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TIMELY TOPICS.

Sam Small, the revivalist, pays the following tribute to newspapers: "I've been a newspaper man for 12 years, and if I wanted to get a right square judgment of anything, I'd rather go into a newspaper office than into a court of justice. No man whose life is true, pure and just is afraid of all the newspaper presses in America. They are the best detective force in this country to-day. They have punctured more shams, and so far as I'm concerned I say take the bridles off and let 'em go. The only ones that will be hurt will be the shams and frauds. And if you think the newspapers print too much of a sensational kind, don't you read it, and they will quit printing it. The papers need to be reformed, but the people have got to reform first. Newspapers are printed for money and to suit their patrons. If you don't think they are run on a high moral platform like Mr. Barnum' circus, why, just reform yourselves and the papers will follow suit.

A prominent New York politician who has just returned from the City of Mexico, is quite infatuated with Mexico, not only in respect to the peculiar characteristics of of the people, but also with the great resources of the land. He prophesies a great future for that country, which he feels will open up auspiciously when a favorable commercial treaty is arranged between our government and Mexico. This gentleman says that the first thing necessary is to establish a commission in Mexico on an equality with those among European powers. He had a private conference with President Diaz, whom he describes as a bold and agressive man. The chief thing, that will awaken a commercial spirit in Mexico is the construction of railroads, in which President Diaz agreed, but the latter said that his people move slowly.

The Victorians have a very sharp way of dealing with the cheap labor difficult. No vessel is allowed to bring to port more than one John Chinaman for every hundred tons of its size. Consequently a ship of fourteen hundred tons would only be allowed to carry fourteen of the heathen ones. We have just seen in a file of Victorian papers that a vessel of that size was found to have fifty Chinamen on board, and the captain was mulcted in a penalty of $500. Every Chinaman coming to Victoria has to take out papers of naturalization and pay a poll tax. But the cute Celestials post their naturalization papers to their friends in China who come over with them, and thus escape the tax.

THE new congressional library building is at last a certainty. The bill has passed both houses. The measure has been urged for thirteen years but has failed in one or the other branch of congress until now. The site is to be just beyond the east front of the capitol, and $550,000 is appropriated for it. The building is to be 450 by 300 feet, and is to cost $1,823,000 and will be fire proof. The present quarters are nearly buried up under the accumulation of books which are piled up on the floors in great masses and entirely inaccessible. It will be five years in building.

PENSION Agent McKinstry of Detroit says: The bill increasing the pensions of widows and others from $8 to $12 a month does not require any action whatever on the part of the pensioner. All that is necessary is to send or bring the vouchers as usual and we will give the checks without question. The only difference that the pensioner will know is that instead of being paid at the rate of $8 a month for the whole time, $12 will be paid commencing on the 19th of March. There is no necessity for even writing a letter to the office The increase will be paid as a matter of course.

THE Postmaster General has decided that photographs come under the designation of printed matter, and are, therefore, to be rated as third-class mail matter, instead of fourth-class and rated as merchandise, as has heretofore been the case. Under this new ruling photographs can now be sent through the mails by the payment of one cent for two ounces instead of one cent an ounce.

The Prince of Wales is said to be troubled with chronic dyspepsia. Too much high living will bring a prince as well as a plebeian to grief. The stomach of royalty differs in no way from the stomach of every-day life. As the Prince sets the fashion in England, dyspepsia should be very fashionable there just now.

Business men and corporations may be interested in the following: "It has been decided by the courts that if a partner of a dissolving firm neglects to give notice through a newspaper of a dissolution of partnership, he is equally liable with his partner for all debts contracted after dissolution.

Leprosy.

The chaplain of the lazaretto at Tracade, N. B., who is in Ottawa urging the government to increase the annual grant for the support of that institution, reports that of late, owing to complete isolation, the acquirement of leprosy by inheritance is fast decreasing, and a generation or two more will witness its virtual extermination. At present the inmates number about twenty-four, females being in the majority. Frequently, during the experience of of the reverend chaplain, the number has been larger. The oldest inmate who is now upward of 70 years of age, has dragged out his miserable existence there since 1840. The plague-stricken pass their time year after year in quietness, looking forward to death. The chaplain says of the original outbreak in New Brunswick that little is known, the fishermen along the coast having suffered from it for eight or ten generations. He says there are several cases under treatment in which the fingers, toes or arms have decayed at the joints and dropped off. His experience, he adds, shows that contact, unless the parts exposed are abraded, rarely results in the transmission of the disease by inoculation. It is understood that the government intends establishing a lazaretto at Victoria, B. C., at which point a number of cases are reported. The disease has been brought into that country by Chinese.

The King of Sweden drinks nothing stronger than coffee, and wears a blue ribbon.

It is with our good intentions as with our days; to-morrow is but too often the hash of to-day.

AROUND A GREAT STATE.

Reviving Old Days.

About seventy-five veterans of the Twenty-sixth Michigan infantry attended the annual reunion at Lansing April 9, this date being the twenty-first anniversary of the surrender of Gen. Lee at Appomattox, and the Twenty-sixth being the regiment through whose lines the negotiations for surrender were carried on. The veterans were welcomed by Col. D. H. McComas, deputy secretary of state. The response was made by Maj. L. H. Ives of Mason. An eloquent oration was delivered by Gen. Nathan Church of Detroit on "The Great Battle of Spottsylvania." Short addresses were made by ex-Govs. Blair and Jerome, Col. R. J. Robertson of Indiana, Capt. N. S. Wood of St. Louis, Col. J. S. Farrar of Mt. Clemens, and Capt. N. F. Kirk of Howell.

At the subsequent business meeting the following officers were chosen: President, Col. Judson S. Farrar, Mt. Clemens; vice presidents, L. H. Hunt, Lowell, and C. H. Holden, Reed City; secretary, James Bradford, Grand Rapids; treasurer, Alex. McHale, Muskegon; permanent historian, Maj. L. H. Ives of Mason; executive committee, Capt. E. W. Avery, Lowell; G. K. Mathews, Muskegon, and James Lee, Manistee. At the banquet at the Lansing house the following toasts were responded to: "Michigan in the War," ex-Gov. Austin Blair of Jackson; "Our War Governor," "Adjt.-Gen. John Robertson, Detroit; "Appomattox," the Rev. Theo. Nelson of Ithaca; "Our Fallen Comrades," Chaplain Church of Ithaca; "Mrs. Governor Blair and the ladies of Jackson," Col. J. S. Farrar, Mt. Clemens; "General Miles," Capt. N. S. Wood, St. Louis, "Our Flag," Capt. Alex. McHale, Muskegan; "The Regular Army," Lieut. J. A. Lockwood; "The Red Trefoil," Col, R. J. Robertson of Indiana.

Letters of regret were read from Gov. Alger, Gen. L. Barlow of New York, Col. J. Sumner Rogers of Orchard Lake, Dr. W. H. Smith of St. Clair, Maj. Martin of Brookville, Pa., and others. The next reunion will be held April 6, 1887.

Michigan's April Crop Report.

For the April crop report the secretary of state has received returns from 882 correspondents, representing 673 townships; 609 of these are from 420 townships in the southern four tiers of counties. The condition of wheat in the southern counties is reported at 87 per cent, and in the northern counties 93 per cent, comparison being with the vitality and growth of average years, but correspondents agree that it is too early to make satisfactory estimates. Freezing and thawing during March have certainly been severe on the crop in the southern section of the state, yet it is believed that the roots are not seriously injured, possibly not more than in average years. In a large portion of the northern counties the ground on the 1st of April was covered with snow, in some places to a depth of 18 inches. Ten per cent of the acreage in clover is winter killed. The condition of that portion not winter killed is 92 per cent as compared with the average years.

In condition horses are 98, cattle 96, sheep 96, and swine 97 per cent, comparison being with stock in good health and thrifty condition.

Apples promise 89 per cent of an average crop, and reports from 161 correspondents, 122 in the southern and 39 in the northern counties place peaches at five-eighths of an average crop, 18 reports from Allegan county place peaches at 72 per cent, 15 from Kent at 68, 10 from Oakland at 60, 10 from Ottawa at 54, 7 from Van Buren at 61, and 9 from Washtenaw at 49 per cent of an average crop.

The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in the eight months from August to March is 2,0,4,524, or 39 per cent of the crop of 1885. The number of bushels reported marketed in the same months last year was 1,109,260, or 28 per cent of the crop of 1884.

Disposed of His Own Bones.

William D. Kingin, the life prisoner from Kent county who recently died at Jackson, it now appears made arrangements for the disposition of his remains some two years ago. At that time he caused a document to be drawn requesting that his remains after death should not be claimed or removed from the the prison by his brother, to whom the document was addressed, or any other relative, but should be sent to the Ann Arbor dissecting table for the benefit of science. This was duly attested by a notary and signed by witnesses and then filed away by the chaplain of the institution. When notice of Kingin's death was received by his relatives, now living in Chicago, they took steps to secure the remains, but the chaplain remembering the documents in his possession produced them and the relatives concluded to allow his wish to be carried out and the remains were sent to Ann Arbor, where they are now, probably in the pickling-vat awaiting dissection.

The occurrence is regarded as a very strange one by prison officials, as it is usually a matter of considerable dread to dying convicts that by the state law their remains, if not claimed by relatives at their own expense, are destined to the Ann Arbor dissecting room.

Sentry Duty at State Encampment.

Brig.-Gen. I. C. Smith has issued the following order relative to sentry duty at the state encampment:

General Order No. 1.

In anticipation of the coming encampment, the general commanding desires to call the attention of the commanders to the subject of guard duty.

No part of a soldier's work shows more forcibly his discipline, drill and military spirit than the manner in which his duty as sentry is performed. It is the best test of the benefits derived from an encampment. To this end, therefore, it is urged that all pains will be taken by officers throughout the brigade to make this particular portion of our encampment work a special feature.

It is probable that the entire detail for the day will be made from a single regiment, thus giving each regiment in turn an opportunity to assume the responsibilities of the guard.

MINOR STATE HAPPENINGS

Burglars made successful raids the other night on the stores of Chas. McNamara, dry goods, Frank Foster, clothing, Thompson, jewelry, and W. T. Hunt, groceries, all in Mt. Pleasant. They entered by boring large holes in the back doors. Thompson's loss in watches and jewelry is estimated at $300; Foster, $200; Hunt and McNamara, $100 each. No clew.

Benjamin H. Draper, an old resident of St. Ignace, died of heart disease the other morning. Mr. Draper was defeated for supervisor at the city election by seven votes, and the excitement probably hastened his end. He was 66 years old.

April 6, was Arbor day in Michigan. There was from one to two feet of snow all over the state, and tree planting was not extensively practiced.

Gov. Alger has issued a proclamation, calling attention to the importance of planting trees. He adds that "experience having shown that the climatic differences of different sections of Michigan are such that it is not possible to observe a set day for this work throughout the entire state. I therefore suggest that the people do not lose sight of this matter, but instead of naming a day for general observance, I recommend that the time be determined by the condition of soil and climate where the work is to be done."

Bandage up your jaws before attempting to pronounce the ticket at Holland, Ottawa co. It reads as follows: For supervisor, Wiepe Diekema; clerk, Isaac Marsilje; treasurer, Jan Kromendijk; school inspector, Klaas Kooiihuizen; justice of the peace, Teurius Van Dijk; constables, Gerrit Riemersma and Boelof Ten Have, jr.

The South Ottawa and West Allegan agricultural society is arranging to beautify their new fair ground at Holland by setting out thereon a large grove of maples.

John McCuaig, has brought suit in $5,000 against the Cheboygan Democrat for a libelous article which appeared in its columns April 1, charging McCuaig with keeping a house of ill-fame at Newberry.

Merritt Seely, who was injured in the railroad disaster near Greenfield, Mass., the other day, was at one time agent of the American express company in Detroit.

A train on the Port Huron & Northwestern narrow guage railroad, started from Vassar to East Saginaw the other day. When within a few miles from East Saginaw the entire train, except the engine, was lifted entirely off the track and the passengers sent tumbling into the drifts. The passengers were extricated and cared for at the neighboring houses. About 25 persons were injured, but none fatally.

The famous Hillsdale boat club is making preparations to begin the season's practice. Three fine boats have been purchased for the club.

Coldwater's new city library will be completed on or before December 1st.

It is reported upon good authority that the F. & P. M. R. R. will construct an independent track to Detroit and make that city the terminus of the road. Surveyors are already at work and the line will undoubtedly be built this summer. The point from whence the new line will start, will be determined when the surveys are completed. Novi and Northville are competitors for the starting point of the new line. It is also rumored that the Grand Trunk will join in the enterprise and build a track from South Lyon, which will give them a more direct route to Chicago.—Milford Times.

Capt. A. E. Matthews, secretary of the First Michigan Cavalry society, has had the roster of the regiment printed in pamphlet form, containing the names of the survivors so far as known, with their place of residence.

The monthly report of the state salt inspector shows the inspection during the month of March as follows: Saginaw county, 89,085 barrels; Manistee, 41,790; Bay, 41,407; St. Clair, 21,603; Huron, 11,923; Midland, 11,923; Mason, 1,356; Iosco, 311; Total, 193,927.

A citizen of Bay City has worked out a perfect chain of evidence to prove that Ramsey Gregory, the young man who was shot dead in front of his own home the other night, committed suicide. The foot-prints near the scene of the tragedy exactly fit the shoes worn by the young man, and the cartridge exactly fits his revolver. His motive in taking his own life is known.

Mrs. John Snyder, living about three miles from Ionia, was out driving with her daughters, when a hoop caught in one of the carriage wheels, frightening the horse, which at once started to run. When the horse came to the gutter, it jumped, throwing the buggy into the air. Mrs. Snyder was thrown out, and fell with such force as to break her neck. The young ladies were seriously, but not fatally injured.

The legislative reunion committee has decided upon the following addresses: "Michigan in the War," by Austin Blair; "The Toledo and Mexican War," A. T. McReynolds; "Agriculture and Stock Breeding," B. G. Stout; "Schools and Colleges," Edwin Willits; "Mines and Mining," J. Q. Adams; "Pioneer Experiences," W. P. Wells; "Early Judicial History," J. C. Fitzgerald; "Sanitary Progress in Michigan," Jas. Hueston; "Personal Recollections of Legislatures," D. L. Crossman. The scope of the membership was enlarged to admit all present and past state officers.

Petitions have been signed by nearly 1,000 taxpayers along the line of the Maple River improvements between Maple Rapids and Elsie, praying the judge of probate of Gratiot county to make an order requiring the commission to make a new and equitable assessment, or, in case of his refusing to comply with such order, that he be removed and some suitable man appointed who is personally interested. Essex township, by vote, instructed its town board to resist the present tax as assessed, and provided funds for defraying the expense.

The bill to give Francis Deming a pension for services in the Ninth Michigan regiment has been favorably reported in congress. Col. Eldridge has introduced a bill for a $20 monthly pension to Annie E. Cooney, a Michigan nurse in the war.

John Sweeny, a veteran hotel man of this state, died in Battle Creek a few days ago. Mr. Sweeny had been a resident of Michigan 45 years, and has run hotels in Charlotte, St. John's, Jackson, Ionia, Fewamo and Battle Creek.

Ward Gazley, a resident of Flint for over 50 years, is dead.

The Globe cigar company of Chicago has bought 180 men from the Ionia house of correction.

An addition to the Battle Creek college is being built.

An effort will be made to secure an act of congress releasing the bondsmen of the late J. U. Dexter of Ionia, short in his accounts as custodian of public moneys. If this cannot be done then an application will be made to the department to release them from the payment of the interest, which amounts to more than the principal.

The last legislature enacted that after July 1, 1886, all new and repaired cars used on Michigan railroads shall be provided with self-acting couplers, which do away with the necessity of the brakeman placing his body between the cars, and the Knights of Labor will undertake to enforce the law

Land Commissioner Sparks decides that Mackinac island is the property of the general government. The land was ceded to the state under the swamp land act; but Mr. Sparks is of the opinion that it was not subject to patent to the state under that law.

The Detroit, Bay City & Alpena railroad has been made the standard guage. The first train over the widened track reached East Tawas on the 8th inst.

Twenty of the graduates of Michigan university are college presidents and seventy-four college professors.

The Chicago & West Michigan railroad company filed an answer in Newaygo a few days ago to the Clay injunction bill, in which they say they did no damage to the canal, but admitting that the piers projected into the water course, yet claiming also that they did not interfere with business. The case will be tried at the May term at Newaygo. Mr. Clay will soon begin suit for $25,000 damages. He has already begun proceedings to compel the railroad to remove the obstructions in the canal.

Work on the upper peninsula prison will begin May 1st. The site chosen for the prison is one mile south of Marquette on the Carp river.

Charles S. Penner, a miller of Battle Creek, charged with setting fire to Merritt's machine shop in that city, has confessed.

In all probability the north extension of the Marshall road will be built this season. The question will be decided at a meeting of the owners of the Michigan & Ohio road to be held in New York next week.

J. S. Hathaway has received information as to who robbed his store at New Baltimore in 1880, and offers a reward of $300 for evidence that will convict, or $500 for the return of the $1,500 stolen at the time of the robbery.

The Michigan Central railroad has put in force a new tariff of rates for the carrying of lumber and all forest products from Detroit to points eastward. The average reduction on the old tariff is about 5 cents per 100 pounds.

Information has been received at East Saginaw that a number of Pottowatamie Indians have left Kansas and camped on pine lands in northern Wisconsin, where they are destroying large tracts of timber owned by Michigan men.

A scheme to supply Hudson, Adrian and Toledo with water from Baw Beese lake in Hillsdale county, is being developed. The water is very pure, and the Lake Shore railway obtains its ice supply from that lake. There is a 524-foot fall from the source of supply to Toledo and the scheme is considered very feasible. A stock company is being projected.

Mrs. Robert Fisher of Bingham, died a few days ago of glanders. She contracted the terrible disease by washing clothes worn by her brother while caring for horses with that disease.

A Marlette druggist made a fearful mistake in filling a prescription a few days ago by putting three ounces of chloral in place of three drams. Two doses of the compound were given, and nearly proved fatal. After the first dose the patient slept four hours, and after the second dose, which was given in the afternoon, she slept until morning, and it was quite difficult to rouse her. The medicine was then taken and analyzed, when it was found that she had been receiving forty-five grains at a dose instead of ten.

A building 150x180 feet in area, of iron, stone, brick and cement, absolutely fire proof incombustible, will replace that portion of the Grand Rapids & Indiana car works burned at Grand Rapids last winter. The walls will be of brick and stone, the window and door frames, doors and roof will be of iron, and the floor cement. A fire proof brick magazine for the storage of oils, paints, and other highly inflammable materials will also be erected in a distant portion of the grounds, and a building will be put up as substantial and indestructible as the other for the upholstering department.

The Saunders planing mill at Cadillac, which has been idle for several years, is being remodeled and will be devoted to the manufacture of the Climax window blind. Fifty men will be given employment in the new factory.

Vanniman, the Big Rapids murderer, who has been in the solitary cell at the Jackson prison for five weeks, has been taken out and set to work on the Fargo shoe contract.

The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the lower court in the case of Marsh Barker, the murderer Bloomingdale, sentenced to Jackson for life.

Rev. Geo. S. Hickey, pastor of the Methodist church, Battle Creek, has been granted a four months' vacation to visit Europe and the Holy Land.

Reports from the lumbering camps near Marquette state there are unusually large numbers of wolves in the woods this season, and that they are killing the deer at an alarming rate. A lumberman who was coming from one of the camps, and who had calculated making Thoney's camp for the night, got benighted and had to stay in the woods alone. He was compelled to keep up a good fire all night, as the wolves were around him till the break of day.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill to pay Mrs. Emma Fish of Port Huron, several hundred dollars, as the pay of her husband, who was a lieutenant, but was paid as a sergeant.

Michigan capitalists are investing largely in pine lands in Louisiana and Missippi.

Stephen D. Bingham of Lansing has resigned his position in the office of the secretary of the state, and will at once prepare for publication the history of Michigan, which is to be issued by the semi-continental commission.

The house of Daniel Holcomb, near Jackson, was burglarized the other night. Mrs. Fuller, housekeeper, who was alone in the house, heard a noise about 3 o'clock and on going down stairs was confronted by masked men, who ordered her to go back, and fired one shot from a thirty-eight caliber revolver. The ball passed by her head and imbedded itself in the door. The burglars then left, taking considerable silverware, and it is thought other things. The house was found to have been generally ransacked. No clue.

Dan S. Holcomb, famous on account of his relation to the Crouch murder two years ago, and Mrs. Amanda Crouch, were married at Baraboo, Wis., a few days since, Mrs. Holcomb assumed her maiden name at the marriage. She is the divorced wife of Dr. Baker of Jackson, a veterinary surgeon.

Two of the leading farmers of Kalamazoo county have made personal inspection in that county regarding the wheat crop, and they find that a large percentage of wheat on the ground has been winter-killed. The crop is estimated to be only seventy-five per cent. of last year's product.

William G. Burdick, aged 85, a pioneer farmer of Gun Plains, Allegan county, was found dead in bed the other morning. He had often expressed a desire to follow his wife who died three years ago, and once attempted suicide.

Capt. Perue of Kalamazoo, of the steamer Hattie B. Perue was missed and search being made his lifeless body was found in an old house near by. The jury returned a verdict of death from epilepsy or heart disease. Diseased was 27 years old and well known up on the lakes.

A paper pulp factory and a box factory will be started in Alpena this season.

EASTERN ECHOES.

It is proposed by the U. S. Grant Post No. 327, G. A. R. of Brooklyn, to decorate the tomb of Gen. Grant at Riverside park on Memorial day, and to make the affair national. Gen. Logan has been selected to deliver an oration. Many states and departments will be represented in the services. The confederate veterans of Richmond will send a suitable offering to be placed on the tomb.

William J. McMichael, aged 13, employed as a messenger in a large book binding establishment in New York city, was caught the other day in the act of setting fire to the building. The boy confessed that he had tried several times to fire the building, and that he had also been responsible for an accident to the elevator. His only excuse was that he wanted a holiday. The superintendent of the establishment yielded to the pleadings of the boy's mother and refused to prosecute.

Prof. Thatcher, of Yale college, was found dead in bed the other morning, of heart disease.

The terms of the new agreement with the employes of twenty-seven knitting mills at Cohoes, N. Y., are that the wages shall be restored to the standard of March 1, 1884; that wages shall be paid every two weeks; that no hands shall be discriminated against because of their membership in any labor organization, and that in case the bill now pending before the legislature, which provides that ten hours shall constitute a day's work, becomes a law, it will be complied with by the manufactures.

The Pemberton mills in Lawrence, Mass., were damaged by fire on the 10th inst., to the amount of $100,0.0. Four men were buried under falling walls, only two of whom were rescued alive.

Mr. Jos. Pulitzer, editor of the New York World, and congressmen elect from the ninth district of New York, has sent his resignation to the secretary of state.

The duputy sheriffs who did the firing in east St. Louis on the 9th inst, are to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Hon. E. Gerry, ex-Congressman, died in Portland, Maine, on the 10th inst.

Mrs. R. I. Smith, wife of the Rev. R. I. Smith of Leroy, N. Y., committed suicide Sunday the 11th, by drowning herself in the cistern. She had been in ill health for some time and had become despondent.

A fatal accident occurred in Williamsburg, N. Y., the other morning by which two lives were lost. While a gang of workmen were employed in excavating for a cellar in Eppig's brewery extension, a large quantity of earth and sand suddenly fell upon them, catching two of the laborers and burying them alive. It was fully an hour before their dead bodies were recovered.

The New York Central Labor Union has adopted resolutions to boycott Jay Gould, and denouncing the railroad king as "an arch enemy to the republic."

The woman suffrage association of New York, have sent a cable dispatch to Gladstone thanking him for his noble stand for "justice freedom and peace in Ireland."

Ex-President Arthur is seriously ill. His sister, Mrs. McElroy, is in constant attendance on his bedside.

Thaddeus Fairbanks, the inventor of scales bearing his name, died in St. Johnsbury, Vt., recently.

About half the scholars at the eleventh ward school in Troy, N. Y., struck for shorter hours the other afternoon. They demanded a single session per day from 8 a. m. until noon. The boys procured sticks and threatened violence to pupils who did not join them. Policemen were sent to the scene to give whatever protection was necessary. The strikers tried to induce the boys in another school to follow their example.

About one hundred school boys of all ages made a demand upon the principal of the schools in Greenpoint, L. I., that the recesses be extended from fifteen to thirty minutes. Their demands not being acceded to, the boys refused to return to school after the morning recess, and picketed the entrance to prevent others from entering. The trouble assumed such proportions that the principal had to send for the police, and a sergeant and several officers were soon on the spot. Finally the mother of the ringleader arrived and forced her on into school, after which the rest of the boys quietly marched in.

The New York legislature has passed a resolution tendering the sympathy of the people of the state of New York to the Irish people in their struggle for home rule, expressing respect for Mr. Gladstone for his stand on that question and congratulating the English people for having a government at last courageous enough to endeavor to do justice to Ireland.

WESTERN WHISPERS.

Lawyer Scoville, Guiteau's brother-in-law, is in jail at Chicago for refusing to pay alimony to his divorced wife.

Sam Jones and Sam Small have finished their evangelical labors in Chicago. Besides the converts they made $3,000 each in four weeks.

Lacrosse, Wis., was visited by another fire the day following the fire of the 6th inst. Gancert's block, one of the largest and finest business blocks in the city, was burned. The fire department was in a badly crippled condition, and utterly unable to cope with the fire.

East St. Louis was the scene of a terrible riot on the 7th inst. One thousand strikers gathered at the Ohio & Mississippi depot where a number of men were at work, and compelled every one of the employes to leave their posts. The strikers held full sway until the arrival of a number of deputy marshals with Winchesters, when the mob, after a lively skirmish, precipitately fled. No work is being done at any of the yards in East St. Louis.

Gen. Stanley, it is said, will soon be transferred from the department of Texas to the command of the department of Dakota, with headquarters at St. Paul.

The collector at San Francisco denies the statement that proper respect was not shown to the new Chinese consul upon his arrival in that port.

The Boston block in Minneapolis, Minn., one of the finest blocks in the city, was destroyed by fire on the 12th inst. Loss $225,000. The postoffice was located in the block. All the mails were gotten out in safety.

SOUTHERN SAUCE.

Wm. Postell of Atlanta, Ga., was abducted last week, taken into the woods, bound to a tree and left to die. Two passing Negroes released and revived him after he had been there two days

A bloody riot occurred near Laredo, Tex., on the 7th inst., growing out of political excitement. Before order had been restored five men were killed and half a dozen wounded.

The Apaches who surrendered to Gen. Crook on March 29, have been sent to Fort Marion, St. Augustine, Florida, as prisoners of war. The prisoners gave a grand dance at their camp the night before their departure as a farewell to Gen. Crook.

WASHINGTON WAFFLES.

Col. James Q. David, has been named as Indian agent at Osage, I. T.

Experiments with aerial torpedoes are being made at the Washington navy yard. They are the invention of Lieut. Payne, late of the navy.

Strong pressure is being brought by the wool growers upon the ways and means committee to induce them to leave on the duty in the tariff bill.

Prominent Irishmen in Washington have purchased two large albums exactly alike, and propose to collect the editorial opinions of American papers on Gladstone's Irish scheme and will send the albums to Gladstone and Parnell, For this purpose they desire two copies of every newspaper published in cities of the United States having over 10,000 inhabitants.

The president has nominated Senator Jackson of Tennessee to succeed Judge Baxter, deceased, as judge of the Sixth United States circuit court. The nomination was at once confirmed.

The increase in the postoffice revenues, exclusive of postage on second-class matter, from thirty of the largest offices in the country for nine months ended March 31, 1886, is $924,445. Chicago shows an increase of $151,551; St. Louis, $40,417; Cincinnati, $59,392; Cleveland, $15,941; Detroit, $9,266; Louisville, $3,554; Indianapolis, $4,536; St. Paul, $23,840; Minneapolis, $18,230, and Toledo, $1,542. The increase of second-class matter mailed during the same period at the thirty offices was 5,785,255 pounds.

FOREIGN FRAGMENTS.

Nova Scotia has passed a stringent license law.

Chinese authorities have denied that China will make reprisals on the property of Americans for the Chinese outrages in the United States.

Prof. Buison, a France specialist, has a new way of curing hydrophobia by inducing profuse perspiration, a method which has been successful in three cases in the United States, when rabies were clearly defined.

Eight thousand ladies of Cork county, Ireland, have sent a petition to the Queen against home rule. One thousand of the signers are Catholics.

The Canadian Pacific company is building a 20,000,000 bushel elevator at Toronto.

The British government has decided to subsidize a new line of steamers between British Columbia, Hong Kong and Australia.

The khedive of Egypt leads with a subscription of £8,000 the fund that is being raised to assist Turkey against Greece in the defense of her religion.

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria has telegraphed to the porte his formal acceptance of the proctocol limiting his governorship of Eastern Roumelia to five years.

Several holders of title deeds of the Panama canal have petitioned the chamber of deputies to authorize M. DeLesseps to issue bonds to the amount of $25,000,000.

A juvenile vagabond in Paris convicted of murder was executed by the guillotine the other day

The New Zealand coasting steamer Tairio has been wrecked between Wellington and Hursch. A heavy gale prevailed at the time. Three boats were launched, but each was speedily capsized. Twenty-nine persons were drowned. Only two passengers were saved.

CONGRESSIONAL.

APRIL 6.—SENATE—The chair laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury regarding the payment of $128,000 to the Chippewa tribe of Indians for damages growing out of the construction of a reservoir at the head waters of the Mississippi river. Referred. An association of colored citizens of Kansas presented a petition asking for assistance to emigrate to Africa with a view to build up another United States Republic. The arbitration bill recently passed by the House was favorably reported from the Senate committee of education and labor. The army bill was taken up, Mr. Logan speaking in advocacy of its passage. A message from the president on the subject of Chinese immigration was laid before the Senate and after being read was referred to the committee on foreign relations. After executive session the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—A number of bills were reported from the committees, and the House resumed consideration of the bill to secure an equitable classification and compensation of certain officers of the United States. The postoffice appropriation bill was discussed and finally passed, when the House adjourned.

APRIL 7—SENATE—After all routine business had been disposed of the Senate proceeded to discuss the army deficiency bill introduced by Senator Logan. The debate was very aminated, and interesting. When put on its final passage the bill was lost by a vote of 31 nays to 19 yeas.

HOUSE—The entire session of the House was spent in discussing Indian affairs and the silver bill, and at the evening session the silver bill was the only matter under consideration.

APRIL 8.—SENATE—The Senate passed the bill for the erection of a building for a congressional library....A bill was passed granting to the Kansas & Arkansas railway company a right of way for a railroad through Indian territory....The question of the admission of Washington territory was debated at length, but without reaching any conclusion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE—The speaker laid before the House a communication from the acting secretary of the treasury, inclosing a draft of a bill authorizing the canceling and destruction of securities of the United States mutilated in the process of printing or remaining in excess of the amount required for issue. Referred. The free coinage bill was taken up, and discussed during the rest of the session. When put on its passage the bill was defeated by a vote of 127 to 163.

APRIL 9.—SENATE.—The entire session of the Senate was devoted to the consideration of the fisheries question and the bill for the admission of Washington Territory.

HOUSE.—After calling for and listening to reports of committees on bills of a private character, the House went into committee of the whole, and after a protracted but fruitless session the committee rose and the House adjourned.

APRIL 10.—SENATE—After disposing of several petitions and resolutions, the Senate took up and passed the bill to admit Washington territory, and adjourned.

HOUSE—Bills were passed authorizing the construction of a large number of bridges, among them being one to cross the west channel of the Detroit river, to connect Belle Isle park with the main land....Bills were passed for the establishment of lighthouses as follows: At San Luis, Cal., Point Sur, Cal., and Seul Choix, Mich. Also for the construction of a steam light-house tender for the fourth light-house district; and a supply steamer for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The contracts for the construction of these vessels are to be let to the lowest responsible bidder, and the vessels are to be built at American ship yards. A bill was passed for the establishment of two additional light-house districts, one between the mouth of the Ohio River and the mouth of the Mississippi River, and one for Green Bay and Lake Huron. On motion of Mr. Scott of Pennsylvania an amendment was incorporated in this bill repealing any law which prohibits the employment of persons over 45 years of age, in the light-house service. A bill was also passed establishing additional lighting stations at the mouth of the Mississippi River. A bill providing additional life-saving stations gave rise to some discussion, the opposition to it being based on the fact that the life saving stations already authorized to be established could not be constructed for two years. The bill passed. A bill was passed relating to licensing of vessels engaged in towing to carry persons to and from their crew. The House then adjourned.

HOUSE—The House discussed the tariff and labor troubles, and passed the District of Columbia appropriation bill.

Belongs to the Government.

Mr. C. B. Fenton of Mackinac Island, called upon Commissioner Sparks recently in reference to the Fort Mackinac military reservation on Bois Blanc Island. He found that the state, under the swamp land act, has secured a patent from a former land commissioner for 4,760 acres of dry land for the improvement of the National park. The present commissioner holds that the lands embraced in the military reservations were not subjects to patents by the state under the swamp land law. The division, if held by the courts, would nullify the patents of the state of Michigan to these lands. Mr. Fenton will endeavor to induce the commissioner to take action and get the lands back. The showing made was a complete surprise to Mr. Fenton and he has called the attention of the Secretary of the Interior to the facts disclosed.

DETROIT MARKETS.

WHEAT—No. 1 white, spot, 2 cars at 87½c, 10,000 bushels at 87c, 5 cars at 86½c; May, 10,000 bushels at 88¼c, 5,000 bushels at 88c; No. 2 red, regular, 2 cars at 86¾c; Michigan, 5 cars at 87½c; April Michigan, 12,000 at 87½c, 5,000 bu at 87c; May, 1,000 bushels at 87½c, 25,000 bu at 87¼c, 1,000 bu at 87½c, 5,000 bu at 87¾c, 15,000 bu at 87c, 40,000 bu at 87⅞c, 20,000 bu at 87½c, 45,000 bu at 87⅞c, 5,000 bu at 87¾c, 30,000 bu at 87½c, 2,000 bu at 87¾c, and 5,000 bu at 87½c; June 15,000 bu at 88¼c, 100,000 bu at 88¼c, 15,000 bu at 88¼ 15,000 bu at 88¼c, 100,000 bu at 88¼c, 2,000 bu at 88¼c, 15,000 bu at 88¼c, 5,000 at 88¼c, 10,000 bu at 88c, 5,000 bu at 88¼c, 10,000 bu at 88c and 3,000 bu at 88¼c. August, 2,000 bu at 88c, 10,000 bu at 88½c, 25,000 bu at 88c.

CORN—New mixed, 1 car at 37½c; new high mixed, 1 car at 38c.

OATS—No. 2 white, May, 5,000 bu at 36⅝c; No. 2 spot, 1 car at 32¼c; No. 3 spot, 2 cars at 30c.

CLOVERSEED—Prime, spot, $6.15 asked; No. 2 spot, $5.85.

Flour—The market was quiet and easy at the following rates: Michigan patents, $5@5 25; Michigan roller, $4 50@4 75; Michigan superfine, $2 75@3 25; Minnesota patents, 5 50@5 75; Minnesota bakers, $4 25@4 50; Michigan rye, $3 55@3 65; Illinois rye, $3 75@3 85.

Barley and malt—Barley: Canada, $1 50@1 75; State, $1 34@1 50 per cwt. Malt: Canada, 95c@$1; State, 65c@90c per bu

Provisions—Detroit new mess pork, $10.50@10.75; Detroit family pork $11.00@11.25; short clear, $12.25; lard in tierces, 6⅛@6⅜c; half bbls. 6½@6¾; in pails, 7¼@7½; hams, 9¼@9½c; shoulders, 5½@5¾c dried beef, 10¼@11 bacon, 7¼@7½c; extra mess beef, $8 75@9; family beef, $10 75@11.

GENERAL PRODUCE.

Hops	10	@	12
Timothy Seed	1 25	@	1 50
Apples per bbl	1 60	@	1 75
Dried Apple	3¼	@	4
Butter ₩ lb	15	@	16
Cheese	12	@	12½
Eggs	10	@	11
Maple Sugar	10	@	11
Hides—Green city per lb	5½	@	6
Country	6	@	6½
Cured	8	@	8½
Green calf	6	@	10
Salted green calf	10	@	11
Sheepskins	50	@	1 25
Chickens	11	@	12
Turkeys (dressed)	12	@	13
Ducks ₩ lb	12	@	13
Geese		@	9
Potatoes ₩ bu	40	@	45
Turnips	30	@	
Onions ₩ bbl	2 00	@	2 25
Honey	12	@	13
Beans, picked	1 10	@	1 15
Beans, unpicked	45	@	75
Hay	12 00	@	13 00
Straw	5 00	@	6 00
Beeswax	25	@	30

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE.—The market is steady; choice and extra good grades of shipping steers, 950 to 1,500 lbs are quoted at $4@5 65; good to choice stockers and feeders at $2 80@4 50; common and good and mixed native cows, heifers and canning cattle are quoted at $2@4 30; bulk grades at 90 $2 75@3 25.

HOGS—Receipts, 22,000; shipments, 8,000; the market began steady; mixed grades of hogs are quoted at $3 90@4 ...; choice assorted heavy packing and shipping grades of hogs at $4 20@4 50, common to good light and mixed grades of hogs at $3 90@4 35; skips and culled grades at $2@3 50.

Sheep—The market is strong; inferior to fair native sheep are sold at $3@6; Texans at $2 75@4 25.

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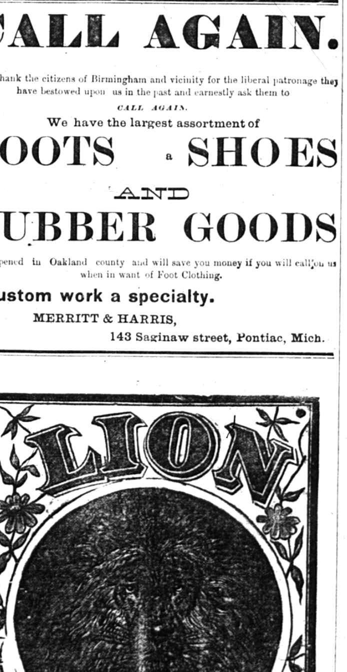

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