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TIMELY TOPICS.

It is stated that the president since his return has announced his intention of keeping all the wedding presents. "Why should I not?" he is quoted as saying. "Wedding presents are given to the bride. I do not accept the gifts as president of United States, but they are sent to my wife. Surely no objection can be taken to such proceeding." The question whether the president would accept the gifts sent him has caused considerable comment, some people contending that as president he could not accept them. The discussion has been considered out of place, and the president's action, therefore settles the question.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate the other day was one that, if it shall become a law, will vest in the president the sole power of appointing a large number of officers who are now appointed "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." Among these are postmasters of all classes, collectors of internal revenue, collectors of customs at ports at which the gross revenues do not exceed $— and all other customs officers, all territorial officers except judges of the supreme courts, all district attorneys and United States marshalls, Indian agents and district land officers. The bill was introduced by Senator Edmunds.

A few years ago a society of eminent Frenchmen discussed the question: What language would a child most naturally speak if never taught? Twenty different results were predicted. To test the matter two infants were procured and isolated with a deaf and dumb woman, who lived alone in the Alps, surrounded by her sheep and chickens. After six years the children and their nurse were brought before the savants, who were on tip-toe of expectation as to the result. When, lo! not a word could either of the children but most perfectly could they imitate the crowing of a cock, the cackling of a hen and the bleating of a sheep.

The thirteenth national conference of charities and corrections will be held in St. Paul, Minn., July 15-21. The arrangements are nearly completed, and the indications are that the conference will be largely attended and that the papers and discussions will be of a very practical character. Favorable arrangements have been made with all the railroad lines throughout the state, and the hotels in St. Paul and Minneapolis will give reduced rates. It is earnestly hoped that every institution in the United States will be represented, as that private citizens interested in charitable and reformatory work will endeavor to attend the conference.

Queen Victoria has always taken a keen interest in the newspaper descriptions of ceremonies in which she figures. This womanly weakness was again shown during the recent visit to Liverpool. Her majesty had special orders given to all the daily newspapers to furnish a supply of copies for her use at the Newsham house. This order of the queen acted as a stimulus to the reporters, who knew they were pursuing for the eyes of royalty. This same visit of her Majesty cost Liverpool $60 000.

Manufacturers within an easy reach of Niagara Falls expect to realize that water fall soon. A company has been incorporated with a capital of $3,000,000 to develop this scheme. A great pipe or shaft is to be cut through the rock close by and parallel with the Niagara river, 160 feet deep and running half a mile or more back from the falls. It is said a wheel as big as a man's hat will supply 200 horse power.

W. J. Post of Fillmore county, Neb., has a valuable relic—a piece of continental paper money dated "Philadelphia, Feb. 17, 1776." It is 2x3 inches in size and was worth at that time twothirds of a dollar. It is signed by S. Campbell. On the other side stands a large company of friends attending a dance at the bold, jolly Continental, during which Riordan fell forward, expiring immediately. Investigation showed that he was hit with a stone from a sling shot from the hands of some unknown person. Officers have been notified and are now investigating.

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Ironwood, in Ontonagon county, which has grown in one year from a log store to a prosperous town of 3,000 inhabitants, is becoming a great mining center. On Thursday the last time, 300 barrels of iron ore stood on the track ready for shipment, all taken from the Iron King, Aurora and Norrie mines. The town is in the midst of a fine hardwood country.

John C. Shields has been re-nominated for Circuit Judge of Jackson county, and Hannah Smith, of Ann Arbor, has been nominated to be United States Distrct Attorney for the western district of Michigan.

President and Mrs. Cleveland will probably attend the state fair in Jackson this year.

Fifty dollars reward will be paid by Under-sheriff A. B. Alexander of Reed City, Osceola county, for the arrest of Charles Hasskill, the fiend who poured vitriol on Mrs. Sarah L. Beatty. Gaskill is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, rather straight, will weigh about 160 pounds, bald head, smooth face, and about 28 years old, hair slightly curley, chestnut color, blue eyes. When last seen wore a black and check suit of clothes, and is a painter by trade.

During June the shipments of forest products by lake from East Saginaw were 32,500,000 feet lumber, 7,000,000 lath and 9,500,000 pieces lath. From Bay City during the same period, 70,000,000 lumber, 8,500,000 shingles, 2,600,000 lath. The lumber market is quite active in the valley and Saginaw Bay, keep dry stocks being thinned out. Total shipments of lumber from Saginaw Bay since the opening of navigation to date, 217,771,000 feet.

A man named Cline, whose home is in Ithaca, Gratiot county, died very suddenly at the Franklin house in Lansing, recently of paralysis of the brain.

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STATE NEWS.

Alma Sessions Dead.

Hon. Alonzo Sessions, lieutenant-governor of Michigan from '76 to '81, died on the 3d inst. at his home near Ionia, after a lingering illness, aged 76 years. He was a pioneer of Ionia county and one of the most prominent Republicans in the state.

Judge Sessions was born in Onondaga county, Onondaga, N. Y., and passed his early years in a country store, utilizing his leasure hours in study and in fitting himself for the active life for which he was destined to enter. In 1833 he started westward, and spent most of the distance from his native town to Detroit on foot. He engaged as a teacher, first in Ohio, then in Michigan. He located in Ionia county, building the second log cabin in Berlin township of that county. He was a supervisor, a justice of the peace and later sheriff, and it is on record that he was elected supervisor 18 times. Mr. Sessions was elected to the legislature of 1856, 1858 and 1861, was a member of a presidential elector and subsequently president of the electoral college which made Gen. Grant president for the second term. In 1876 Mr. Sessions was elected lieutenant-governor and discharged the duties of his office faithfully and well. His ambition was to be a statesman and politician. His ambition was satisfied.

For the Insane

Work is progressing rapidly on the building being erected on the Kalamazoo insane asylum farm. When completed it will provide adequate accommodations for 3 patients each. The contract call for will cost $6,000. The other farm buildings will also be completed soon. The object of the farm and buildings is to make the insane less expensive by turning the labor of the insane to good account and also to give them physical labor that their condition of mind may be improved. The asylums of the state, except the northern, are full and the removal of a number to the farm will make room for more at the asylum. The employment of the female patients is a problem in the asylum. Sewing machines have been procured and the clothing for all the asylum, male and female, will largely be made there. The employment of the females alone will make a saving of several thousand dollars to the state annually and their health will be improved by it.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Tom Casey a convict who escaped from Ionia some months ago, was recaptured on the 5th inst.

Jacob E. Hanshaw, a well-to-do farmer of Park township, Calhoun county, committed suicide the other day by hanging himself in his barn. A short time ago he had given trouble to his neighbors, who attended to weigh heavily on his mind, and it is thought he committed the rash act while suffering from temporary insanity.

The postoffices at Corunna, Milford and Montague have been advanced to the position of fourth-class, owing to a falling off in their receipts. The postmaster-general has appointed Lewis H. Wilcox postmaster at Corunna, James Rutherford at Milford and Frank Bracelin at Montague.

Stephen Dean, a Saginaw Valley railroad brakeman, fell dead at Ithaca the other day while at work. His home was in Saginaw, where he leaves a wife and two children.

James W. Romeyn of Detroit has been confirmed Kansas postmaster.

The 797 state prisoners at Jackson were allowed to celebrate the Fourth of July by being turned out into the yard with permission to talk and play and do as they did. No attempt at escape was made.

Burt Beaman of Hillsdale, who has had charge of Toomey Bros. store for two years, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement preferred by his step-father. Beaman's friends generally claim that they believe that he is guilty of the crime charged.

A Kalamazoo farmer wears a brass chain around his body and says the doctor declares it to be a positive cure for rheumatism.

Mrs. Dr. Keech has been appointed an overseer of highways in Cannon township, Lenawee county, and is the first instance on record where a woman was appointed to that office in Michigan.

The Marquette public park bill, which passed congress recently, deeds to the city forever 215 acres on Presque Isle, the government reserving the right to use 10 acres for lighthouse purposes. The land possesses superior natural advantages for a park. A pavilion will probably be built, and also cottages, for the latter the rents and the rent applied to the improvement of the park.

Benton Harbor and vicinity is experiencing the worst drought known in 40 years.

The seventh district press association holds its third annual meeting on board the steamer City of Saginaw, which leaves from Port Huron to Mackinac, leaving Port Huron July 31st at 4:30 p. m. and getting back at 8:30 p. m. Sunday, July 25. The expenses have been figured down to very lowest from $5 to $7 for round trip, board and rooms on the boat.

The D. L. H. & M. company is buying shingles at Grand Haven and shipping them to Detroit to be used in filling in the company's dock there.

A stock company, with $30,000 capital, for the manufacture of the patent wired drying, is just organized at Battle Creek. W. L. Hollister is the principal director.

Joseph Dunkley of Kalamazoo, has a 30-acre tract of celery.

Mecosta county has borrowed $10,000 with which to meet current expenses.

An assay of the gold-bearing quartz found near Ionia pans out $1,000 to the ton.

B. F. Hunt of Pewamo, killed an animal the other day which he took to be a large skunk's and the body that of a woodchuck.

The following patents have been issued to Michigan inventors: J. V. Cooley, Berrien, clothes dryer; J. Ingersoll, Detroit, furnace stoker; J. H. Kistler and J. E. Buck, North Lansing, truck; J. Krehbiel, Detroit, opposite magnet; J. Lamoreaux, Kalamazoo, mop; F. F. Shedd, Grand Rapids, bee hive; W. S. Thomas, West Branch, cuff fastener; R. S. Watson, Bay City, brace, warming and ventilating; S. B. Williams, Kalamazoo, wind mill.

A sad affair occurred at Alaska, Kent county, early on the morning of the 3rd inst., which is puzzling the officers to find out if it was a murder or not. A farmer named Michael Riordan, aged 25, was with a large company of friends attending a dance at the hotel, when suddenly the thing which Riordan fell forward, expiring immediately. Investigation showed that he was hit with a stone from a sling shot from the hands of some unknown person. Officers have been notified and are now investigating.

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If Lansing will put up a bonus of $2,000, an eastern firm will put up a roller mill in that city.

Albert Williams, for some time past chief of the division of mining statistics of the geological survey, has resigned to accept the principalship of the new Michigan school of mines.

The seven-year-old son of Frank Schley, who had his left foot crushed by a Chicago & West Michigan train on the 17th inst., died from the effects of the injury.

John Dykema was killed at Powers & Walker's burial case factory in Grand Rapids recently by being caught and caught under the elevator carriage. He leaves a wife and two children.

Ben Roys of Hudson, a farmer and prominent member of the G. A. R., and nephew of the vice-president of Dodge's, was suddenly stricken with an asthmatic affection the afternoon of the 4th forenoon and died in a very short time at the house of a friend. Mr. Roys served in two regiments during the war, and figured largely in the southeastern Michigan G. A. R. association. He was president of the executive board. He worked a portion of the fore noon in the harvest field, and feeling unwell came to Hudson to consult his physician.

The Second regiment election was held in Grand Rapids June 29, and resulted in the choice of Capt. Kelsey Sherry of Lansing, as second lieutenant, and Capt. Chester of Ionia, as major.

Master Workman Beverly writes that the task of answering 500 to 600 letters every day compels him to decline to make any more appointments to attend the great labor meeting in Lansing in August.

It is claimed that William Bailey, who recently died at Battle Creek, confessed just before death to the murder of a colored man named Spencer King, whose body was found floating in the river a few years ago.

Lake Michigan is said to be 18 inches higher than it was at this time a year ago.

Michigan Soldiers' Orphans' Home is distributing government cash and live stock among the wards in the upper peninsula. The Methodist ministers' fraternity and the Methodist school at Leroy each received $40.

The trial of Mrs. Emily McCaig at Port Huron, for shooting her husband, Duncan McCaig, has been continued until the next term of the circuit court.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

The lower house of the Bavarian parliament has granted 200,000 florins to Prince Leopold to enable him to maintain the royal establishment.

Ruffians attacked Mrs. Rosalie Meglan and Irish lady, on the Gouterie Lake, Vincennes, France, abused her terribly and set fire to her clothing. She was dying when found. Nine arrests have been made.

Oxford college has conferred honorary degrees upon Dr. W. Hughes.

Dominion Day was very appropriately celebrated throughout Canada on the 1st inst.

Extensive forest fires have been raging in the Province of Quebec near Ste. Marie, along the line of the Inter-colonial road, for some time. Great damage has been done.

One of Parnell's private circulars was seized by the customs authorities for misrepresentation as to the quality of posters it contained, which are dutiable. Two other cars containing posters will probably be kept on the other side.

Chicago Anarchists Preparing for War.

The anarchists have not been at all subdued by the hangings of the Haymarket riot. Within the last month at least 50 drilling parties have been opened within a neighborhood of a mile square in the Bohemian quarter. These places are much frequented by the Bohemians, crowds of whom can be found at target practice every night, and it has been discovered that in the majority of the gallaries the marksmen fire blank cartridges, ammunition, and only a pretense is made of charging for the use of the gallery. Large numbers of Bohemians and others are drilling secretly in various places, and have engaged their drill pickets are posted for a distance of three blocks of the hall to give notice of the approach of strangers. When asked what he new of their numbers a well posted gentleman replied: "Not a man less than 500 are well drilled, but I don't think the drilled men are more than 1,300 in number. There are the fellows who are drilled in marching movements. Twice that number are patrons of the shooting galleries. The Twelfth-st. and Hinman-st. police know there is something going on among the Bohemians, but what can they do? The Bohemians avoid them as if they had the small-pox, and you can't get a man, woman, or even the children to say a word to a stranger. The men who travel beats in the neighborhood are glad enough to get through the night without prying into secrets of the anarchists. The return of the Haymarket prisoners has emboldened them wonderfully, and I know several of the more intelligent ones say that the anarchists would come out of the hole sooner than they went in. Nearly every Bohemian thinks the Haymarket affair was a victory for their cause."

Small-Pox in Michigan.

Information has been received of the presence of small-pox among the homesteaders near the Grand Traverse, about 5 miles from Lake Michigan, near the boundary line of Mackinac and Chippewa counties. In a family named Hanson two children, a son and a daughter, have died, and five others are sick with the disease, escaped from the house and is roaming about the woods. The doctors are near and no help can reach the locality. The official quarantine has been established, and the settlers in the neighborhood are fleeing. The postmaster has barricaded himself and will let no one approach the office. The disease is supposed to have been brought from Canada by a man who came from Montreal and stayed with the Hannah family while ill, they not knowing what the disease was.

After Many Years.

President Cleveland has signed the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter. The bill, which has now become law, restores him to the rank in the army from which he was deposed by the court-martial, and waives it in the discretion of the president to place him on the retired list, with the rank of colonel and $5,000 a year. Until the president, therefore, chooses to exercise the discretion with which he has been invested by Congress, the bill is purely one of vindication. In case the president carries out the entire discretion conferred, placing the general on the retired list, which he probably will do, the president will be at full liberty to serve at the same time in any civil position.

Distribution of the Relief Fund.

The fund raised for the benefit of the widows and families of those killed in the Haymarket riot in Chicago is distributed as follows: To each widow the sum of $1,000, in addition to the usual amount by the association in the discretion of the president they are to receive from the general subscription fund now in hands of Chicago parties, the sum of $500 each. To each orphan child under 16 years of age, the sum of $300 to purchase city or other available securities with the balance, and hold them as a guarantee that, should any pecuniary loss occur from said riot, the widows and orphans of deceased will receive like amounts.

Alma will add a $6,000 steam power house to its waterworks. The pumping is now done by water power, but during the dry spring freshets that power is powerless.

Two small children of William Walter of Ionia county, Michigan, died recently from a disease, supposed to be hydrophobia, which is spreading rapidly in Ionia county. The children had been bitten by a mad bulldog and then sprinkled with kill insects.

HOME NEWS.

The will of Moses A. Dow, editor of the *Waverly Magazine*, who died recently, gives to the Dow Academy of Franconia Seminary, $10,000; to the Winchester home for aged women, $10,000; $250,000 in private legacies, and the balance of his estate to his widow. The *Waverly Magazine* is to be sold to the highest bidder.

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A sky rocket caused a $75,000 fire in Chicago on the 5th inst.

The wheat crop in Minnesota has been seriously injured.

Adjutant J. Gould Warner, the adopted son of the veterans of the war of 1812, died on the 5th inst. He was laid out in Central Park New York, at sunrise on the morning of the 4th, in the same place and at the same hour that the signal to the flag at the battery of Fort Hamilton, the display of flags and bunting in the city was universal.

A number of prominent cattle growers have formed a syndicate and will lease the Indian Territory for grazing purposes.

Chief Poundmaker, notorious for his participation with the Riel rebellion, died on the 3d inst.

Portland Maine, celebrated the centennial of its incorporation on the 4th inst.

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A farmer named Wildman of Unity, Ill., murdered his wife and seven children, and 300 to her children instead of him. He attempted suicide, forcing a razor up through his throat and severing his tongue. He will die.

The Brewood of St. Louis, and ex-striker and knight of labor, was brutally assaulted on an excursion the other night by a crew whom he had employed in pretended for the purpose of assaulting him. He was assisted by a number of others with which to club him. John Houck, Robert O'Brien and Tony Neiderweis were the principal participants.

In the deficiency bill reported to the House is a provision for the payment to the widow of the late Hon. Thos. A. Boyd, of Pennsylvania, who was elected to congress from the district in the reconstruction of the session, of $6,000. The widow of the late Representative Boyd died shortly after last fall, gets $8,429.18, being the amount of salary, mileage and stationery from the date of his death to the expiration of the term for which he was elected. The widow of the late Joseph Rankin, of Wisconsin, gets $5,580.71 on the same account, and the widow of the late Hon. Wm. H. Calkins, of Iowa, get $4,076.41 to be divided equally among them.

The president has approved the act to reduce the fee on domestic money orders for sums not exceeding $5; the act making allowance for clerks hire and other expenses of the first and second class postoffices; and the military and postoffice, Indian, agricultural and the army appropriation bills.

Chicago's new directory gives that city a population of 1,100,000.

State-Treasurer Burke of Louisiana has arranged with New Orleans banks to pay the interest on the consolidated and constitutional 4 per cent. bonds pending the collection of taxes.

Massachusetts has appropriated $30,000 to entertain President Cleveland should he visit the state. This is the same amount appropriated to entertain Gen. Grant at the Bunker Hill celebration.

Ten thousand persons witnessed a situation army camp meeting at Weir, N. H. A clock grave way and participated 75 people into the lake. Nine were drowned.

About eight miles east of Goshen, Ind., a 6-year-old child of Mr. Stewart the name of Lawson was playing around her home, strayed near the pig pen. She climbed a tight fence surrounding the pen, and was either pinned in by the hogs or fell in, and was almost devoured before she was discovered. One side of her head was eaten off, the arms were torn in shreds and the intestines were protruding. She was dead when discovered.

Oil has been discovered near Sandusky, Ohio. There is great excitement in the vicinity, and real estate is booming.

Seventy five salesmen of the Singer sewing machine company at their New York office, have been ordered to Chicago to sign new rules. The men claim that under these rules they would have to wait 15 months or sometimes longer until a machine is paid for to draw the last half of their commissions, and that if they gave up their places. Only five men accepted the rules.

The trial of the anarchist in Chicago has revealed the fact that the man who threw the bomb at the Haymarket riot was subsequently shot by a policeman.

The President has vetoed another grist of pensions bills. He has approved the act to legalize the incorporation of national trades unions; the act granting franking privilege to John D. Grant; the act to remove the political disabilities of J. G. Flournoy of Mississippi; the act for minellaneous bills, including a bill to pension the widow of Commodore A. A. Humphrey.

The hop crop in New York this year is a failure.

Gen. James A. Beaver is the Republican nominee for governor of Pennsylvania.

The military guard has been removed from Gen. Grant's tomb.

The guard which for five years has kept watch at Gen. Garfield's tomb, has been removed.

Friends having business in New York City will find the Grand Union Hotel, on 42d Street, opposite Grand Central Depot, one of the best of the many Hotels in the City. It is conveniently reached by all lines throughout, and its accommodations are all first-class. Rates are Mr. W. D. Garrison, is always attentive to the wants of his guests and insists that the same attention shall be shown by every employe under him. We have tried the Grand Union for years and can cordially recommend it to our friends as our headquarters when either pleasure or business calls them to the Metropolis.

Horace V. Whitney, cashier in the United States treasurer's office, dropped dead at his desk the other morning.

All of the 1,066 employes of the Brooklyn navy yard are out of work on account of the delay of the navy appropriation bill.

Sam Jones will get $1,000 for four lectures at Chautauqua.

Trustees of the Grant monument fund will make another appeal to the country.

Ella Carlisle of Bradford, Pa., has secured a verdict of $15,000 for injuries received from a defective sidewalk.

Henry Bruckhorn and three others are under arrest at Newark, N. J., charged with robbing the Singer machine company of several thousand dollars worth of stock.

Yale college is in a prosperous financial condition. Income last year was $187,561; expenses, $167,235. During the last five years the expenses of the departments amounted to more than $1,600,000.

Immense herds of cattle are being driven from the dry pastures of southwestern Texas into Jackboro county along the Fort Worth river. The resident farmers object, and there has already been bloodshed and more is expected.

The New York Central has declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent. Gross earnings for the quarter $7,506,000. The Michigan Central gross earnings are $5,236,000 for six months. The Lake Shore for the same time earned $6,981,786.

Five members of the boycotting committee who in March last extorted $1,000 from George Tuska, proprietor of the Alhambra music hall, New York, to pay the expenses of a boycott on the Bijou theatre, were convicted of conspiracy and are awaiting sentence.

One man was killed and a number injured in a riot in Circleville, Ohio, recently.

Investing the Cardinal.

The imposing ceremony of investing Cardinal Gibbons with the insignia of his office to which he was elevated by a recent bull in the cathedral in Baltimore June 30, the day before the anniversary jubilee of the cardinal's ordination to the priesthood. Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis was the church dignitary from whom the cardinal received the beretta. A procession of archbishops, monsignors, abbots, priests and bishops marched from St. Alphonso hall on Lexington street to the church. In the church Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia made an address on the life of the new cardinal and on the church in its relations to government. The Rev. Mr. Brandi, secretary to Mgr. Stranieri, papal delegate, presented to Archbishop Kenrick the legate appointed by the pope.

Distress in the South.

Gov. McEnery has issued a proclamation reciting the information received of great distress resulting from severe storms and inundations in portions of the parishes of Rapide, Grant and Catahoula. The crops have been totally destroyed, the stock drowned and the soil in many cases washed away to such an extent that it will be impossible to raise crops on it for third this year. The governor, therefore, calls on charitably disposed people of the state to send contributions of provisions to these distressed people.

The public debt reduction for June was $3,318,485.

Fitz John Porter's long struggle for vindication is at last ended, the President having signed the bill for his relief.

Democrats and Greenbackers of Iowa met in convention in Des Moines the same day and agreed to divide the state offices.

Nearly the entire village of Independence, Cal., was destroyed by fire July 1st. Loss $250,000.

Rudolph and Wm. Elbert, cousins, aged 18, were drowned the other day in the Delaware river, in the northern part of Columbus, Ohio, while attempting to swim across and swim and one went down. The other attempted to assist him and both lost their lives.

The bill passed in the House some time ago for the relief of the survivors of the steamer Jeannette and the widows and children of those who perished in the attempt to reach the wreck of that vessel in the Arctic seas, has been reported favorably to the Senate, with an amendment to provide that the money shall be paid to Lieut. Chas. W. Adams of the crew, shall be paid to his child and not to his widow.

The graduates from Yale this year number 236.

The jury in the case of Robert Shilling, the knight of labor, who was tried at Salem, disagreed and were discharged after twenty three hours deliberation.

A barking dog in Chicago woke up the family of August Lindt, 1321 Milwaukee avenue, in time to escape from the flames which were consuming their house.

Thomas Greif, a saloon-keeper of Chicago, whose place was a resort for anarchists, announces his intention of returning to Havana because he has been pestered by the police.

The recent contest brought by the Robes, Mitchell and Jones company of Cincinnati against the Phoenix Furniture company of Grand Rapids, to prevent the award of a contract for $25,000 worth government furniture, has been decided in favor of the latter. The trouble commenced over a year ago, when the Mitchell company called the government attention to the fact that the dove tailing had been done by machine instead of by hand, as the specifications called for. The Phoenix company had the furniture sent out as called for, and the Mitchell company have received an additional order for $8,000 more goods.

The general deficiency bill appropriates $10,000 for the vice-president's salary. Mr. Hendrick.

Cornelius Vanderbilt will build a three million dollar hospital in New York for the benefit of the New York Central employes.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shelhamer was indicted for the murder of Sarah Graham, will sue a chain of newspapers from Springfield, Ill., to Fort Wayne, Ind., in which she starts with the Peoria *Journal*.

Edward Bowman of Rochester, N. Y. proved a fine musician in a charge of murderby confessing he was cracking a safe at the time. He was confronted with his own confession to seven years in the penitentiary.

The Illinois liquor dealers' association, ask protection from the government in their business, which they say is recognized by law as legitimate from the prohibition anarchists. Illinois leaders say the dealers must unite.

Harvard graduated 223 students this year.

John Casey, the striking Third avenue car driver in New York, who attacked other drivers recently for not striking, Monday was sentenced to six months in the penitentiary.

Judge Nixon of the United States district court, was suddenly struck blind while talking with a friend at his home in Trenton, N. J., on the 1st inst.

Senator Fair is in Nevada doing what he can to secure his reelection. He says he will spend $100,000 if necessary to secure himself. John W. Mackay is leading the opposition to Fair. Mackay does not desire the seat himself, but is determined to beat Fair. Should he succeed in doing this it is certain that ex-Senator Stewart will be chosen as Fair's successor.

Dr. Mott, a prominent New York physician, says he is ready to treat the cholera patients on the Pastour system.

The boiler of the Gem coal company's mine at Vienna, Ohio, caught Henry Horn, a 13-year old boy at work in the mine, and crushed the life out of him instantly. A rock weighing several tons pinioned him to the ground, and although men have tried to move the stone with their hands to release the boy, they could not budge it. With bars the stone was finally displaced. The remains were so mutilated that they were unrecognizable.

Serious and rapidly increasing injury to the wheat crop is reported from every county in Dakota.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

JULY 2—SENATE—An amendment to the legislative appropriation bill to add a national clerk for the civil service commission was, after some opposition, adopted by a vote of 30 to 11. The amendment increasing the compensation of the commissioner of pensions from $4,000 to $5,000 was rejected 24 to 25. The vote was subsequently reconsidered and the amendment agreed to without a division. The like amendment as to the commissioner of patents was rejected 24 to 26. The amendment increasing the compensation of the solicitor of the treasury from $4,000 to $5,000 was rejected. The amendments being voted on, the bill was passed. The Senate then took up the River and Harbor Appropriation bill. Before the reading of the bill was concluded, Mr. Eustis called up the resolutions in connection with the death on the 4th of March last, of Hon. Michael Hahn, a Representative from Louisiana. After the delivery of eulogies on the life and character of the deceased by Messrs Eustis and Blair, the resolutions were adopted and the Senate adjourned till to-morrow.

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Five members of the boycotting committee who in March last extorted $1,000 from George Tuska, proprietor of the Alhambra music hall, New York, to pay the expenses of a boycott on the Bijou theatre, were convicted of conspiracy and are awaiting sentence.

One man was killed and a number injured in a riot in Circleville, Ohio, recently.

A HORRIBLE DEATH.

Explosion of Fire Works Cause the Death of Jennie M. Rusin.

The celebration at Port Huron on the 3rd caused of very pleasant, and the eight o'clock the display of fireworks which had been arranged on Military street bridge, an iron structure, was commenced. An unusually large number of pieces had been prepared, the expense of which had been defrayed by the citizens. Fourth of July fund. Louis N. Minnie, who will be remembered as having been nominated to the state senate by prohibitionists, in charge of the display and occupied a position on the bridge. He had purchased from which the pieces were exhibited. A crowd of 4,000 people were on hand to witness the sight.

The preliminary displays went off all right, the last piece, which was at 9:40 the torch was set to an elaborate piece of fireworks. The nature of the display pieces had been left uncovered, probably through negligence. A shower of sparks from the Washington piece fell on them, and in an instant the whole mass of fireworks was ablaze. The flames spread too, at once. Mr. Minnie hastened to the platform to make his escape, but he had not gone 10 feet when the horrified crowd saw him make a convulsive leap and fall on the platform. The impression was general that he crawled to the end of the platform and fell off the bridge arches.

The firemen were at once on hand, and in a very few minutes the flames were extinguished. When the firemen climbed up to the platform they found the body of Mr. Minnie lying on it, burned until he was almost unrecognizable, but had evidently been suffocated by inhaling the flame and died before the fire reached the platform.

Mr. Minnie was not alone on the platform. Jennie M. Rusin, a young man from Wales township, a young lady named Elizabeth Ryan, of Clyde. Atkins clambered down the supports and escaped uninjured. Walters was somewhat burned by falling pieces and was badly burned about the face and hands before he could get away. His hair was singed, and he was not seriously injured, not so much, however, as to cause his retirement from the exhibition. He tumbled from the platform to the arches of the bridge, and Tidgeon came succeeded in getting down the supports, but not until his hands were badly burned.

In all of the disastrous fire, was as well known and respected as any lady in Sanilac county. She was born in Port Huron 43 years ago, and was raised in that city, where he always took a prominent part in Democratic councils. He was elected city clerk four years ago, and held the office until last spring. In the summer of 1885 President Cleveland appointed him to the Turkish consulship. A sharp political fight at once began, which was urged on by some of Minnie's friends, and opposition to his own party and without it. The end was he withdrawal. Since then he has not been engaged in any business. He engineered the plan for a Fourth of July demonstration, and helped to raise the money for the event in which he lost his life. Mr. Minnie leaves a wife and two children. The cause of the fatality seems to be the explosion of the fire exposure of the pieces not intended for immediate use, but whether this is chargable to Mr. Minnie himself or not can hardly be determined.

Distressing News for Beer Drinkers.

Dispatches from special correspondents in Otsego county, N. Y., report that the hop crop throughout that section is literally covered with lice from the bottom of the string to the top of the poles. Honey dew is also found wherever the lice are, and this is fully as bad as where the seed is set. In fact, two pests working the destruction of the crop. The lice is a new pest, and it is feared that there is an occasional vine on which only the dew appears. Either is ruinous. The offensive appearance of the lice leaves no hope for the crop, and unless some sudden change should occur there will be no hops to harvest. The leaves attacked by lice curl and dry up. Still follows in the hops before they mature. The lice usually appear in August. Then the growth of hops so far advanced that no further crib can do little damage. Reports from southern Illinois and Madison county point to the effect that lice are so numerous as to threaten the total destruction of the hop crop.

To Silence the Bells.

A novel suit has been commenced in Logansport, Ind. Mrs. Mina Bachman against the pastor and trustees of the German Lutheran church in that city. Mrs. Bachman asks for an injunction restraining the pastor from the large chime of bells in the steeple of the church, alleging that her daughter, a convalescent invalid, has suffered a relapse every time the bells have been used as a chime. Her residence is about 300 feet from the church, and Mrs. Bachman's move in the best society. The complaint also asks $1,000 damages besides the injunction.

Ten Men Killed.

A terrible explosion took place on the morning of the 2d inst., at the Atlantic powder mill, near Ashley, Pa., between McKainsville and Drakesville, N. J., resulting in the death of ten men and injury to 30 others. The explosion took place in the mixing house. The loss will be very heavy. Before the reading of the 10 was concluded, Mr. Eustis called up the resolutions in connection with the death on the 4th of March last, of Hon. Michael Hahn, a Representative from Louisiana. After the delivery of eulogies on the life and character of the deceased by Messrs Eustis and Blair, the resolutions were adopted and the Senate adjourned till to-morrow.

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