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TIMELY TOPICS.

The fifth annual session of the United States Forestry congress will be held in Denver, Colorado, next September. In calling attention to the importance of preserving our forests as well as of planting new ones on the western treeless prairies, the Grange Visitor, the official organ of the Michigan state grange, remarks:

"Go through northern Michigan and witness the wholesale destruction of her splendid forests—the growth of centuries—and we are led to inquire whether the American congress by the imposition of a tax of $2 per 1,000 feet on foreign lumber is not aiding and abetting in this work of destruction. There may be wisdom deep and profound in establishing emigration agencies and inviting foreigners to come to this country and occupy our lands and offer them inducements to do so. It may be statesmanship to invite Canadians to come to Michigan every winter and aid in the destruction of our forests. But it looks to us as though the whole thing was in the interest of a few dozen pine land owners, who have made haste to get rich at the sacrifice of the best interests of this generation and the next of our own people."

The report comes from Chicago that while a procession was passing through the streets of that city, the American flag was fired upon by an anarchist. This recalls an incident that occurred before New Orleans over 20 years ago, and Gen. Dix's forcible words on that memorable occasion: "If any man attempts to pull down the American flag, shoot him on the spot." Gen. Butler's method of dealing with the craven crowd who did attempt to pull down the stars and stripes, prevented the execution of Dix's words, but they expressed the sentiments of every loyal heart at that time, and the years which have passed since than have not dimmed the ardor of the patriotism of America's loyal sons, all of whom agree that summary justice should be meted out to the sneaking, cowardly poltroon who did the dastardly deed in Chicago.

The question is asked us, "What is paris green?" It is a deadly poison: a combination of arsenic and copper—an arsenite of copper. It was discovered by a Swedish chemist named Sheele, and was called Sheele's green and Swedish green. It is extensively used in coloring paper, and since the advent of the festive potato-bug enormous quantities are sold and distributed all over the country. Chemists know its deadly character, and handle it with care, and too much caution cannot be taken in regard to it. Its employment for paper decorations in dwellings should be prohibited and its sale restricted. Magnesia is said to be an antidote for verdigris and the salts of copper. The whites of eggs, flour and water drank in copious draughts to induce vomiting are antidotes always at hand.

The great danger of cigarette smoking arises from the fact that the cigarette is so mild that the smoker uses one after another, smoking almost continually, and so gradually poisons himself with the nicotine. Cigarette smokers use the vile little tubes from morning until night except during meal time. Besides generally the worst tobacco is used in making up cigarettes. Excessive cigarette smoking causes palpitation of the heart and finally kills the user of the weed. Two deaths occurred in New York last week that were directly traceable to the cigarette vice. One of the deplorable features of the use of the cigarette is the fact that so many boys smoke them. France has a law preventing the sale of the cigarettes to boys. The United States should have a similar law.

The will of Gen. A. D. Ditmars of Lancaster, Pa., who died in 1883, ignored all his relatives and left $70,000 with instructions to his executor "to use it in means to ascertain what children were created to do; that the child may be directed to, and instructed in, what he or she is best adapted to do; the executor to use the sum to the best of his judgement in means to carry out this purpose." The will has been recently set aside on the ground that it was too indefinite and impracticable to be carried out.

The South is coming up as a textile manufacturer. Last week at Langley, S. C. a 13,000 spindle mill was started. There is an active knitting mill at Lively, Ala., and another is to be started. One hundred plaid looms are just going into a new mill at Rockingham, N. C. Three new blast furnaces are to be built in the South—two in the Cumberland mountains of east Tennessee and one at Sheffield, Ala., the latter by Hebrew bankers.

Forty years ago Josiah McCoy left home in Portsmouth, Va., and his parents never heard of him again. Twenty-five years later his brother Frank settled in Savannah. The other day the brothers, who are now 60 and 67 years old, met for the first time in forty years. The runaway Josiah has become a flourishing orange grower in Florida.

Mumps have been epidemic in Mulmur, Canada, and one credulous young man had a halter put around his neck, and was led to the creek to drink, and was then led seven times around the barn. All this was to prevent an attack of the dreadful disease.

There is no patch of the moon's visible surface half a mile square that is not accurately mapped, according to Prof. Young, while the earth contains immense tracts, in Central Africa, which have never been surveyed.

The finest cemetery located at Newton, Kan., is known throughout that locality as "Boot hill," on account of the large number of persons who were buried their with their boots on in the wild and early days.

Tom Beasley, who lives near Texas post-office, Marion county, Ga., is the owner of a sheep with three horns. The sheep has a horn on each side of the head and one in the head, just below the eyes.

The Hebrews, who form such a public spirited and wealthy class in every city, number less than 250,0.0 in the United States. Most people, in making a guess would say a million or two.

A Toledo police justice refuses to protect women out on the streets alone after 10 o'clock. He says they have no business at that time to be anywhere but home and out of danger of insults.

STATE NEWS.

Affected by the Drought.

For the July crop report the secretary of state has received returns from 780 correspondents, representing 622 townships. Five hundred and twenty-seven of these returns are from 379 townships in the southern four tiers of counties. The area of the 1886 wheat crop, as returned by supervisors in the southern four tiers of counties, is 1,357,578 acres, and in the northern counties 243,206 acres; total, of 1,600,784 acres. Final corrections and spring wheat sowings, which were not completed at the time the assessment was taken, will probably add 25,000 acres, making the total area of the 1886 wheat harvest 1,625,784 acres. The average per acre as estimated by supervisors is thirteen and sixty-eight hundredths bushels, indicating a probable yield in the state of 22,239,686 bushels. Wheat has evidently been very badly injured by the Hessian fly. The presence of the fly is reported by ninety-seven correspondents in the first or south tier of counties; by sixty-nine correspondents in the second tier; forty-four in the third and twenty-five in the fourth tier. The county returns of supervisors, partially corrected, show the area of wheat harvested in 1885 to have been 1,497,470 acres and the yield 29,927,543 bushels. Final corrections will increase this area by at least 35,000 acres and yield by 700,000 bushels, making the totals about 1,532,470 acres and 30,627,543 bushels. The total number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in June is 439,676; the number of bushels in eleven months from August to June, 14,044,903, or about forty-six per cent. of the crop of 1885. The number of bushels reported marketed in the same months of 1884-5 was 8,468,513, or thirty-three per cent of the crop of 1884. For these months in 1884-5, reports were received from about thirty-seven per cent. and in 1885-6 from about forty-eight per cent of the elevators and mills in the southern four tiers of counties. About 2,732,000 bu. of the 1885 wheat crop is yet in the farmers' hands. The condition of other crops compared with the vitality and growth of an average year is for the state as follows: Corn ninety-two per cent.; oats, eighty-five; barley, eighty-eight; clover, meadows and pastures, seventy-four; clover sowed this year, eighty-one per cent. The condition of corn compared with July 1, 1885, is 113. Seven per cent of corn planted failed to grow; apples in the southern four tiers of counties promise ninety-four per cent. and in the northern counties eighty-six per cent. of an average crop.

The weather is extremely dry. Complaints of drouth come from every part of the state. At Lansing the rain fall during June amounted to only two and fourteen hundredths inches, as compared with four and thirty seven hundredths inches, average for twenty years, as recorded at the state agricultural college. No rain has fallen in July to date, and of course meadows and pastures are drying up and the oat crop is injured.

Ottawa county's berry crop is all right, but corn and potatoes have suffered. The outlook for potatoes, oats and corn in Macomb county is not promising. The same may said of Lapeer, Oakland, Kent, Washtenaw and Eaton counties. Wheat and potatoes are in bad shape in Muskegon county. In Van Buren county oats will yield about two-thirds of an average crop, while grapes and other fruits are burning up. St. Joseph county's fruit crop will be about half the usual yield; wheat and oats are badly damaged and the mint crop is damaged fifty per cent. Oats and potatoes are the principal sufferers in Allegan county, and berries have been affected. Oats and small fruits are damaged in Clinton county. Corn is seriously affected in Lenawee county and oats are short in Branch county.

Genuis Creeping Out.

The following patents have been issued to Michigan inventors: H. P. Barrows and L. D. Knowles, Three Rivers, carriage foot pad; A. G. Barton, Constantine, tedder; W. H. Cloud, Detroit, pump; A. Cotterell, Lansing, gun stock; T. B. Dittrick, East Tawas, barrel roller; H. Englebert, Detroit, water back; A. L. Hines, Charlotte, folding table; F. C. Kimball, Jackson, harness saddle; A. C. Lutz, Flint, manufacturing cigar holders from gums; J. A. Malhren, Detroit, apparatus for distilling wood; T. C. Merz, Detroit, bottle stopper; A. Muser, Detroit, confectionery melting bath; C. W. Noyes, Kalamazoo, two-wheeled vehicle; J. Penney, Grand Rapids, pivotal support for mirrors; J. W. Potter, Potterville, extension table slide; B. W. Sweet, Rodney, car coupling; W. Wade, Detroit, valve; J. H. Whiting, Flint, running gear for wagons; C. W. Monroe, Bay City, air moistener.

A Big Output.

During the month of June the salt inspection in the state was as follows: Saginaw county, 122,370 barrels; Barry county, 109,940 barrels; Huron county, 36,769 barrels; Iosco county, 31,798 barrels; St. Clair county, 25,915 barrels; Manistee county, 69,158 barrels; Mason county, 8,700 barrels; Midland county, 8,232 barrels; total, 412,882 barrels. This is the largest quantity of salt ever inspected in the state in a single month. The salt inspection year commences December 1 and the inspection in barrels by months in the years named makes the following comparative showing:

	1883	1884	1885	1886
Dec'b'r..	144,380	194,009	258,450	259,618
Jan......	127,239	127,798	141,759	132,565
Feb......	99,915	90,276	101,256	121,101
March....	125,498	162,450	173,025	190,927
April.....	180,234	164,555	187,034	164,952
May......	238,940	279,866	267,044	315,565
June.....	312,196	333,255	384,343	412,882
Total..	1,228,387	1,351,249	1,502,911	1,597,610

Sympathetic Poles.

At the annual meeting of the Polish national alliance convention in Bay City, the following self-explanatory cablegram was prepared and adopted and a committee appointed to forward it at once to Premier Gladstone:

The Hon. W. E. Gladstone, London, Eng.: We, the delegates of the sixth Polish national convention, assembled at Bay City, Mich., representing 1,000,000 Poles in the United States, tender you our vote of thanks and compliment you for your support in the cause of oppressed Ireland. We wish you success in your endeavors to liberate a suffering people.

(Signed) FRANK GRYGLASZESKI,
President of the Convention.

A committee was appointed to prepare an address to be sent by mail with the names of all the delegates attached.

A Big Contract.

John Bagley of Calumet has taken a contract for some of the large mill owners of Wisconsin and Michigan to put in 250,000,000 feet of logs. Mr. Bagley agrees to furnish the Carney company of Marenette, Wis., annually not less than 10,000,000 feet of logs, and more if desired, the price being $3.50 per 1,000 delivered in the Menominee river. Ten million are to be put in this year for the F. Carney company, besides what Mr. Bagely will put in for the other companies. This is an immense contract and will aggregate in the neighborhood of $1,000,000.

A Young Murderer.

Jeremiah Donovan, aged 12, was in charge of the cigar store of Gus Brideson, on South Michigan, Buffalo, N. Y., the other evening. A number of small boys were playing around the store and were ordered to leave by Donovan. The boys paid no attention to him and Donovan picked up a double-barreled shot gun and shot Eddy O'Day, aged 7, killing him instantly. Donovan surrendered. He says he did not know the gun was loaded.

Rather Late News.

A murder occurred at L'Anse on Monday, the 5th inst. Louis Devalo and Geo. Crebasse had a quarrel. Devalo was getting the better of Crebasse, when the latter's brother, Nelson, interfered. Antoine Devalo, a brother of Louis, then shot Nelson through the lungs, killing him instantly. The Devalos were arrested, and for a time it was feared that they would be lynched.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Eli B. Chamberlain, of St. Ignace, resigns as commissioner to locate and erect the upper peninsula branch of the state prison, and Charles H. Hall of Ishpeming, has been appointed his successor.

The president has signed the bill giving a pension of $40 per month to Mrs. Mary Howard Farquhar of Detroit.

H. P. Bartlett has sold the Lansing business college, conducted by him for 20 years, to W. A. & C. E. Johnson of Ohio. Possession will be given Dec. 1.

A farmer named St. John, of Five Lakes, Grand Traverse county, cultivates his corn with three of his boys hitched to a cultivator.

Lightning struck Frank Hamilton's barn at Dayton, Berrien county, the other afternoon and killed two horses, one of which belonged to Dr. Psalter of Three Oaks. Loss $1,000.

Fred, the six year old son of George Slingerland of Manistee, fell off the dock in that city the other afternoon and was drowned.

Maj. G. W. Woodard of Shelby has received an allowance of $1,900 back pension.

Stockwell & Darrah's furniture factory at Grand Rapids was sold under a mortgage recently, William Widdecomb being the purchaser, at $20,000. The factory will continue to run under its present management.

Several prisoners escaped from the Lansing jail the other night.

The Polish national convention, in session at Bay City, declares against any anarchist, nihilist, communist or socialist becoming a member of the alliance, and against giving pecuniary aid to a member injured in a riot. The convention will go on record as discountenancing the anarchist demonstration in Chicago.

Some Detroit doctors are said to be negotiating for the Powers mineral well property, at Boyne Falls, for a sanitarium.

A postoffice row is being indulged in at Grand Ledge. The office is located away from the business center and the people are kicking. A complaint has been made to the department and a special inspector will investigate.

Information has been received at the office of the state board of health of an outbreak of scarlet fever in the state school in Coldwater. One death has occurred and there are four new cases. The disease is confined to one cottage thus far.

Forest fires are raging along the line of the Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette railroad, between St. Ignace and Marquette, doing great damage. The Vulcan furnace company, at Newberry have lost 30,000 cords of wood, and may have to shut down.

Between 300,000 and 400,000 feet of lumber at Ludington, belonging to Donohue & Co., also their warehouse, burned the other night; loss estimated at $5,000; partly insured.

Mrs. William Hickey, an aged lady of Detroit, was smothered to death in the fire which destroyed her little home.

Citizens of Port Huron are raising a fund for the family of Louis Minnie who lost his life at the Fourth of July celebration in that city.

Mrs. Chatterdon, who murdered her husband, is still in jail at Grand Rapids. She is still crazy and unable to realize her crime. She will probably be sent to the asylum.

George Carson, a farmer and prominent citizen of Flat Rock is dead.

A 6-year old son of Michael Dunn of Romulus was run over and received injuries from the effects of which he died in eight hours.

The Lowell manufacturing company of Lowell turned out 117 cutters June 30 and are now averaging 100 a day. Their pay roll is $3,000 a month.

Gov. Alger visited the Kalamazoo asylum on the 8th inst., and the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids the next day. He starts on his California trip, in company with Gen. Logan, on July 29.

The semi centennial commissioners met in Grand Rapids on the 9th inst., and allowed claims amounting to $3,200. The balance of the $5,000 appropriated will be used in printing a book of the proceedings of the celebration and the papers read. It will be compiled by S. D. Bingham of Lansing.

The Catholics have bought the Boyd seminary at Monroe, and it will be used hereafter as a preparatory school for those intending to enter St. Francis' college.

A Marshall man sent a dollar for a lightning potato bug killer which he saw advertised in a paper. He received by return mail two blocks of wood with directions printed on them as follows: "Take this block, which is No. 1, in right hand, place the bug on No. 2 and press them together. Remove bug and proceed as before."

A. B. Parker at Grand Rapids has resigned his position as aide-de-camp, on Gen. Smith's staff and Eugene W. Jones, first lieutenant of company B, second regiment, M. S. T., of Grand Rapids has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

A spiritual camp meeting is to be held at Pine Lake, seven miles east of Lansing, August 5-22. J. W. Kenyon of Jackson, O. P. Kellog of Ohio and Mrs. S. E. Bishop of Wisconsin are among the principal speakers announced to be present.

The 16 months child of a section hand named Barnes, of the Grand Trunk road, crept upon the track near Millett and was ground to a pulp.

James M. Turner of Lansing has $10,000 worth of blooded stock on his farm near Springdale.

Forest fires are raging in Iosco county.

Seventeen prisoners will be discharged from the Jackson prison during the present month.

The citizens of Athens, Calhoun county, want a railroad and have raised over $9,000 to be used as a bonus.

Myron Darby, a Tuscola county farmer, was trampled by his herd of cattle the other day and will probably die.

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Fred S. Kieldsen's stock barn, near Cadillac was destroyed by fire the other morning. Considerable blooded stock was burned.

The lifeless remains of Thomas Killmurray, a farmer who lived two miles east of Imlay City, was found by the side of the Chicago & Grand Trunk railroad track, half a mile from home. Killmurray started to walk home on the track and was struck by the west-bound express train, breaking his left arm and fracturing his skull. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by being struck by a train while in a state of intoxication.

Mrs. McGruder of Muskegon has been arrested for shooting Frank Nichols in that city the other day.

Nelse Johnson of Cadillac had both legs crushed by a cave-in while at work in a clay-pit the other morning.

July 6 was the 109th birthday of a Mrs. Arnold, living near New Holland, Ohio. She has two sisters living, one of whom is 106 years old and the other 112.

Maxwell, the man who murdered his friend, C. Arthur Prellar, in St. Louis some months ago, has been refused a new trial.

A German named John Werner, who had been unfortunate in Wall street investments, murdered his son aged 14, and then committed suicide, on the 8th inst.

Forest fires are still burning in Wexford county. Great damage has been done. All crops are parched for want of rain, and a great many fields look as though a fire had run through them. It has been excessively hot and dry for two weeks and farmers are praying for rain.

Frank Nichols, a young man of Muskegon was shot and dangerously wounded by an unknown person while walking along the street the other night.

The president has signed the bill to forfeit unearned lands granted the Atlantic & Pacific railroad.

The Chesapeake & Ohio canal company has discovered another $100,000 defalcation by Treasurers Lesley and Wilson.

Eleven pieces of bone were removed from the skull of Jesse Hood of Hannibal, Mo., after he had been kicked by a horse.

Wm. Enright of Batavia, N. Y., shot and killed Gus Clark. The gun had only a wad in. Enright says the shooting was accidental.

The president has vetoed the bill for a public building at Duluth.

The half-breeds now in prison for complicity in the Northwest rebellion are to be granted full amnesty and released.

A fraud is working the interior towns of the state and raking in considerable money. He represents himself as agent of the state board of health and pretends to make an examination of buildings, for which he exacts 50 cents.

The supreme court has decided that the village of Lawrence, Van Buren county, must approve a liquor bond, presented prior to May 1, and three days before an ordinance took effect prohibiting liquor saloons within the village.

In the state tournament at South Lyons in the money match for the individual state championship, Bebbee of the Milford team, won after three ties with Whipple, South Lyon, and Brown of Milford.

A committee of three citizens have effected a settlement between the striking coopers of Kalamazoo and the employes at O. R. Smith's shop, and the men are now at work. The terms of the compromise are secret, but it is understood that the old scale is restored.

A sanitary convention will be held at Coldwater September 23 and 24, under the auspices of the state board of health. At each session of the convention there will be addresses or papers on subjects of general interest, pertaining to public health, each paper to be followed by a discussion of the subject treated.

Ex-United States District Attorney, Col. George B. Corkhill, who conducted the case of the United States in the trial of Guiteau, the assassin, died in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, on the 6th inst. of hemorrhage of the bowels.

A terrible gale occurred in Apalchicota, Fla., recently uprooting trees, unroofing houses and causing a loss of $40,000. The telegraph wires were blown down and six persons—four white and two colored—who were caught in the bay during the storm, lost their lives.

There are seventeen children in one family in Richmond township, Macomb county, and the oldest is only 19 years of age. All are healthy and thriving.

Bullion products of the Ropes gold mine for June, $4,700; concentrates, $773 more; total, $5,473; operating expenses less than $2,000 leaving the net profit over $3,500 for one month's work. In May there was a small profit of $300. The cash earned by the mine will be devoted to getting new stamps. Only 500 tons were stamped in June, while the mine can easily quadruple the output. The Ropes stock is nearly all held by a syndicate. The stock is not on the market at all now.

Michigan ports are to be closed against Canadian vessels, at least until the quarantine regulations at Canadian ports are more strict.

Peter F. Berger of Three Rivers performed a feat July 4 that required both grip and grit. He climbed a liberty pole and inserted a rope in a pully ninety feet above ground. The hat was passed around and $8 was collected and presented to him.

George W. Bostwick and William A. Miller, young men in the employ of E. Bennett & Sons of Lansing, have been arrested upon a charge of grand larceny. By fictitious pay envelopes they managed to get about $550 of money that did not belong to them.

A cave-in at the Morris 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 six men 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.

One-hundred and eighty-one bags of mail from the Oregon reached the New York postoffice on the 8th, having been recovered by divers. The letter mail was found to be in pretty fair condition, and nearly all of it will be at once delivered or forwarded to its destination after a short detention for drying. Of the printed matter probably three-fourths can be delivered.

Howell has a village improvement society.

A man named John Bentes, who claimed to hail from Detroit, committed suicide near Newport the other day.

Suit has been commenced in East Saginaw by Peter Deveaux, administrator of the estate of Joseph St. Mary, against Fred W. Carlisle, administrator of the estate of Albert M. Root for $10,000. St. Mary was run down by the steamer Burt on the river last month and drowned, it is claimed through the negligence of the officers and crew of the Burt.

George W. Chatterdon, a well known farmer living near Grand Rapids, was shot and instantly killed by his wife on the 9th inst. The report of the tragedy was soon noised about and a crowd collected at the scene of the crime. The citizens soon realized that the murder had been committed by the wife, and immediately steps were taken to apprehend her. She was discovered near by and immediately placed under arrest. The murder was unquestionably occasioned through bitter feeling engendered from the divorce proceedings which were instituted some time ago.

George Kennard has been arrested by Detective Shannon of the Port Huron & Northwestern railroad for burning a bridge on that road east of Vassar two weeks ago. Kennard was taken to the county jail at Caro.

Nearly all the good pine lands in Louisiana and Mississippi have been taken by western capitalists, chiefly from Michigan. The process of gobbling was done so quietly that local lumbermen have only recently awakened to the fact that they have been cut out. These lands cost the purchaser about $2 per acre, and not less than 10,000 feet of merchantable pine is cut to the acre.

Bert Beaman, for two years manager of Tuomey Bros.' store at Hillsdale, is under arrest, charged with embezzlement. The accusation is made by Beaman's stepfather, and the general opinion in Hillsdale is that the young man is innocent.

H. O. Wills, the Detroit evangelist, is doing a great work in Alpena. He secured 250 signers to the pledge at three meetings, and the opera house is crowded nightly. Many of those who have enlisted under the Wills banner had been hard drinkers.

DETROIT MARKETS.

EXCHANGE, BONDS AND WARRANTS.

July 13, 1886.

	Buying.	Selling.
Exchange on New York..	par.	1-10 prem.
" on Chicago	par.	1-10 prem.
" on San Francisco..	....	¼ prem.
" on London, per £..	....	$4.89½
" on Paris, per franc	....	19.6-10
U.S. 4½s, 1891 ex-coupon.	111¼	112¼
U.S. 4 per cents.........	126½	127½
American silver, ½s and ¼s	99½	100
American silver, dimes....	99	.....
Canadian money..........	99½	.....
Trade and Mexican dollars	81	.....
Mutilated silver..........	70	.....

BONDS.

North Muskegon, Mich., 6 per cent water bonds..........		101

LAND WARRANTS.

War of 1812, all sizes........	$1 05	.....
Other wars, all sizes........	1 00	.....
Michigan swamp land scrip		65

WHEAT—The crop situation in the spring wheat districts is reported very bad and daily becoming worse for want of rain. The bulls are taking advantage of this and spreading the news far and wide. One telegraphed to a Detroit house that the wheat situation looked like a disaster and that there would certainly be a big shortage. There is still quite a short interest here and the shorts seem confident that a break is near. Quotations are as follows: White, 83 to 84 cts; Red wheat 83¼ to 84 cts.

CORN—Quotations range 38 to 40 cts.

OATS—The market is not brisk, from 33 to 36 cents is the range of prices.

FLOUR—The market is steady at the following jobbing rates: Michigan patents, $5 00@5 25; Michigan roller, $4 50@4 65; Michigan superfine $2 75@3 50; Minnesota patents, $5 25@5 50; Minnesota bakers', $4 00@4 25; Michigan rye, $3 55@3 65; Illinois rye, $3 75@3 85.

Provisions—Detroit mess, $10 50@10 75; Detroit family pork, $11 50@11 75; short clear, $12 50@12 75; lard in tierces, 6¾@6⅞c; half bbls, 6⅞@7⅛c; in pails, 7¼@7½c; hams, 12@12½c; shoulders, 7½@8c; dried beef, 13@13½c; bacon, 8@8½c; extra mess beef, $8 00@8 25; family beef, $9@9 25.

Hides—Green dry, 6½c per lb; country, 7c; cured, 8@8½c; green calf, 8@9c; salted do. 9@10c; lambs and shearlings, 25@75c; sheepskins with wool, 50c@$1 50; bulls, stags and grubby, ⅓ off.

HAY AND STRAW—Car lots of choice baled timothy buying at $9 50@10 50, and store lots in small bales selling at $11 50@12 00 per ton; straw in car lots, $4 50@5 50, and from store, $6 50@7 per ton.

Fruit—Cherries, per 2 bu stand, $3 75@4; apples per ⅓-bu box, 40@50c; per bu crates, $1 50@1 75; tomatoes, per ⅓-bu box, 75c for common, and 85@90c for Fijis; pears, per ⅓-bu box, 80c@$1; plums, wild goose, $5@6 per stand; Red Raspberries, $4@4 50 per bu case; black, $2 75@3; gooseberries, $2; huckleberries, $3 50@4; currents, $2 25@2 50 per bu.

GENERAL PRODUCE.

Chickens..............	11	@	12
Ducks ₩ pair..........	30	@	60
Geese..................	8	@	9
Turkeys................	9	@	10
Potatoes Mich Rose ₩ bu	45	@	50
Potatoes, (Burbanks)....	55	@	60
Potatoes, (Southern).....	2 00	@	2 25
Turnips................	30	@	
Onions ₩ bbl...........	2 00	@	2 50
Honey..................	12	@	13
Beans, picked..........	1 15	@	1 20
Beans, unpicked.........	50	@	85
Straw..................	5 00	@	6 00
Beeswax................	23	@	50
Apples per bbl..........	2 50	@	3 50
Butter..................	11	@	12
Eggs....................	12	@	12½
Cheese..................	8	@	9

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Fat beeves 10@15c higher; shipping steers, 950 to 1,500 lbs, $3 75@5 25; stockers and feeders, $2 30@4; cows, bulls, and mixed, $1 70@3 60; bulk, $2 35@2 75; through Texas cattle, 2,400 head sold 10c lower; cows, $2 25; grass steers, $2 25@2 35; corn-fed steers, $3 50@4; 325 head of thin bruised Washington steers, averaging 1,190, sold at $2 50.

HOGS—Market steady and unchanged: rough and mixed, $4 40@4 75; packing and shipping, $4 75@4 90; light, $4 40@4 82½; skips, $2 70@4 35.

SHEEP—Market steady, natives, $1 75@4 50; Western, $3@3 50; Texans, $1 75@2 25.

The Drovers' Journal London cable quotes cattle lower; best Americans, 12@12½c dressed.

A Natural Competitor.

The use of natural gas in the manufactories of Pittsburg has done away with the consumption of 189,800 bushels of coal a day. In 250 working days, which is considered a year by manufacturers, the whole amount of coal displaced would run up to 47,450,000 bushels. Calculating 100 bushels to the average day's output for a miner, it would take 1,500 coal miners to dig this coal, but altogether the use of natural gas has thrown about 5,000 men out of work in that region. It required the use of 633 railroad cars to transport the black diamonds. Each of these, thirty feet in length, would make a string 18,990 feet, or a distance of more than three miles long.

HOME NEWS.

An ice house near Albany, N. Y., belonging to the Knickerbocker family, was burned the other morning. Loss, $100,000.

Representative W. H. Cole of the Third Maryland district, died in Washington on the 8th inst. of Bright's disease.

Fires are raging in the New Hampshire woods.

Kansas Republicans have re-nominated John A. Martin for governor.

The heirs of Dr. McCullom of Niagara Falls, who was murdered June 26, will contest the cancellation of $55,000 of insurance policies by the companies.

Grace Chiller of Butt City, Mont., while on her way to England with her husband and children, was taken insane in New York and removed to a hospital.

Ex-Alderman Waite of New York, the principal witness against the boodle aldermen, has been committed to the house of detention as a witness at his own request.

Sam Howell of Meridan, Miss., murdered his 7-year old boy because the little fellow ran away from home.

A number of boycotters were convicted in New York the other day and sentenced to imprisonment for terms ranging from ten to thirty days.

The Senate has agreed to all the items in the river and harbor bill making appropriations for the improvement of Michigan rivers and including the St. Clair ship canal, Hay lake channel, and $350,000 for purchasing the Portage lake canal. The items for improving the rivers of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, were also agreed to.

The Senate committee on commerce has reported adversely to the nomination of Herbert F. Beecher, son of Henry Ward Beecher, to be collector of customs of Port Townsend, W. T.

Annie Gehring of Parma, O., sent as an insane patient to the Cleveland infirmary at $3 per week, cannot be produced now, and as there is no record of her flight or death an inquiry will be instituted.

J. S. Delay, a prominent knight of labor of St. Louis, estimates the cost of the strike on the Gould system to the general board at $100,000 and loss in wages $1,000,000. The estimated cost of the railroad was $3,500,000. C. A. Hall, whose discharge caused the strike, is living at Marshall, Tex. He is out of work and is being taken care of by the knights.

Ex-president Arthur has been elected president of the board of directors of the Arcade railway company, which is to build an underground railway in Broadway. A telegram from him announced that he was much improved in health.

Paul H. Hayn the poet, died in Augusta Ga., on the 8th inst.

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

Romeo, Wis., was almost completely wiped out by fire on the 8th inst.

Forest fires have done great damage in Wisconsin.

Cleveland has vetoed the bill to grant the right of way to a railroad through the Indian reservation in Northern Montana.

Five hundred Mormon converts arrived in New York from Europe the other morning.

The suffering from the drought in Texas is unprecedented. In some portions of the state rain has not fallen for 14 months.

A freight train on the Grand Trunk collided with a cow near Belleville, Ont. The cow was killed, as was the engineer. The brakeman was fatally scalded.

There is not at present an open saloon in Macon, Mo., an ordinance prohibiting the sale of less than a gallon of liquor having been passed.

The Minnesota Prohibitionists have nominated J. E. Childs of Waseca for governor, and J. Pinkham of Hennepin lieutenant governor, and adopted the usual prohibitionists' platform.

The first comptroller of the treasury has made a decision wherever laborers, workmen, or mechanics, employed in any of the executive departments, are required to work more than eight hours a day they are entitled to extra compensation for the extra work, unless there is a contract with the head of the department to the contrary. The decision applies only to the three classes named, and not to clerks and other employes.

John Measures, his wife and two children, aged 7 and 10 years, were instantly killed at Stoneham, Mass., by being struck by a train on the Boston & Maine railroad.

A number of boycotters in New York have been sentenced to imprisonment, the terms ranging from one year to three years and six months.

The president has pardoned R. P. Lee, confined in the penitentiary at Buffalo for embezzlement. The sentenced pronounced upon Lee was the full extent of the law, and with good time he has served half of it. The president thought that all the good to result from his imprisonment has already been accomplished.

President Cleveland declines to grant a pardon to James Milton, a pension attorney of Kansas, now undergoing sentence for retaining and excessive fee for prosecuting a pension case.

At Coldwater, Kan., Frank Nelson was shot and killed by J. D. Raymer, a neighbor. Raymer had been ordered off the Nelson farm where he had been gathering plums, and in the morning had assaulted Nelson's father. Young Nelson was watching the orchard in the afternoon when he was shot. Raymer fled, and is supposed to have gone to the Indian territory.

E. H. Nugent, one of the leaders of the Oklahoma boomers, gives notice that he and 2,500 followers will enter the territory July 15. Maj. Summers has given the Indians orders to plow five yards around their reservation. He will then burn the grass, save that wanted for the Indians, and thus starve out the invaders, who will have nothing with which to feed their stock.

The army of the Potomac meets at San Francisco August 25. Generals Sheridan, Sherman, Logan, Locke, McMahon and King and a large delegation from the east will be present.

Pastor Downs the other day was arraigned in Boston on a charge of bastardy perferred by Alice Mutson and pleaded not guilty. He was bound over for trial in $800 which was furnished.

Fire losses in the United States and Canada for the six months ending June 30 were $53,000,000.

Elder Thomas P. Dudley, the oldest Baptist minister in the world, died at his residence in Lexington, Ky., recently. He was 94 years old, and was well known all over the state.

Mrs. Caroline Benedict, aged 60 years, died at her home in Mottville, near Syracuse, N. Y., on the 12th inst., after a fast of fifty-three consecutive days, during which time she did not take a morsel of food or water.

A nest of six boilers near Wilksbarre, Pa., exploded the other morning. Many buildings in the vicinity were wrecked, and several of the employes were scalded—two fatally.

Striking switchmen in Chicago have issued a circular asking business men to refuse to sell anything to the imported switchmen.

The property of the Denver & Rio Grand railroad was sold on the 12th inst., for $15,000,000.

John W. Dexter of Hartford City, Ind., was killed by Charles Weisman, who mistook him for a man named Hughes, whom he wished to chastise. All efforts to convince him that it was a case of mistaken indenity failed. Weisman has been arrested.

John Giannette, aged 16, was drowned at Atlantic City, N. J. Several people attempted to rescue him and were in danger of drowning. W. O. McGrath of Washington, saved the sinking men, but Giannette was lost. A vast crowd witnessed his heroism and made up a purse of $76 85 for him.

Nellie Grant Satoris, who is now at her home in the Isle of Wight, will visit her mother this summer, after taking a trip to the continent. She will remain in New York until late in the fall.

Hugo Lorey, a 9-year-old boy of Chicago, was bitten by a mad dog the other day. The boy will be sent to New York to be treated by the Pasteur method.

Mrs. Mary Thomas of Wilmington, Del., was picking cherries, when she fell in such a manner as to catch her neck in the crotch formed by two limbs, the force of the fall wedging the body so tightly as to cause her death.

The United States and Canadian authorities are making efforts to check smuggling.

A stranger, who appeared to be suffering intensely from the heat, in New Orleans, remarked that it was too warm to live and threw himself in front of a passing train, and was instantly killed.

Capt. Douglass, of the steamship Nevada, has been arrested at New York for overloading his steamer with immigrants on his last trip from Liverpool.

A. E. Weaver, a clerk in the treasury, has been bounced for attempting to intimidate a Democratic clerk from voting. The Democrat has been given a $2,500 place.

Lung Sing, a Chinaman who was tormented by some New York children, threw a hammer into the crowd, fracturing the skull of a passing 7-years-old girl. She will die.

Consul Merritt, of Aix-La-ChaPelle, Germany, charges that American importers are enabled, through the dishonesty of agents of American houses, to carry on an immense fraud on the United States customs by entering goods at an undervaluation.

C. D. Graham, a cooper of Philadelphia, inclosed himself in a barrel and swam the whirlpool in Niagara on the 12th inst. He suffered slight bruises, but was otherwise uninjured. The trip was made for the glory of it.

W. C. Higgins, a colored man of Arkansas City, Miss., was shot and instantly killed by J. W. Dickson, jr., the mayor of that city, a few days ago. Higgins was quarreling with another colored man, when Dickson ordered them to desist. They refused, whereupon Dickson fired, instantly killing Higgins.

Delia Jarvis, a 16-years old girl, was arrested in Pawtucket, R. I., for robbing the house of G. Barney, last week, of $400 and valuable jewelry.

A through passenger train from Port Moody was wrecked and burned at Donald, B. C., while passing through a forest fire. The mail was saved but the passengers escaped with difficulty.

Tonawanda, N. Y., had a $50,000 fire on the 9th inst.

President Cleveland has signed the Fort Brady bill.

Victor and Eugene Lefontaine of Lowell, Mass., aged 7 and 9 years repectively, ventured beyond their depth in a brook. Fabian Demarrer was attracted by their cries, and, though he could not swim, went to their rescue. He was seized with cramps and all three were drowned.

A memorial of the late Gen. Hancock has been presented to his widow. The memorial is in the form of an album and contains the mayor's message and the resolutions of the board of aldermen engrossed on a cardboard. There are twenty-seven leaves. The pages contain Latin motoes, a portrait of the dead general and other matters, and each page is different in design. In the center of the top lid is a solid silver plate engrossed with the city's coat of arms and a suitable inscription.

William T. Owen, superintendent of the Planters' rice mill of Savannah, Ga., has absconded. By securing advances on bogus warehouse receipts he swindled four of the city banks out of $25,000. The banks caught are the Southern, Merchants', National, Savannah and Trust Deposit and C. H. Olmstead's banking house. Owen is believed to be in Canada.

Seven salmon fishermen were drowned off Portland, Oregon, on the 8th inst.

B. McHugh, general freight and passenger agent of the Michigan & Ohio railway has been succeeded by H. C. Parker. Mr. Parker formerly held the position of traffic manager of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville line.

A freight train on the Grand Trunk railroad collided with a cow near Omeemee, Ont., the other night. The engine and eight cars left the track. A brakeman named W. Powell was instantly killed and Fireman Daniel Beard was fatally scalded.

R. M. Sibbett a swindler from Ulysses, Neb., has been debarred from practicing as a lawyer for robbing his clients of various sums, aggregating $850.

Three beardless youths of Fremont, Neb., had a rough and tumble row for a girl a few evenings ago. One of the youngsters was slashed in the leg, and the other two were mauled beyond recognition. The lady love will have a few weeks' rest.

Some idea of the magnitude of the business of cattle raising in Arizona may be gathered from the fact that the Aztec Cattle company have recently placed 10,000 cows and 175 bulls on their ranch near Winslow, in northern Arizona.

The use of natural gas has thrown 500 men out of employment in Pittsburg.

Capt. Samuel Packard, who commanded a company of militia during the war of 1812, died in Malden, Mass., on the 9th inst. aged 100 years and 5 months.

Send Along Your Liquids.

The postmaster general has, in compliance with petitions signed by large numbers of business men in numerous cities, amended the postal laws so as to permit the transmission through the mails, within the United States and Territories, of liquids, not liable to explosion or spontaneous combustion, or ignition by shocks or jars, and not inflammable, soft soap, pastes or confections, ointments, salves and articles of similar consistency, under certain conditions insuring safety to other mail matter in transmission.

A Toledo Mystery.

The body of Mrs. J. L. Lilley was found floating in the Maumee river near Toledo the other morning. Mrs. Lilley attended a ball the night before and was seen to return to her room at the hotel Montreal. That is the last known of her movements. When found she was entirely nude. There were cuts on different parts of her body. Her face was badly bruised, and there was a severe contusion on the back of the head. She was a widow and formerly lived at Jackson. She was educated and showed artistic skill. She was engaged to be married next week to a Mr. Willis from New York, who occupied a room near hers at the hotel. He did not attend the ball, and claims to know nothing whatever of the affair. The body was found under a bridge near the hotel. The police are investigating the matter.

Secured Twenty Thousand Dollars.

The Minneapolis postoffice was broken open the other night and robbed of $20,000 in money and stamps. There is no clue to the thieves. The lobby of the postoffice was open all night and the safe blowers had no difficulty in opening the stamp window, where one man crawled through and opened the door from the inside. The safe was near the window, but as the glass was painted they could not be seen from the street. The work was that of professionals. They drilled a hole four inches into the safe between the handle and the combination and then picked the lock. Mr. Laraway estimates that there was about $20,300 in stamps in the safe and of this amount $18,000 was taken, they having left $2,300 in one cent stamps. All the currency that was taken after 5 o'clock, amounting to $2,100 was taken after the robbery.

Reasons for a Veto.

The president has returned to the House without approval the act granting a pension to William Boone. It appears that Boone, during a parole, took part in a Fourth of July celebration at Auora, Ill., in 1863, and was terribly injured by the discharge of a cannon which he was assisting to manage. In reviewing the case the president says he is unable to discover any relation between the accident and military service, or any reason why, if a pension is granted as proposed in this bill, there should not also be a pension granted to any of the companions of the claimant who chanced to be injured at the same time. He says, further: "It seems to me that it by no means follows that those entrusted with the people's business and the expenditure of the people's money are justified in so executing the pension laws that they shall furnish a means of relief in every case of disaster or hardship."

Estimated Yield.

Following is a summary of the annual crop report from all parts of the country: The winter crop is on the whole good; the valuable yield being 295,000,000 bushels against 212,000,000 bushels in 1885, with slight increase in acreage. Spring wheat has been considerably injured by drouth and blight; the yield will probably be 140,000,000 bu., against 145,000,000 bu. last year. The total wheat crop will probably be 435,000,000 bu, against 357,000,000 bu. last year. In oats there has been a slight increase in acreage; the crop has been considerably injnred by drouth and insect pests and will probably yield 600,000,000 bushels against 629,000,000 bushels in 1885. Of rye and barley there will be excellent crops, on a slightly increased areage. There is a good stand of corn and the outlook is excellent for a fine crop of early potatoes, the crop will be heavy, and late potatoes are promising, especially in the west.

DENVER'S LOSS.

It's Beautiful Academy of Music in Ruins.

Fire was discovered in the academy of music in Denver at an early hour on the morning of July 6. The heat was so intolerable that the firemen were driven from the front of the building. The firemen devoted themselves to saving the *Rocky Mountain News* building and the Goode and McClintic blocks, which were adjoining. In less than fifteen minutes after the discovery of the fire the wires of the Western Union telegraph company, whose office is in the block directly across the alley from the academy, were melted in two and all the service was destroyed. The fire was the quickest ever witnessed in Denver. A hundred engines could not have saved the building, which was a mass of ruins within an hour after the alarm was given. The ground floor was occupied as business houses, in which several men were sleeping at the time of the fire, all of whom were rescued by the firemen except Tim Enright, an old roustabout who worked in the saloon of John Kinevy. Enright retired at 12 o'clock at night in an intoxicated condition. He was forgotten until too late, and he perished in the flames. As near as could be ascertained the losses are as follows: P. F. Hughes on the academy of music $125,000, insurance $50,000; *Rocky Mountain News* $25,000, insurance $3,500; John Kinevy saloon, $5,000, insurance $1,000; Solomon, clothing, $2,000; insurance $1,200; Lazarus, tailor, $3,000, no insurance; Goode block $10,000, insurance $7,600; Joseph Meskew $2,000 no insurance; McClintic block, $2,500. Smaller losses estimated at $5,000.

AWFUL VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS.

One Hundred and Twenty Lives Lost in New Zealand.

The steamer Alameda arrived in San Francisco from Australia, on the 11th inst., brings particulars of the fearful volcanic eruptions in New Zealand last month, and which are among the most destructive in the world's history. The first reports of the volcanic disturbances came from Fanruga, in Auckland lake district. The natives of that village were sharply awakened from sleep at 2 a. m. by repeated vivid flashes of lightning, which continued at rapid intervals up to 4 a. m., when a tremenduous earthquake occurred, followed quickly by others. The shocks were so violent that people jumped from their beds and fled for their lives in their night clothes making no effort to save or take anything with them except their children. The earthquakes continued to follow one another in quick succession up to 7 a. m., when a leaden colored cloud was observed advancing from the south, spreading out until it covered the sky. While still moving it burst with a sound of thunder, and shortly afterward showers of fine dust began falling.

Accounts from other points state that Mount Tarewera was the first volcano to break forth, and hardly were the flames seen issuing from its crater than the entire Paeroa range of mountains belched forth in sympathy, hurling flame, burning lava, and stone over the surrounding country. For the first time in tradition the extinct volcanoes of Ruapeha was awakened into activity. The entire country—an extent of over 120 miles long by 20 in breadth—was nothing but a mass of flame and hot, crumbling soil, which in places rose to the hight of 4,000 feet, capped at the highest point by the Tekopha Geyser, said to have been the grandest in the world.

During all this time showers of dust continued to fall until it became so dense as to make the day as dark as night, and not until the second day did the dust cease falling. It was noticed that the dust emitted a strong sulphurous smell. Numerous small native villages were totally destroyed. Wairo was covered to a depth of ten feet with dust and ashes. Rahtomahaha was completely engulfed, as were also some other small villages. One hundred and twenty persons are known to have lost their lives, among whom were several English residents. The loss of cattle starved to death from the destruction of pastures by dust, is very great, and great distress exists throughout all the Aukland lake district. One old man, chief at Baitorura, was dug out alive, after having been buried in ashes 104 hours. Every effort was made to save the lives of others, but in most cases where bodies were found they were dead. At the date of the departure of the steamer Alameda from Auckland the volcanoes were still very active, and the temperature of the hot lakes was increasing.

A terrible riot occurred in Dublin on the 6th inst. A Catholic procession passed the workingmen's club house, which was crowded with men at the time. They attacked the procession with bolts. This attack was answered with stones. The club people then literally showered bottles at the procession and also fired a number of shots into it from revolvers. The police surrounded the house getting control of the premises and finally arrested several of the inmates. It has not yet been ascertained how many of the processionists were hurt, but three of the injured Catholics were in a dying condition and twenty others were lying helpless in hospitals, all suffering from wounds inflicted by bottles or bullets. There is a general feeling of indignation against the Orangemen of the club on account of the attack.

The July Bulletin.

The July report of the Agricultural Bureau says: The acreage of corn has very slightly declined in the Middle states, and in Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, with some increase in other states of the South, which is largest west of the Mississippi. In the Ohio Valley the acreage is nearly the same as in 1885. The general average is 95 against 94 last year and 96 in 1884. The state averages of the following states are: New York, 92; Pennsylvania, 98; Virginia, 93; Georgia, 86; Texas, 84; Kentucky, 91; Ohio, 93; Indiana, 95; Michigan, 96; Illinois, 97; Missouri, 101; Kansas, 101; Nebraska, 95; Iowa, 99.

The condition of winter wheat is reported from the 1st of July in the northern states as it appeared at the time of harvest. The average has declined from 92.7 to 92.5. New York reports a decline of 4 points; Pennsylvania, 5; Kentucky, 2; Michigan, 6; Missouri, 1; Kansas, 3; Ohio and Indiana remain as in June, and Illinois gains 1 point.

The condition of spring wheat has declined from 98 in June to 83 in consequence of high temperature, drying winds and lack of rain. In the principal states the decline has been: Wisconsin, from 97 to 95; Minnesota, 99 to 97; Iowa, 100 to 90; Nebraska, 97 to 83 and Dakota, from 99 to 83.

The condition of oats averages 89, a decline of seven points.

Rye maintains its position, averaging 95. The average of barley is 90.

WAS THERE CONSPIRACY?

A Startling Story Regarding Guiteau.

The New York *Herald* of recent date publishes a special from Long Branch in which the correspondent, commenting upon the death of Col. Corkhill, says that he knew Corkhill intimately, and knew that he possessed certain secret information about Guiteau which has never been made public. The writer states that on one occasion Corkhill complained to him that some of his actions during the Guiteau trial had been harshly commented on, and had been interpreted as showing an imperfect sense of duty. Corkhill told the writer he was obliged to act as he did and suppress certain items of interest which would have ruined well-known public men and shocked the nation.

He went on to say that he was waited upon after the trial by a lady who proved herself to be Guiteau's first wife, who used his aid to secure a pension. She made to him certain statements which revealed a long standing and carefully worked out plot in which well known public men were interested, and Guiteau was to be the tool. Names, dates, the steamer on which Guiteau was to be spirited away, reports of conversations at the meeting place of the conspirators in a well known restaurant were all plainly exhibited.

The writer further states that Corkhill showed him a piece of paper containing the names of two of the conspirators. It fitted exactly in the mutilated letter produced in the evidence by Corkhill in the trial of Guiteau, and which had been the cause of much of the abuse being heaped upon him. Corkhill bitterly complained that one of the men whose name was on the piece of paper had been active in injuring him. He said he had damaged his professional reputation in his effort to prevent a great scandal from leaking out, but he would finally defend himself from unjust imputations.

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