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WOLVERINE NEWS

A PROTEGE OF THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL WAS STABBED TO DEATH.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A YOUNG MAN AT OVID.

Items of Interest from all Parts of the State.

One hundred years ago there were twenty-five persons living in the country to every one in the cities. Now the proportion is only three to one. It is easy to guess at causes, but there must be many.

A GOOD Irish Roman Catholic priest the other Sunday indulged in some criticisms of church fairs, "in the course of which he perpetrated the following Irish bull: "It may be true, as some say, that church fairs are semi-religious; but it is also true that they are wholly bad."

PROGRESSIVE civilization and development demand a broader and more highly educated class of mechanics, a more scientific understanding, a wider power of reasoning, a fuller development of the mental powers, which can only be gained by studying theories in combination with the practicle part of the work.

THE mails have been transported from New York to London in seven days and it is proposed to reduce the time to six. English newspapers will then get their American news forty-eight hours sooner than they have heretofore received it, and will be less than one week behind the times. That will be a great stride in British journalism.

THERE are thousands of matters which it is well to keep to ourselves, although public mention of them would be truth-telling of the most absolute kind. There may have been a snirch upon the record of our ancestors, even upon our own, but the truth bawler who reveals it is a coward and a snake. Reticence is one of the lost arts.

GENERAL SHERMAN goes about town almost invariably in the street cars, says the New York Sun. As a rule one of his daughters accompanies him, and the old warrior, in jumping on and off the steps, is as young as many men forty years his junior. "Cabs are all right to look at," he said the other night as he sank in the corner of a Broadway car at Fifty-ninth street, "but they are terrible things to ride in."

THE new western states having built up vast herds of their own, and the home breeding supplying them with most of the young cattle needed to take the place of beeves marketed, Texas was cut off from this outlet for its surplus, and was forced to rely upon the beef markets for much of its demands. At the same time the western ranches greatly increased their quota of beeves. The result was over-production and lower and demoralized markets.

THERE is no more trying business than politics. Men of long experience in the elections in New York watch the leaders of the different parties with an interest that is more or less grewsome. The steady, interminable, and violent wear and tear on the men who head the big political movements tell on their looks, weight and manner so rapidly that the most sturdy constitutions would break down under it if it were not for the short period during which the excitement lasts.

IT has been remarked that during the warm weather of summer John Chinaman appears to be the coolest man about town, and probably does suffer little from the heat. His clothing is light and airy, loose and comfortable, free and easy; his food consists of fruit and vegetables, and he doesn't drink alcoholic or iced drinks. Apparently he does not perspire freely, and is never subject to sunstroke. He works long and steadily, but moderately—deliberately—and seems never to be in a hurry or a worry. We may learn from John.

THERE is no agricultural interest that can begin to compare with that of cattle growing, and there are but few men even among those directly interested in the cattle industry who fully realize and appreciate its extent and magnitude. With the west and southwest the cattle interest outweighs all others, and is the foundation of much of our material wealth. It is so intimately connected and interwoven with the business and industrial fabric of a vast section of our country that its influence for good or bad is quickly felt in the trade world for good or evil, according to its prosperity or depression.

THE record of running and of trotting horses were reduced the past year. Breeders and sporting men contend that this reduction of time is the result of the development of equine powers by judicious breeding and training. Doubtless this has had considerable to do in increasing speed, but it is not likely that it entirely accounts for "breaking the record" of all previous times. Race tracks have been very greatly improved since the time the old "Fashion Course" in Long Island witnessed the performances of Tom Brooks. Only recently have race tracks been constructed at a cost of $10,000 per mile. Then a person was paid $5,000 a year to train and take care of a horse. Then a jockey was not better known throughout the country than a senator. Then the shoeing of race horses was not included among the fine arts.

BRITISH rule in India has resulted in some good. It has abolished the custom of burning widows alive on the funeral pyres of their husbands, except in a few places not often visited by the authorities. It has also put a stop to the custom of offering up female infants to the spirits of the waters. The Ganges no longer bears their bodies to the ocean. The introduction of railways has done much toward abolishing caste distinctions. The members of the different castes are now obliged to touch each other in railway ticket offices and they often occupy the same compartments in railway carriages. They are often obliged to drink from the same cup or go without water, which is very hard to do in a country where the climate provokes thirst. It has not, however, accomplished much in changing the religious ideas of the people. Christianity has made but little progress in India since it has been under British rule.

The Patrons of Similac Center have changed their organization from a political affair to a social-literary club, and propose to keep it going all winter.

The Flint & Pere Marquette company have just completed a survey for their proposed line of piping for a new water service for railroad convenience at Croswell.

Hev. C. B. Gale, assisted by Rev. H. J. Lewis, London evangelist, is conducting a revival at Marquette. Over 100 have been converted and the number is added to daily.

Col. Bliss has given up hope in the eighth district and will not make a contest, saying in a card which he has issued, that it would be useless in a democratic house.

Maud Smith of Essexville, 17 years old, has been missing from home since Tuesday, and as her cousin, Simon Abrams, is also missing it is supposed that they have eloped.

Two brothers of Reading, named Cox, quarreled and one of the boys deliberately shot the other in the hip. The wounded boy will probably recover, but the shooter is in jail.

There are mineral springs' up at Reed City. It is said that a fellow with an eye to business is going to buy them and make the town into a thriving summer resort and sanitarium.

A number of Saginaw capitalists have incorporated the Michigan log towing company at Saginaw with $75,000 capital. Logs will be towed from Saginaw Bay by the new company.

The Springport agricultural bureaus' association, in the name of Michigan's newest county fair association. It was organized at Springport, with Ben. Joy as president.

The Owosso people have to carry lanterns to see their way around town now because the gas contract has run out and the electric light will not be completed until week after next.

The Michigan passenger agents at their regular monthly meeting in Grand Rapids Thursday, decided to issue round trip tickets during the holidays at one and one-third price for the trip.

Martha, M. Tompkins, owner of the Grand Rapids Workingman's Home, in the city for $10,000 because one of the town officers said the hall was not a safe place for a crowd to assemble in.

Mrs. James A. Jackson, daughter of Judge Randolph Manning (late of the supreme court of Michigan) and wife of a prominent citizen of Pontiac, died in that city the other day of paralysis.

Two foolish Montague girls masqueraded in boys' attire Saturday night. It was awfully jolly until the people found it out, and they cried all the way home, followed by a big crowd of jeering spectators.

Jaques Peters, one of the two convicts who escaped from the Marquette prison last week, has been recaptured at Champion. He might have got away if he had kept out drinks and gone around telling about his escape.

The annual meeting of the ex-prisoners of war was held at Ionia, Friday, with a large number in attendance. W. H. Beasley of Ithaca was elected president, Jos. D. Richards of Ionia secretary-treasurer; J. S. Preston, chaplain.

The Michigan Christian conference met in Middleton Friday and elected as officers Devo of Oxford, president; E. Mudge of Durand, treasurer. A lot of routine business was transacted and a general discussion of church topics followed.

Menominee had a series of burglaries that seem to warrant H. O. Fifield in calling for better police work. Monday night the brick vault of Peters & Morrison's bank was broken into and $350 in cash and a lot of valuable papers stolen.

Grant Chandler, who lives four miles from Charlotte, was taken in custody last night with all the symptoms of hydrophobia. He was bitten by a dog four years ago. His convulsions were very violent Friday and he is not expected to live.

An attempt was made to enter the Vicksburg postoffice Wednesday night, but the burglars were frightened away after knocking down a door in the basement and leaving behind a pick and shovel which they had stolen from a neighboring hardware store.

Frank Knapp, an professional athlete, a deputy sheriff, a police court stenographer and several other high-up citizens of Bangor, went hunting Tuesday and bagged a fine lot, and the joke is on the unknown man who they got home to be arrested for shooting quail and woodcock out of season.

The annual election of the Grand Rapids board of trade Tuesday resulted in the choice of 31 of the best known business men of the city as members of the directorate and assured the boom for the improvement of the river channel from there to Grand Haven.

Delegates from 23 Patron of Industry lodges, four granges and three farmers' clubs met at Ann Arbor last week and perfected an organization. It was the intention to make it a political affair, but the delegates would not stand it and a literary organization was perfected.

The cylinder head of the columbo, the large engine of the Calumet, recently broken the other day, by the breaking of the piston rod, which smashed into the cylinder head. Flying pieces of the broken steel narrowly missed the engineers who were in the engine room. No one was hurt.

John Adam Bohnett, a farmer living midway between Ann Arbor and Dexter, sued out an injunction Thursday restraining the new street railway company from going by his house. He claims that the franchise is faulty, that he never gave the permission, and he intends fighting it to the bitter end.

Louis Wolfe of Lotisville was locked up in Grand Rapids a month ago for habitual drunkenness. Tuesday he was released and some of his friends proposed to send him home, but his father telegraphed not to do it, as he had disgraced the family enough, spent $30,000 in debauches, and the family did not want it back.

The recent election in Allegan county gave Flish, republican, for sheriff, one vote over Hart, the democrat, made a contest and enough errors were found to give him a majority of one. Flish now proposes to take the case to the supreme court, but the voters of the county will have to pay the $1,000 that it cost for the recount.

They have a real nice family row in Otsego. A year ago Mrs. Carpenter left her husband because of his alleged cruelty to her parents, who had George arrested for larceny, claiming that he did not have a divorce. George proved that he had, and then had the old man arrested for perjury. The latter still languishes in jail, and the other day Hayville Carpenter, a son-in-law, assaulted Mrs. Carpenter, a daughter, and is now in jail.

Jackson people are overhauling their charter, and these are some of the amendments they will see that the legislature makes: Boundary lines of the city to be extended one-half mile east, west, north and south; the boundary lines of the seventh and eighth wards, divide the wards into election precincts; providing for the election of a police justice, under a salary, and requiring all officials of the city whose salary is $1,000 or over to furnish a bond for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

The people of the small towns in Sanilac county are actually suffering for fuel and are unable to get any, owing to the almost impassable condition of the roads.

The lawsuit between Hattie A. Baird and Charles Watson, at Port Huron, is on its third trial in Grand Rapids. That cow has been replevined and cross-replevined, has jumped herself with newspaper hay at the barn of the plaintiff in the morning, to have it settled with pumpkins at the barn of the defendant in the afternoon, and has cost more to each side than it cows ought to cost. The cow is no good, and nobody cannot decide to which she belongs, and worrying over the fact has soured her disposition and spoiled her.

GRAND RAPIDS.

Ives, the farmers' alliance candidate for attorney general of Kansas, had a plurality of 42,000 over Kellogg, the republican, who ran 11,000 ahead of his ticket.

Gen. George S. Batchelor, newly appointed United States Minister to Portugal, sailed from New York Sunday by the steamer Normandie, of the French line.

David Gowenlock, the cashier who wrecked the bank of Conring, Gowenlock & Co., at Mt. Carmel, Ill., has not got yet been located. He took between $20,000 $30,000.

A train on the Kansas City, Wyandotte & Northwestern railway went through a bridge over the Kaw river, in Kansas City, Ka., Tuesday and Firemen Prod Allen and three colored men were killed.

Himson Kaufman and wife were arre ted at Oskaloosa, Ia., Saturday on the charge of abducting a 14-months-old child of Kansas City parents. Kaufman is a Hebrew peddler. The child was with them.

The three flint glass factory buildings of the Illinois Glass Works at Alton, Ill., were destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The loss is $100,000 and 500 men lose their source of employment as the result of it.

Fire destroyed the most valuable part of the Bellaire (Ohio) stamping works the day evening. Loss, $100,000. The heavy loss was in the machinery for stamping, nickeling and silvering ware and the raw material.

An epidemic of diphtheria is raging at Garner, Ia. The schools are closed and deaths from the disease are occurring daily. The board of health attributes the sickness to the unclean water which is used by the people of that place.

At Sioux City, Ia., Wednesday, Henry Riding, a burly negro, attempted to prevent workmen from laying tracks across a lot he demands $8,000 for which he has been appraised at $17,000. He was pounded almost to death by the police and then locked up.

During a religious revival at Birmingham, Ala., Mary Davis and Rhoda Wright went insane and commenced hugging each other. Rhoda died in a few days and the Davis woman landed upon the Wright woman so heavily that the latter died from the injuries received.

Chronic Coughs and Colds

And all diseases of the Throat and Lungs can be cured by the use of Scott's Emulsion, as it contains the healing virtues of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites in their full extent. "I consider Scott's Emulsion a remedy par-excellence in Tuberculous and Pulmonary Affections, to say nothing of ordinary colds and throat troubles." W. R. CONNELL, M. D., Manchester, O.

Death of Bishop Beckwith.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 25.—John Wilmer Beckwith, bishop of the diocese of Georgia, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, died Sunday from a shock of paralysis. He was in his 60th year, a native of North Carolina, and a graduate of Trinity college, Hartford. He was consecrated Bishop of Georgia in April, 1885.

"The Gem of Tennessee Valley."

It is in the Valley of Tennessee, a name synonymous with the "rich planters before the war, that the greatest development in the New South are apparent. Dayton, a city of 6,000, surrounded by an inexhaustible supply of coal, iron and timber, is the "queen of the Valley," and offers unparalleled opportunities to investors in money and brains. Two furnaces are now in blast, New York capital is the owner. Among the other industries now in operation are two flour mills, pump works, planing mill and brick works, with a tin and pipe works, a stove foundry and a huge rolling mill under way. A strong northern syndicate has been formed to promote the interests of Dayton and under their auspices a grand public auction sale of lots will occur at Dayton, Dec. 3, 4 and 5. Thousands of people are going to attend the sale, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton R. R. will have excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip from all points in Ohio on Dec. 3 and 5. For rates and further information call on or address any C. H. & D. agent, or E. O. McCormick, passenger and Ticket Agent, Cincinnati, send for a handsome illustrated Dayton report. Ample accommodations at the hotels for all.

The Alliance for the Paddock Pure Food Bill—and against the Cooper Bill.

The following resolutions were adopted by the executive committee of Alliance, October 29:

WHEREAS, The adulteration and poisoning practiced in the sale of condemned articles of food can be prevented under the power of congress to regulate commerce between the states;

AND WHEREAS, such a measure would be more effectual than one under the power of Congress to tax and so indirectly regulate the business, and yet would not injure one industry for the benefit of another;

Therefore, Resolved, That we approve and endorse the Paddock Pure Food Bill, which takes one industry from the Senator Allison, and we protest against the Pork Packers bill, which would tax one industry for the benefit of another industry for the benefit of the pork packers and lard bull, which takes one industry from the benefit of the pork packers and lard in the business.

THE MARKETS

Detroit.

Apples, per bbl	$ 2 50	@ 2 75
Beans, per bush	1 60	@ 1 70
Butter, per lb	16	@ 18
Beeves	2 25	@ 3 25
Beans, unpicked, per bu	1 50	@ 1 75
" dry hand-picked	2 00	@ 2 10
Cabbage, per 100 heads	4 00	@ 5 00
Eggs, per doz	27	@ 28
Hides, green, per lb	2	@ 3
" country cured	3	@ 4
Hay, No. 1, per ton	16 00	@ 17 00
Mess pork, per bbl	15 00	@ 15 50
Poultry, dressed, per lb, chickens	8	@ 10
" ducks	8	@ 10
" geese	7	@ 8
" turkeys	8	@ 10
" pigeons, per pair	20	@ 25
Potatoes, per bu	20	@ 25
Straw, per ton	6 00	@ 7 00
Wool, fine, per lb	28	@ 30
" coarse	25	@ 28
Tallow, per lb	4	@ 4
Vegetables, celery, per doz	20	@ 25
" cauliflower	50	@ 60
" onions, per bu	2 00	@ 2 50
Wheat, red spot, No. 1	74½	@ 75
" red spot, No. 2	69	@ 70
" white spot, No. 2	70	@ 71
Corn, No. 2 spot	37	@ 38
Oats, No. 2 yellow	26	@ 26½
Oats, No. 2 white, spot	26	@ 26½
Clover seed	4 00	@ 4 05
Barley	1 00	@ 1 12½
Rye	50	@ 52½

Live Stock.

BUFFALO.

Cattle—Active demand, higher and firmer; export steers, good to extra, $4 15@5; choice heavy steers, $4 50@4 60; fancy do, $4 75@5; choice heavy steady; lands lower, slow; sheep choice to extra, $4 75@5; good to choice, $4 25@4 40; lambs, choice to extra, $5 50@5; good to choice, $5 40@5; Hogs—Fair demand, higher for top grades, medium, heavy and mixed, $4@4 05.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—Market active, strong and higher; prime to choice export steers, $4 90@5 25; others, $4@4 75; good to choice butcher grades, $3 20@4 25; Hogs—Market active, 5@10c higher; mixed and butchers' weights, $3 75@4 05; light, $3 80@4 05; pigs, $3 25@3 75; rough packers, $3 80@3 90; heavy and butchers' weights, $3 90