaves the cases just as they were left in 1881. The case was tried in the United States supreme court for a full and final hearing. The decision has refer nce to the Garver patents only, and not to those of Allen. Of many floating spring tooth harrows now upon the market which are not infringements of the Garver patent.

Chas. Miller, a prominent farmer, was found in Waterloon township, by his barn yard on the morning of August 11. No one witnessed the fatal accident. He went to the barn with a team and left the team there with him, and when the family became alarmed at his absence they went to the barn and he was found dead on his back, his abdomen ripped from a to p in a fearful manner and his breast trampled in and crushed Mr. Miller was a member of the German Lutheran church in Ann Arbor, and was a man well and highly esteemed. He was 60 years old and leave a wife and family of grown up children.

A terrible accident occurred in the Otisville mills the other day, which resulted in one of the proprietors losing his life. The victim was engaged in tightening a belt that run from the line shaft under the floor, and was suddenly caught on the shaft, drawing him over backwards with it at a terrible speed and throwing him against the floor at every revolution of the shaft. When the machinery was stopped and he was released it was found that his back was broken, together with both legs, one arm and one shoulder. He is still regained consciousness and retained reasonable hope of some four hours when death relieved him from his suffering.

A serious affray occurred at the railroad station in Coldwater the other night. About 10 o'clock a rough-looking chap was in the ladies' sitting room smoking an old, strong pipe. The agent asked him to be requested of the fellow to leave the room. He refused, and Green put him out. The fellow went to the depot and window and began abusing him and making so much of a racket that Green could stand it no longer. He ordered the fellow to leave but he refused. Green then drew a revolver and ordered the fellow to drew a knife and made a thrust at Green's throat but the knife struck Green near the temple back of the right eye and cut a serious gash across the face, under the eye and into the nose. The wound is ugly but not dangerous. The fellow is jail.

Countess Rosenod, otherwise Kalomine, declares the report that she is the author of the scandalous novel, "Roland."

GRADUATED FARMERS.

Commencement at the Agricultural College.

The commencement exercises of the Michigan agricultural college occurred on the 19th day. They were held in a large pavilion on the college green, and at 10 o'clock, the time set for the exercises to begin, fully 2,500 people were in attendance. All the members of the state board of agriculture were present, and in addition several who are well known in agricultural and educational circles through out the state, including President Angell of the Dr. D. C. Gilman of New Orleans, an officer of the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Dr. D. C. Gilman of New Orleans, an officer of the Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. D. C. Gilman of New Orleans, an officer of the Johns Hopkins University, and that Dr.