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IT may interest some of our readers to know that more than one supposed authority declares that the leaves of the tomato have more medicinal value than the fruit.

IT is estimated that 3 million people were missed by the enumerations in the last census, but in all that number it is believed there is not a single person from Omaha or Chicago.

THE queen has come out as a refromer, the object of her reformatory work being the British aristocracy. If she succeeds in reforming that reeking mass of moral degradation, she will be one of the greatest reformers known in history.

THE price of a good-looking female slave in the United States of Columbia is $100. They are usually excellent cooks and many of them are expert in diving to the bottom of the streams in the gold districts and bringing up a gourd full of gold-bearing sand.

EVERY level headed man knows that the political interests of the country should be managed by those whose principles as stated by their platform, have brought them to power for theirs is the responsibility and loss or gain as they succeed or fail in the application of the principles they have advocated.

IT seems as if there were enough languages already in this babel of a world without inventing any more. But something must be done to check the growth of the English language as a commercial tongue, and some continental European invented "Volapuk." Lovers of the English tongue had better let Volapuk alone.

THE public business must be conducted by someone. It cannot run itself, and if no one is responsible for its transaction, then it is liable to go undone, or what is worse, half done. But we do not find that there is any backwardness in patriotic individuals stepping forward and offering themselves and their services to the public.

AMERICA has more extensive coal deposits than all of the other nations of the world put together, yet its annual output is less than that of Great Britain. A dozen rich men control the American mines and they meet once or twice a year to limit production and to "adjust" prices. These men have it in their power to levy a tax upon the American people whenever they feel like it.

Some barbers never learn anything. It has been shown that the barber-shop sponge is one of the best things in the world for carrying infection. The use of them is a filthy practice. No intelligent barber will use one, and no man with any respect for his face or his health will allow a barber to use one on his face. It is impossible to keep sponges clean in a barber shop or anywhere else unless they are boiled and disinfected every time they are used.

IT is worthy of note that while Russia at home seems incapable of satifying her subjects, the moment she goes abroad she shows a marvelous aptitude for assimilating those people with whom she comes in contact. In Eastern Turteskan, while there is a wide and growing discontent with Chinese rule, a deep sympathy and respect have grown up for the Russian name, and the people have begun to long for the arrival of the Russians as liberators.

"ALL run down at the heel" tells a pitiful tale generally. It calls to mind a person who has had money, friends and position—one who has seen a these disappear—and with the loss of the three, has also been forsaken by pride and ambition. And in the shiftless ambling through life the heel that was formerly brought down fair and square has learned to topple to one side until ambition, brain and heel are all about at the same angle. A throb of pity goes out to this one "run down at the heel."

DURING the past ten years physical training has come more and more to the front. More and more of our colleges are recognizing this, and are establishing courses of physical instruction. It is no longer true that the student may be known by his atrophied muscles and haggard face. The man of brain may be a man of muscle, and all the better for his muscle, for his clear skin, elastic step, and well developed chest. Brain and brawn may go hand in hand, and each will last longer for the union.

IF there is a misapplied term on earth it is that of frankness and honesty of speech. The person who, under the name of outspoken candor, comments upon the unbecomingness of your dress, or the misfit of your gown, or any other personal matter, is nothing better than a boor. Honesty need not take the shape of a club nor frankness the form of a buzzing, inquisitive bee to prove itself the genuine article. There is no intimacy so close as to admit of impertinent and wounding personalities, and there is no nature so open and outspoken as to admit of the perpetration of rudeness and the gross violation of courtesy in its dealings with either friend or foe.

How many people stop to consider the wonders that have been worked in our own time? It was our own fathers and mothers that traveled in stage coaches, or on the boats of the Erie Canal; that found postage an item of expense to be considered, and never heard of communication by steam or electricity, yet how careless we are of all these things! We are angry if the telephone does not work just as it should, irritated if a train is ten minutes late and think it an outrage if we do not receive the telegraphic message sent from New York at 10:55 within half an hour of the time when it was filed. So does familiarity breed contempt, and we do not feel even surprised when we learn that a telegraph operator in one of the newspaper offices of Boston, desiring to communicate with his chief, two blocks away, and finding some delay in securing a response to his call, sent his message by way of New York and thus talked over five hundred miles of line, to send a message a distance of scarcely more than as many feet.

IN MICHIGAN.

A HUNTER SHOT BY MISTAKE AT WOLF CREEK.

A Dishonest Cashier Makes a Confession.

Matters From All Parts of the State Briefly Told.

Hinckney's Confession.

GRAND RAPIDS, Oct. 7.—Nathan S. Hinckney, the absconding cashier of the Lake Shore local freight office, is now behind the bars of the county jail, after a 16 months' career almost as eventful as that of Clarence Toot. He was visited today by many of his old friends and associates, and to all he gave a hearty greeting. He said: "I fled because I had to. Some men are not fit to handle money, and I wish I had never taken the position of cashier. The jingle of money sounded good in my pockets, and I went beyond my means. I spent money freely, and a shortage developed in my accounts. When they checked up my books I was $500 short, but I had it fixed so that they didn't discover it. Then my accounts ran up $900 short, and seeing that it would not be possible to evade detection much longer, I took $4,000 and fled. I was getting $55 a month and could not save much to make it up. I went to Mexico, England, Scotland and Europe, and finally returned to St. Louis. My intention was to get work over there somewhere, but I could not speak any foreign language and the wages were so low that I came back to America. I had been meeting a good many people that I knew while working for the big four in St. Louis, and the fear of being recognized was so great that I was in constant misery. I finally decided to go and give myself up, which I did. I will plead guilty and take the consequences."

Killed While Hunting.

ALPENA, Oct. 7.—Nelson Ross was killed in the woods at Wolf Creek. The unfortunate man and a companion were out hunting. Ross shot at a bird, and he and his companion entered a thick growth of trees to try and find the bird. While there Henry McBride and a comrade came along the log road. They discovered deer tracks, and McBride, noting a light colored object moving about the thicket, raised his 45-caliber Winchester and fired at it. He missed what he had aimed at and fired again. He was then horrified to hear a man yell out "I'm shot." On going to the place McBride discovered he had killed a man named Nelson Ross. The ball entered the body just above the hip, struck a bone, glanced up the body and caused almost instantaneous death. The three men picked up the dead body and brought it to Alpena City as soon as they could. An inquest was held, which brought out the above facts.

Turner's Denial.

LANSING, Oct. 7.—Hon. James M. Turner's denial of the charges made by J. F. McElroy has been finished by John Russell Fisher, and three copies were sent by a trusty messenger to Detroit, Monday. Mr. Turner refused to show the denial here and would not say anything as to what the papers contained. The denial is, however, said to be explicit.

Broke a Blood Vessel.

KALAMAZOO, Oct. 7.—George Barrington, a well-known farmer of Paw Paw, came here last week to attend the county fair. On Thursday he ruptured a blood-vessel and died at the Borgess hospital Monday morning. He leaves a widow and four children.

A Bad Smith.

BATTLE CREEK, October 7.—Sylvester Smith of Schoolcraft employed in the Grand Trunk restaurant at this place, chloroformed and robbed his roommate, Oliver Warner, Saturday night and skipped with $97. Smith had heretofore borne a good character.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Cadillac's sensation this season is a 75-pound squash.

Ithaca has built eight brick blocks since the recent fire there.

Jay Gould claims that his whole family was skipped by the census man.

The Presbyterian congregation of Ishpeming is going to build a $15,000 church.

The Port Huron club has fifty-two members, and they talk of erecting a club house.

The new Catholic chapel at Croswell will be completed for services about November 1.

J. George Trost, a noted volapukist of Bay City, has gone insane, and he is now at Pontiac.

A 60-ton carriage rolled over Wm. Finn's foot in the Wheeler shipyards at West Bay City Saturday.

The Adrian canning factories are now at the hight of their season and giving employment to 400 persons.

The Detroit gold and silver mining company of Ishpeming has been incorporated with a capital of $2,500,000.

Mrs. Anna Wolf, injured by the cars at Saginaw last week, will recover, the doctors say. She is 74 years old.

It will take $34,470 to run the West Bay City schools this year. Of this amount $26,000 will be paid to teachers.

The Chicago & St. Paul road have purchased the Milwaukee & Northern to get a connection with the "Soo" road.

Potatoes are going to be scarce this winter, as 14 Michigan counties show a yield of only 78 bushels to the acre.

James Rankin of Hastings bought a new bicycle. The first night he rode it down a hill and through $50 worth of glass.

William Kain, eight years old, had both leg broken while playing on the cars of the Saginaw & Huron railroad Saturday.

Jas. Roach, supposed to be dead and the murdered victim of Sand Beach robbers, is at the soldiers' home in Dayton, O.

The Flint & Pere Marquette railroad has accepted plans for a new $40,000 bridge across the Saginaw river at West Bay City.

A saloon on the Big Rapids fair grounds has called out a vigorous protest from citizens who do not believe in that kind of a fair.

The customs authorities have seized $1,000 worth of merchandise at Fort Gratiot. It was billed as household effects.

Ann Peterson, wife of Lars Peterson, of Gowen, committed suicide by hanging Tuesday morning. Domestic trouble was the cause.

Commissioner of Banking Sherwood has issued a call for a report of the condition of Michigan banks at the close of business, October 2.

The German day procession in Detroit Monday was overwhelming in its magnitude. There were 16 divisions, bands and people innumerable.

The laborers of the Au Sable lumber company have seen lots of bears going south this fall and from that argue that it is going to be a cold winter.

Fire broke out in the slab yard of Little's mill, Newaygo, Monday, and wiped out the mill and lumber stored in the yard. Help was sent from Woodville and Grand Rapids.

Mary Trost of Ray says her husband, Herman, lived with her one consecutive day, the wedding day, and he has not been seen since. She therefore asks for a divorce.

Lansing's newest novelty is a red wagon, upon which, in bold, black letters, is painted, "Collector of bad debts," and the driver announces he carries a revolver, and the man who molests his cart will be given a bullet hole.

Henry A. Hyma, of Holland, shot himself the right foot while hunting Saturday.

The Michigan Central ticket office at Kalamazoo was robbed Sunday morning of $12, and the Lake Shore freight office of a smaller amount. "Doc" Collins is in jail charged with the crime.

United States Employment Inspector Schell is at the "Soo" and making it lively for the aliens. He has chased back one gang of 15 Dagoes and several smaller parties of would-be American laborers.

Henry Dumm and Fritz Redmond, Lansing boys in quod for arson and robbery, walked out of jail Saturday night. Lumm was caught Sunday, but Redmond is still at large and likely to remain so, as he took a train.

The sanitary convention under the auspices of the state board of health, which was to have been held at Holland, October 9 and 10, is postponed by the local committee. The time will be announced hereafter.

A Claybank farmer went hunting coons Thursday. He did not find any, but he did find some boys raiding his melon patch on his return and blazed away at them. The village doctor has since been busy digging shot out of the boys.

The little daughter of Ex-Mayor J. J. Wood of Hudson was spirited away Friday night, causing great local excitement. The little one was found dressed in boys' clothing, and said that two men had compelled her to follow them.

Thos. Le Gue, a Canidian Frenchman, who has been trading with vessels passing through St. Clair Flats, has been arrested and his outfit seized for violating the customs laws by selling liquor to people living on the American side of the river.

The Olin family annual excursion passed through Marshall Tuesday afternoon on the C. J. & M. R. R. eastward. The train consisted of 48 palace coaches and was divided into four sections. The excursionists on board numbered upwards of 3,000.

The safes of Seaver Bros. and Amstay & Co., general merchants of Pompeii, Gratiot county, were blown open Sunday night. The burglars got $65 worth of postage stamps from Seaver Bros. and about $65 cash from Amstay & Co. No clue.

Clarence Farmer of Mancelona was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Ward Baker, a companion with whom he was hunting Sunday. He was 40 years old, and leaves a family. Baker has been cleared from all blame.

Anciel D. Murray, a young lad of Grand Rapids attending the public schools, was found in the street with his skull fractured Monday evening. His teacher was the last one who saw him and she says she sent him on an errand. There is no clew to his assailant.

Charles Clark, a young man employed by the Tittabawassee company, was in such a hurry to go to a dance Saturday night that he jumped off a rapidly moving train in Saginaw. His right foot was cut off and his face lacerated in the accident that followed his hasty leap.

Ed. Dickerson a Grand Rapids lather, allowed he could lay 3,500 lathes in 10 hours. John Sullivan doubted it and a $50 bet was made. Dickerson won it easily, Friday, doing the job in less than nine hours. In doing this job he drove 17,500 nails, an average of 33.7 nails per minute.

Dr. S. L. Rozema, a prominent physician of Grand Rapids, had a slight throat trouble and went to his office to get some medicine. He took gelsemium by mistake, and only his speed in getting another doctor saved his life. Gelsemium is a poison, and the doctor took enough to kill four men.

It is said ex-Gov. Alger is negotiating with Canadians for the purchase of the timber on Hunter's island, situated in Lake Langanaga and Rainy lake, on the northern boundary of Minnesota. The stumpage is estimated at from one-half billion to a billion feet. It will cost him at least $500,000.

Clyde Morton, 20 years old, a clerk in the hardware store of Baker & Co., Shepherd, fell from the window of the second story of the store building, a distance of 17 feet Saturday, striking the walk with such force as to break the planks. He was drunk. No bones were broken but he will be laid up some time.

The potato crop in Huron county eclipses the yield of any of the past four years, and it is going into the market with a rush, by rail over the Flint & Pere Marquette railway, and by boat from Sand Beach. The quantity already shipped reaches over 11,000 bushels. The crop for market is about half sold.

The citizens of Tecumseh will enjoy one of the finest lecture and concert courses in the state during the coming season. The following attractions have been secured: Adele Aus Der Ohe, Music concert company, the Lotus glee club, the Ariel-Thomas combination, Rev. Russell Conwell and Hon. Daniel Doughty.

Again the Cedar Springs water works saved the town from destruction. Fire broke out in C. S. Bell's building and was burning merrily Tuesday night when the water was turned on and squelched the blaze. Nelson Gerow's family had a narrow escape.

The tenth annual fair of the Union agricultural society is held at Litchfield this week. Several hundred dollars have been expended during the summer in putting the track in the best of shape, and the indications point to a very successful meeting. A balloon ascension and parachute drop is one of the attractions for Wednesday and Friday.

The Grand Rapids officials set a lot of men at work removing the Western Union poles from Canal street Saturday as soon as Judge Severns' order was received and in an hour every pole was down and 10 wires cut. Communication to Grand Haven, Traverse City and Muskegon was cut off. The company threaten to move the office out of the city.

Delue Hagerman, owner of a meat market at Leonard, Lapeer county, last week engaged a young man giving the name of Charles McDonald, and his home at Bay City, and who had references for a butcher. Monday night, while Mr. Hagerman was in Buffalo, the fellow tapped the till in the market and took $80 he found there and skipped. His whereabouts are unknown.

The Godfrey postmaster is in a fix. He recently received a parcel from the old country which was labeled, "Liable for duty, to be opened in the presence of the consignee by the nearest custom house official." The nearest official is at Alpena, 25 miles away, and the postmaster dislikes the idea of taking the parcel and consignee that distance and losing his valuable time.

Serious trouble is on between the loggers of the Metropolitan lumber company and the homesteaders around Beechwood, Upper Peninsula. The homesteaders, who believe they have the right to the property, have driven the loggers out and shot their horses, and now the Metropolitan company declares it will send a body of armed men into the woods at this locality and protect its rights. Bloodshed is probable.

Calhoun county's forty-second annual fair opened at Marshall Tuesday under flattering prospects of being one of the most successful efforts of the society. The display is fine and the exhibition of thoroughbred horses exceeds that of former years. Residents of the county have devoted their attention to this class of stock of late years, resulting in the production of as fine a grade of thoroughbred animals as can be found anywhere.

When the president of the Mecosta county fair left for parts unknown some time ago he did not take his office with him, and Vice-President J. Barton filled the duties of the place and boomed things. Among other things Barton let the saloon privilege for $25 per day. There has never been any liquor sold on the grounds before, and when the citizens learned of Mr. Barton's move they called a meeting and made a wild kick. Considerable excitement was stirred up and the whole matter finally settled by the temperance people buying out the saloon man's franchise. The bells of Big Rapids were rung loudly and long Wednesday in glory of the victory.

IT'S OVER.

THE FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS STANDS ADJOURNED.

The Tariff Bill is Now the Law of the Land.

Some of the Final Scenes at the Close of the Term.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2, 1890.

On Wednesday the chaplain invoked divine blessing upon the members of the house who were about to depart for their respective homes. Before the journal of Tuesday's proceedings of the house was read, Representative Breckenridge, of Kentucky, raised the point of order that there was no quorum present. A call of the house was ordered. While waiting a quorum a message was received from the senate, announcing the agreement to the conference report on the tariff bills.

In the 10 months of the session that closed yesterday President Harrison sent to the senate 3,837 nominations, of which all but 12 were confirmed. As many of these nominations contained the name of more than one person, they represented probably 4,500 appointments. Several hundred of these were postmasters at offices which have become presidential through the growth of business. They also include the appointments in connection with the census, nearly all of which are temporary in their nature.

Mr. Spooner of Rhode Island, from the committee on accounts, submitted the report of that committee on the subject. The report states that the charges made by the Enloe resolution against the postmaster of the House have been substantially established, and although the relations between Dalton (the previous postmaster) and Culbertson (the mail contractor) gives rise to grave suspicion that some private arrangement existed between them, whereby Dalton, during the forty-ninth and fiftieth Congresses, derived personal profits out of the contracts for carrying the mails, no absolute proof had been obtained. The report is accompanied by a resolution declaring the office of postmaster of the House vacant, and directing the assistant postmaster to perform the duties of postmaster until a postmaster shall have been elected and duly qualified.

The resolution was agreed to.

Speaker Reed signed the tariff bill at 2:45 p. m.

Mr. McKinley, of Ohio, chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the president, announced that the president had no further communication to make and then the house took a recess.

During the recess nearly all the members left the hall to make preparations for their departure from the city, and when the speaker reconvened the house, that official looked down upon a vast array of empty seats. He merely stated that according to the concurrent resolution he declared the first session of the fifty-first congress adjourned without day.

In the senate Mr. Sherman offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of two senators to join a like committee of the house to wait upon the president and inform him that unless he shall have any further communication to make, the two houses are now ready to adjourn. The resolution was agreed to. Messrs. Sherman and Harris were appointed the committee on the part of the senate.

At 2:58 the tariff bill was presented to the senate by the clerk of the house, Mr. McPherson. Two minutes later Vice-President Morton affixed his signature to it. The signature was announced through Chief Clerk Johnson.

The announcement was followed by the recognition of Mr. Aldrich, who reported from the committee on finance the resolution providing for the adjournment of congress amended so as to make the time of final adjournment 5 o'clock. The resolution was agreed to.

The president signed the tariff bill and it became a law at 3 o'clock Thursday.

Mr. Caswell of Wisconsin submitted a letter addressed to the speaker by James Wheat, postmaster of the House, tendering his resignation.

Are They Honest.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 7.—At the general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints yesterday the official declaration of President Wilford Woodruff forbidding in the future any marriages in violation of the laws of the land was read, and the congregation numbering nearly 10,000 persons, including the apostles, bishops, and leading elders of the church, by unanimous vote recognized the authority of the president to issue the manifesto and accepted it as authortative and binding.

George Q. Cannon publicly announced his endorsement of the manifesto and his recognition of the supremacy of laws that had been declared constitutional by the supreme court of the United States. The conference also re-adopted the original articles of faith, among which is this:

We believe in being subject to kings, presidents, rulers and magistrates in obeying, honoring and sustaining the law.

The action taken settles the vexed question and places an effectual bar against polygamous marriages in Utah. It is the most important step taken by the church for more than a quarter of a century.

Keusch Acquitted.

Amanzer Keusch was arraigned in the Recorder's court in Detroit Wednesday morning and pleaded not guilty to the charge of manslaughter for shooting his stepfather, Dr. F. S. Utter, on the 5th ult., from the effects of which he died on the 13th ult. The young man was in a hurry to have the trial come off and the prosecutor was also anxious to have the matter out of the way, so it was arranged to go on with the trial at once—something that is very seldom done. After the evidence was all in, and it was brief, Judge Chambers said he did not wish to take the responsibility of directing a verdict and submitted the case to the jury, telling them to retire and find their verdict. Juror Thomas Henderson rose and said that they did not need to retire and the verdict of not guilty was pronounced instanter. Young Keusch was therefore discharged and shook hands with the jurors, but not with his mother, nor was there any embracing or kissing or other demonstration of joy or affection. The Wyandotte people all congratulated Amanzer and seemed very much pleased at the result. Dr. Utter was shot September 5, died September 13 and the boy acquitted October 1. Thus it will be seen that very fast time has been made from start to finish.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Five deaths from cholera are reported from Barcelona, Spain.

George Vanderbilt's ambition is to collect the finest library in America.

Chauncey M. Depew is to be a candidate for United States senator this winter.

Three Chinamen were baptized in a church at Albany, N. Y., Sunday night.

PRESIDENT HARRISON started from Washington Monday on a tour through the west.

SILK weavers of Paterson, N. J., are on strike against a 10 per cent reduction in wages.

The death of a negress whose age was 125 years is reported from Antonio De Los Barios, Cuba.

George Meredith, who is a convert to vegetarian doctrines, is said to be writing a novel in support of that ism.

A. WANAMAKER, a cousin of the postmaster general, committed suicide at St. Louis Sunday, by taking morphine.

George M. Bartholomew, who wrecked the Charter Oak life insurance company about four years ago, and who fled to Canada, is still an exile there. An effort is being made at Hartford to have a nolle pros. entered in his case. He is now 74 years old.

The flour output last week at Minneapolis was 170,250 barrels, against 164,540 the preceding week. The market is dull at lower prices.

The Farmers' loan and trust company of New York has commenced a suit involving $100,000,000 against the International & Great Northern railroad of Texas.

HORATIO S. HINES and Frank Hoffman are under arrest at Lexington, Md., on suspicion of being the men who held up a train near there about a year ago.

Denver, Col., has been solicited for aid for settlers in the eastern part of the state. Crops there were a total failure, and many families lack the necessaries of life.

The Rev. D. John Henry Hopkins, a son of the late Bishop Hopkins of Vermont and one of the greatest theologians in the Episcopal church, is seriously ill at Troy.

Helen Silberstin is the proprietor of a large up-town suspender factory in New York city. For a long time she has been trying to perfect an everlasting suspender out of finely spun asbestos.

A Bold Robbery.

A bold express robbery was committed on a Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland train south of Tiffin, O., Thursday morning. Immediately after the train left Urbana two masked men with cocked revolvers, entered the express car and compelled the messenger to throw up his hands. They then tied him securely, robbed the safe of packages containing several thousand dollars and other valuables. While they were at work a brakeman attempted to enter the car and was shot at by one robber. He gave the alarm, and the train was slowed up to give an opportunity to capture the robbers but they jumped from the train just as it was entering West Liberty and disappeared, it then being just about 5 o'clock. Scudder, the messenger, was bound in his chair with a washline the robbers brought with them. One of them, whom the other called "Jack," tried to kill Scudder before leaving the car, placing his revolver at his head, and pulling the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode. The other robber then prevented him from trying again. When the train pulled out of West Liberty the two scoundrels again got aboard holding the entire crew at bay. Scudder, who had been released, opened fire on them from a pistol from his car door, but was compelled to retreat. The robbers kept on board until Bellefontaine was reached, when they again jumped off and disappeared. The officers at Bellefontaine are searching for them. Scudder is about 50 years old, lives in Cincinnati and has been on his run since the Adams express company took charge of the express business on it, about three years ago. He was previously in the same company's employ on the Ohio river lines. He had just received his month's salary and that was among the booty.

Two of the robbers were captured at Bellefontaine Friday morning by the railroad detectives, and one of them has made a confession. The third robber implicated in the job is still at large with $600 of the plunder in his possession.

Birchall Weakens.

WOODSTOCK, ONT., Oct. 7.—Birchall is constantly talking about the murder of Benwell, and it is probable that he will make a clean breast of the crime. He has already acknowledged that he was an accessory and confesses that he took Benwell to Eastwood and beyond in the direction of the Blenheim swamp, where the body was discovered, but denies that it was by his hand that Benwell was killed.

Oklahoma is all right. Eighteen months' growth, netting a population of sixty thousand, capped with an artistic bank robbery, shows the territory is well in the van of modern progress.

During a drunken quarrel in Chicago Monday night Tim Mangan was shot and killed at his home. Mike Mangan, a step-son of the deceased, and Mahoney are under arrest for the murder.

Arthur Crittenden of Bath N. Y., was murdered in Mexico by a native Aug. 21. Crittenden was interested in several mines there, and the Mexican, for some unknown reason, crept up behind him and killed him with an ax.

In a report to the secretary of the Interior, Acting Governor N. O. Murphy, of Arizona recommends that congress, to stop the increasing immigration of Mormons to the Territory, pass a test-oath restrictive bill. It is claimed that if the Mormons get a foothold they will injure Arizona's chances for statehood.

FOREIGN FRAGMENTS.

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The British steamer Picton, from Wilmington, N. C., has arrived at Liverpool with her engineer suffering from cholera.

The rich Baron de Hirsch has sent $20,000 to Montreal, to be applied to the benefit of the refugee Russian Hebrews in Canada.

Ferdinand de Lesseps, who was a few years ago regarded as one of the greatest men in France, is now a broken old man, socially, financially and physically.

Thomas Williamson, a prominent local preacher in the methodist church at Markham, Ont. has fled after having committed forgeries amounting to nearly $10,000.

A storm which prevailed near Berlin Thursday caused serious damage to property. In Hamburg five person lost their lives. The lower portions of that city were submerged.

Germany and Zanzibar have signed a treaty which secures to Germany the coasting trade of the sultan's dominions. The consideration paid by Germany for the concession is 4,000,000.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Jobbing Prices.

TALLOW—3½ to 4c per lb.

EGGS—Steady at 17 1 2 cents per dozen.

SALT—In 10 bbl. lots $[illegible] delivered.

BEESWAX—Firm at 36 to 38c per lb.

ONIONS—Firm at 2.50@2.75 per bu.

HONEY—New comb quiet at 14 to 15c per lb.

BEANS—City hand picked scarce at 2 10 to 2 12 per bu.

TOMATOES—Market steady at 65 to 70c per bu.

POTATOES—Michigan steady at 65c in car lots and 70 to 75c per bu in store lots.

APPLES—Good stock wanted at $2 75@3 per bbl. Inferior stock, market supplied.

PEACHES—Scarce and firm. Best yellow $3 50 to 4 and the best white at $1 50@2 per bu.

GRAPES—Good demand at 4c for Concords, 4@4½c for Catabas and 6c for Delawares.

CHEESE—Michigan full cream steady at 10 to 10½c per lb.

BUTTER—Strictly first-class dairy steady at 16@17c and 21@25c for creamery per lb.

POULTRY—Alive is plentiful at the following prices: Spring chickens, 7@8c, ducks 8c, turkeys 10@11c, 11@12c for spring turkeys per lb. Pigeons are easy at 30c per pair.

PROVISIONS—Steady as follows: New mess pork 11@11 25, family, $12 25@12 50, short clear, $12 75@13, refined lard, tierces, [illegible], kegs, [illegible], 20 lb tubs, [illegible], smoked hams, 10½@10¾c, shoulders 7¼@7½c, breakfast bacon 8 to 8½c, dried beef hams 9¾ to 9½c, extra mess beef, $6 50 to $7, plate beef $7 50 to $7 75.

HIDES—Green city, [illegible], green country [illegible], cured, No. 1, 6@7c, No. 2 ½ off, calf No. 1, [illegible], No. 2, 6 to 7½c; veal kip No. 1, 6 to 7c, sheep skins, [illegible] as to quantity of wool.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $10 50, for No. 2, $9 to 9 50, best clover $7 to 8, No. 2 clover, $6 to 7, straw, $5 00 per ton in car lots.

CORN—No. 2, [illegible]c. No. 2 yellow, [illegible]c.

OATS—No. 2 white, [illegible]c. No. 2 mixed, [illegible]c.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, [illegible]. No. 1, [illegible]. No. 1 white, [illegible]. No. 2 white, [illegible].

Toronto will advertise for tenders to light the whole city by gas and may abandon the electric light system.

AFTER two years hard fighting the temperance people of Greentown, Ind., a place of 1,500 inhabitants, have succeeded in closing every saloon in the place. The last one was blown up with dynamite.

An understandings has been arrived at between Russia and Turkey with regard to the Armenian question. Russia will refrain from placing any diplomatic obstructions in the way of reforms which the Turkish government will attempt to effect in Armenia.

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Below we offer some fine bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. Anyone having an idea of purchasing a home in this village or a farm in Oakland county, should keep this column in view, as we shall from time to time offer bargains in this department that will make their hearts glad.

ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if no sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 5 miles south of Pontiac and 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham. Twelve acres good timbered land, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair. Farm well watered. The land is excellent for raising all kinds of crops. Call at this office and we will go with you to see this farm. Price $4,500; one half down balance on long time if desired.

BARGAIN NO. 8.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 7 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 25 in timber. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 20.

Right here is a chance for a city man to secure a good and convenient suburban home. The residence of Henry W. Randall on Martin street in this village, is offered for sale at a bargain. It is a cottage of 8 rooms with barn, well, cistern, cellar and every convenience within 5 minutes walk of depot, postoffice, bank or churches. Lot 60x103. Call at the premises or address this office.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin now offers for sale at a very low price and on reasonable terms her very desirable home on the north side of Maple avenue, containing nearly one acre of land, good large house, barn with shed and plenty small fruit: live running water in the house, good cistern and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 15.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have had placed in our hands by Edmund James six valuable lots formerly owned by the late Mason I. James, whose property consisted of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at $250 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $400. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get a lot before they are gone.

Bargain No. 19.

Here is a royal good chance to get a cheap piece of land in the village of Birmingham. We have had placed in our hands Chas. A. Brush's home in this village, consisting of a cottage one and a half stories high, seven rooms, barn and good outbuildings; plenty of small fruits; will also sell separately if desired, a building lot at the top of the hill, adjoining Geo. Shain; all the land east of the creek, giving about 200 feet front on Saginaw street. At the foot of the hill is another lot of ground available for building purposes; with from 100 to 200 feet front on Saginaw street. Will trade the whole for a farm and give a good bargain. Call at this office.

Bargain No. 22.

We wish to call your attention to a most desirable bargain in real estate, which we are now able to offer on easy terms at a price so low tha any one can see the possibility to

MAKE MONEY.

The property is known as the "Wilde Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of half a mile on each side of Saginaw avenue and about 40 rods on Cemetery avenue, all of which can be platted to great advantage and make desirable lots. With the water works and the prospects of electric lights and an electric railway in the village in the near future, and in view of other improvements already made, we think it worthy of the consideration of speculators. Any further information will be gladly furnished. Address EXCHANGE BANK, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Birmingham? If so, read this and act wisely. We can offer you for only $1,500 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 12 nicely finished rooms; a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, to our idea, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 26

For sale or exchange, a good house and half acre of ground, situated at Southfield Burg. Said house contains 9 rooms, good stone cellar and cistern. There is a good well, barn and plenty of fruit, and everything convenient for a comfortable home. Price low and terms easy. Call on or address the Eccentric office or Mrs C. H. Chapman, Southfield, Mich.

Bargain No. 27.

I have a sixty acre farm for sale, one half mile east of Southfield Centre. A large and nearly new frame house with good cellar, good barns and out buildings, good cistern and never failing supply of spring water; 100 apple trees just commencing to bear; also peach, plum and cherry trees and small fruits. A good bargain for some one as I shall sell cheap. Call at this office or address C. H. Chapman, Southfield, M

Bargain No. 28.

Here's a grand farm for sale, pleasantly situated in the town of Southfield close by the cheese factory, consisting of 165 acres of nice farming lands, 120 acres under cultivation and 45 acres of timber. Good house and barn, 2 good wells, good orchard and plenty of small fruits. Farm nicely watered by River Rouge running through it, making it a farm especially adapted to stock. It is a great grain and grass farm. Terms easy. For particulars call on us or address John H. Johnston, Birmingham, Mich, 24Oct89

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple avenue, close to the business portion of Birmingham, consisting of a house and three lots, owned by E. Spencer Wooster. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, plenty small fruits and a sidewalk that will last for years. Price very reasonable. Call on us or E. S. Wooster.

Bargain No. 33.

Here is a great chance to secure one of the finest homes in Birmingham. We now offer for sale the handsome residence of Jas. Van Every in this village, bounded by Townsend, Bates and Fremont streets. Four large lots, house five years old, good cistern, well and outbuildings; a large barn, plenty of fruits of all kinds. Time given if necessary. Call on us or the owner, James Van Every, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well underdrained, 15 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between the studding, a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ¼ mile of postoffice, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Such farms as this one are very seldom offered for sale, but the owner will part with it and asks only what it is worth. See here, 80 acres of choice land all under cultivation but about ten acres which is beautifully timbered, inside of two miles from Birmingham. Good house, horse and grain barns, with granary detached, corn hog pen, a well and cistern that never fail, having running water for stock through the farm the whole year round. Any one meaning business and wanting above described property will be put in the way of getting full particulars by calling at the ECCENTRIC Real estate office at once.

BARGAIN NO. 36.

Here is where you can get the most and best property for the money in the village of Birmingham, everybody says so! Ask anyone and see if they don't prove our assertion. We have had placed in our hands for sale Joseph Phillip's place just west of the school house, house, barns, wood-shed, wagon-shed and also outbuildings in splendid shape, good well and cistern, dry cellar, large and convenient—House in good condition inside and outside. On the ground floor is a large parlor, bedroom and closet, sitting room, pantry, dining room, bath room and upstairs are halls, two bedrooms and closet. Our word for it, the place ought to bring $1800, but $1450, will take it if accepted soon.

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in another part of the state, I offer for sale or to rent my very desirable new brick dwelling, house, carriage house and lands situated in Birmingham, Mich. The house is built on the most improved and modern plan, well heated with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in abundance through the house, fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, plums, cherries and pears, raspberries and strawberries, 5 acres of land, have always kept 2 cows and one horse. Splendid lawn in fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will rent to right party on long term or will sell at a very low price, on long time with low rate of interest. This place is only 3 minutes walk from depot. Village water works to be complete this coming summer. Call or address M. K. Taber, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots 7 and 8 of Blakeslee's sub-division of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English's property on Saginaw street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 39.

Do you want a nice, little, 14 acre farm less than ¼ of a mile from the village of Birmingham? If so read this. Fourteen acres of nice tillable land, good wells, etc, fine large house newly painted, good barn, plenty of small fruit, etc. This is really a bargain and anyone wanting a farm home near the village should address Mrs. O. L. Robinson, Ithaca, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

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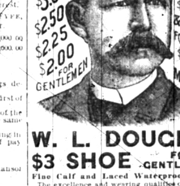

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