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THE person who will turn his cheek to get it slapped a second time will do very well to read about, but when you come to number him among your acquaintances he is apt to be wearisome.

THE bondage of the opium habit is as hopeless as the bondage of death. The professional man who carelessly leads a patient into this bondage is as much a destroyer as if he had blown out the victim's brains.

THE remains of a hippopotamus were discovered near London the other day imbedded several feet below the surface of the earth. They had evidently lain there for a very long period, and the question arises, was the hippopotamus once a native of England or were there prehistoric circuses?

THE advantages of scientific education are beginning to be appreciated in all branches of industry. It is now acknowledged that a successful brick maker, these days, must be a good chemist or he will not be able to compete in the market. Brickmaking is beginning to take its place among the sciences. In old times it was a matter of experiment.

THE people of an American town will live in disease-breeding filth and drink poisoned water; they will allow foreign emigrants to come among them with infected clothing and rags. Then when typhoid fever or diphtheria, scarlet fever or small-pox, yellow fever or cholera breaks out, they lay all the blame on Providence, instead of removing the cause and thus stopping the disease.

IT is not so strange that those who have been born in ignorance, and whose lives have always been subject to the disadvantages and degradations which such a condition begets, should fail to have their children grow up in a different way. For the most part, they are too much occupied with obtaining food and clothing for them to think or act upon the equally important subject, the developing and expanding of the mind.

IT is a grave mistake that people make nowadays when they assert that no young man can any longer succeed in business without capital. There are scores of cases of young men who, entirely unassisted by other capital than their brains and character, are rapidly achieving success in a financial way as well. The same qualities which it took to succeed in the days of yore will still lead on to success to-day.

THE Washington monument has suffered severely from bad weather. It has become dry and gritty, and a professional "steeple climber" has been engaged to give it a coat of grease. American weather is more than even monuments of bronze and granite can sustain, and it is probably on account of the weather that the Grant monument in New York has been postponed.

FEW, very few realize how much can be gained by one winter's systematic course of close reading; by the choice of a topic and the diligent pursuit of it after working hours in a single season. And one reason why they don't realize it is, that they never take the trouble to select a topic but aimlessly read here a little and there a little, just as their fancy for the moment prompts them. Reading as with everything else we undertake, should have a purpose.

WHAT is the use of going through life with your eyes shut and your ears stopped, so everlastingly meek and quiet that you never redress a wrong or champion a righteous but losing cause? It is one thing to be patient under merely personal injury, forgiving and long-suffering in the endurance of affront, but it is quite another thing to be a politic old hypocrite, afraid to call your soul your own for fear of giving offense, or to right a wrong for fear of losing a vote.

NEXT year will see an expedition started for the antarctic regions under the Australian governments and Mr. Dickson, the well-known Swedish promoter of polar enterprises. Professor Nordenskjold will either command the expedition or will be active in preparing a programme of work it will try to accomplish. A half century has elapsed without any attempt to complete the work of Sir James Ross, who discovered a great antarctic continent from whence arose two volcanos equal to Ætna or Mount Blanc. No human being has ever passed a winter within the antarctic zone, and we have yet to learn whether any land animals exist there.

THERE is scarcely an event of authentic antiquity that is not disputed either by contemporaneous writers or by the scholars of subsequent times. If admitted in the bare fact, such as the result of great battles, most details causative of the result are in controversy. There is no agreement concerning motives, accessories or methods in nine of ten great episodes, while in commentary upon aims and agencies writers have been as widely different in their convictions as it is possible for the imagination and logic of man to differ in opinionation. Yet how few readers of any historical author ever take time or thought to read another equally worthy of respect and credence upon the same incident, the same character!

THE statistics of passenger railroad service in England illustrates as well as anything, perhaps, the difference between the English and American working man. In this country few railroads find that it pays to run second class cars on their trains. Mighty few citizens of the United States unless very recently over from the old country, will condescend to ride any way but first class. Not so in England. There they have three classes—first, second and third class carriages and rates. The rate in the first class is higher than the corresponding rate in America, and the accommodations are about as good, except there is no fire. In the second class there is a great falling off in comfort and a slight diminution of the price. The third class is cheap and nasty.

OUR OWN STATE.

WHAT THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN ARE DOING AND SAYING.

ANOTHER FAILURE REPORTED AT SAGINAW.

Items of Interest from All Parts of Michigan.

Another Big Failure.

SAGINAW, Dec. 9.—Lewis D. Sanborn of the lumber firm of Brown & Sanborn, a hitherto very much respected citizen, has disappeared. It is said to-night that he is involved to the extent of $50,000. On Saturday last, notes of Mr. Sanborn fell due at one of the Saginaw banks, and as they were unhonored, the endorsers were notified. It was then discovered that two notes for $500 each had been raised to $3,500 and $4,500 respectively after having been endorsed. These notes, it is said, were endorsed by Mosier & Fisher of West Bay City. Another note for $500, endorsed by Stevens & LaDue, when presented was found to have been raised to $2,500. Several Saginaw banks are interested in these notes.

The cause of Sanborn's failure is attributed to the fact that he personally bought a tract of pine land on the Loon Lake branch of the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena Railroad near Tawas, for which it is said he gave much paper in payment, and the paper falling due at a time when he was unable to meet it brought about his embarrassment. Sanborn's financial troubles, it is thought, do not involve Archie Brown, his business partner.

Lew Sanborn is a son of George G. Sanborn, who for many years has stood high in business and social circles in the Saginaw Valley. Sanborn is said to have left the city without having made known where he was going.

Shot a Wolf in Hillsdale County.

HILLSDALE, Dec. 9.—A large gray wolf was killed about three miles south of this city last Saturday by Ed Van Volkenburgh of this city. Mr. Van Volkenburgh was hunting rabbits and just shot one when the wolf jumped out of a cluster of bushes quite near him. He fired the other barrel of his gun at him and wounded him so severely that his wolfship ran into a hollow log, from which Mr. V. pulled him out and killed him. The wolf had been prowling around in the vicinity of where he was killed for more than a year and has caused much havoc among the flocks of the farmers of Cambria and Woodbridge townships. It is said that others have been seen in that vicinity this winter and a hunter reports that he shot and wounded one a few days ago.

Fatal Accident.

WAYNE, Dec. 9.—A sad and fatal accident occurred at Romulus Sunday. Frederick Sherman, 18 years of age, was out hunting and coming to a fence, leaned his gun against it and climbed over. He then reached for his gun, but in lifting it over the hammer struck against a rail and the gun was discharged. The entire load of shot took effect in the neck and nearly severed the head from the body. Young Sherman was a son of Alonzo Sherman, and was a young man of excellent promise and highly respected.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Escanaba is to have a new telephone exchange.

Coldwater saloonists paid $7,315 in taxes the past year.

Work has been begun on the new furniture factory at Grand Haven.

Charles J. Harris has been elected chief of the Coldwater fire department.

The present freshman class at the Michigan school of mines has 32 members.

M. J. Martin of Mason has been elected master of the Lenawee county grange.

C. S. Brown of Toledo is in Jackson figuring on a franchise for a street railroad.

Robert Frazer's house, one mile from Allegan, burned Sunday, with a loss of 1,000.

The average daily output of the Newberry furnace during her last blast was 45 tons.

Harvey C. Beeson of Detroit has many friends who are pushing him for game warden.

Mrs. Evaline Metcalf, who has lived in Fowlerville since 1835, died in that village Saturday.

J. Lamar of Hope college has accepted a call to the Seventh Reformed church at Grand Rapids.

The East house at Farwell was burned Sunday morning. It was the largest hotel in Clare county.

A Lake Shore train instantly killed Mrs. Sophia Williams, 60 years old, of Allegan, near that town Saturday night.

Christian Arnsbacher's residence at Adrian just completed, but unoccupied, burned Sunday at a loss of $1,000.

Frank H. Peters, the newly elected prosecutor of Luce county wants Gov. Winans to appoint him game warden.

The Newberry furnace company consumes upwards of 36,000 cords of wood per year in the manufacture of pig iron.

A St. Ignace train boy is under arrest charged with theft. He was given a $10 bill to change and only gave back 75 cents.

The Patrons of Industry have started a scheme to own a $100,000 store at Lansing and supply the smaller stores in the state.

Harrington & Agen's store at St. Clair Springs burned Sunday morning, with its contents. Loss about $2,500; insured for $1,500.

The Patrons of Industry of Kent county have started a co-operative store with $10,000 capital, of which just $1,000 is paid in.

Wells Fields, 82 years old, one of the pioneer residents of Allegan, dropped dead from his chair while at the supper table Saturday night. Heart disease.

Hon. D. D. McMartin, ex-member of the state legislature from Kalamazoo and one of the pioneer physicians in the county, died Sunday night, aged 82 years.

James S. Cowgill, an old resident of Kalamazoo county and a prominent citizen of Lawton for the past quarter of a century, died Sunday, aged 79 years.

A 12 year old daughter of John Hookstra of Holland was instantly killed by the cars Sunday as her father was lifting her over the coupling between two cars.

Patrick Connely of Ludington, a brakeman on the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad, had his right arm horribly crushed while shackling cars at Baldwin Thursday.

Mamie Starr, who claims East Tawas as her home, was convicted of murdering Frank and Grace Newland in a Chicago court Saturday and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Job Spencer of Albion, a former business man of considerable prominence and one of the oldest residents of the town, died Sunday morning of paralysis. He was 60 years old.

Matthew McCormick, vice president of the Branch county alliance and a prominent member of the Union veteran's union, was found dead in his bed Sunday morning. Heart disease.

Dan Soper, the newly elected secretary of state, has a scheme. Instead of taking sons of well-to-do parents for pages and the like, he believes in picking out bright newsboys and giving them a show.

The lumbering firms in Luce county will harvest 30,000,000 feet of logs during the winter. A large number of logs cut last winter and held over on account of the break up last season will be included in the drive next spring.

David Ballantine of Bay City turned up missing a short time ago and his wife called in the assistance of the police. They found Dave in Saginaw, and he is now in custody on a charge of non-support preferred by his wife.

The mill owners in the Saginaw valley have got together, talked over the season, looked at the fire record and decided that they have had an unprofitable season, and that fire has wiped out a number of the best plants in the valley.

Those who claim to know say that the summarized vote of Methodists in Michigan on the question of admitting women to the general conference stands in favor of the affirmative. The German Methodists as a rule vote against.

The east bound limited on the Michigan Central struck a milk sleigh at Kalamazoo Saturday night, instantly killing B. D. Whitbeck, the driver, and smashing the sleigh. Fred Chambers who was with Whitbeck escaped by jumping.

Judge Perrott of Bay City had a petit jury case the other day and proposed to adjourn at five o'clock in the afternoon. The jury objected and the judge got even with them by refusing to adjourn the court at all until the case was finished long after midnight.

Daniel Stokes of Greenville has spent his spare time the past three years raising cats of the same color and then killing them. He did not do it for fun alone, and now has the finest robe in that section made of 29 catskins. Local experts say it is worth $75.

John D. Nichols, formerly assistant postmaster at Berrien Springs, a man of good family and liberal education, has been sentenced to two years in the Detroit house of correction and to pay a fine of $428.78 for stealing postal order funds. He stole the money to gamble with.

Bement & Sons' implement works at Lansing caught fire Thursday night and burned until $2,500 damage was done. The firm is a hustler, and before the blaze was out on one end of the building had a gang of workmen laboring at the other. The loss will be fully covered by insurance.

Mrs. Laura Clermont, who has been living in a tumble-down hut on the outskirts of Kalamazoo for years, has at last been taken in hand by the authorities. She has considerable money, but believes the whole world has conspired to rob her, and abuses everyone going near to offer assistance.

Charles D. Haines of New York, owner of the Ypsilanti & Ann Arbor street railway, was driving with his wife Monday when the horse took fright and ran away, throwing both occupants from their carriage. Mr. Haines was badly cut about the head and Mrs. Haines seriously injured.

A portion of Scotten's tobacco factory in Detroit was burned on Tuesday morning, involving a loss of about $125,000, insured for about $107,000. Two firemen, O. G. Robinson and Patrick Coughlan, were killed while trying to extinguish the flames, and several others were severely injured.

A twelve-year-old daughter of Frederick Krenger of Monroe, was instantly killed by a Lake Shore railroad train on the trestle bridge, four miles below Monroe, Thursday. The father saved the other two children, who were accompanying himself and the daughter, by plunging into the creek with them.

Frederick Emmert, employe of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad company, was arrested in Chicago Saturday at the instance of the company charged with keeping on the pay roles and drawing the salary of a man who had died over a year before. He was taken back to Saginaw in charge of an officer.

Daniel Austin of New York state went to Davison a short time ago and made love to his niece, making her believe that he was no blood relation. After they had been married she learned differently, and now Austin is on the road back from New York state, where he was captured on the serious charge made against him. The girl is held blameless.

A Saginaw young man named Wixom had a felon on his hand and wanted to shake it. Somebody told him that salt and turpentine were good for it, and he bandaged the finger with the combination. He held his bandaged hand in the fire to see what the effect would be, and now he knows. He does not feel the felon any more, but it will be weeks before the hand and arm are well of the burns.

Mrs. Leander Mackey of Manistee left her three children at home Tuesday afternoon while she went away on an errand. The children got hold of some matches while she was gone, and were having a torchlight procession when the clothing of the 6-year-old child caught fire, and the litte one was fearfully burned before the mother returned. The flesh dropped in chunks from the body and the child died in a short time.

Sheriff Bishop of Kent county, with the candidate who was defeated at the late election, is doing his level best to keep Sheriff-elect McQueen from taking his seat. They claim he is an alien and has no right to vote, let alone holding office. Gen. Rutherford, McQueen's counsel, admits that McQueen was born in Canada, but says he came to Michigan when a mere child and does not need naturalization papers. The case will go to the courts.

Allegan is excited over the oil well that was struck there three years ago and abandoned. It is hinted that experts, who have recently made an examination, say the oil is the best in the world, and the inhabitants, who have been putting two and two together since then, think that they find four in the fact that the Standard oil company figured with the man who owned the land and had the well closed down. A company, stocked at $2,000, has been started, and they will begin to bore next week.

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that the Ashleys are talking of buying the Peters logging road between Luther and Manistee for the purpose of using it in connection with a road they are thinking of building between Mt. Pleasant and Luther. The road, if built, will run through Big Rapids and traverse the line mapped out for the Chippewa Valley, being the Chippewa Valley road in everything but management.

Robert and Jude Smith were brothers and lived on a farm near Linwood, some eight miles from Bay City. Jude is now dead and his brother Robert occupies a cell in the Bay county jail, charged with the murder of his brother. The affair happened in this way. The two brothers occupied neighboring farms and had a dispute about some lumber that had been cut by Jude and which his hired man, Charles Ott, was carting away. Robert appeared on the scene and ordered Ott to let the wood alone. Ott paid no attention to the order and Robert went off for his gun. When he came back Jude was on the scene, and when Robert threatened to shoot the oxen if they were used in hauling the lumber, Jude called his brother a coward. Robert, who was not more than 20 feet away from his brother, leveled his gun and shot Jude dead on the spot. The two brothers, with their parents, reside in the vicinity on different farms and all accounts agree in saying that Robert had no cause for shooting his brother. After the shooting, two neighbors took Robert into custody and held him until the sheriff arrived. Both men were married and have families.

Hon. B. J. Smith, state senator from the Wheeling, W. Va., district, is dead.

Ten thousand families in Nebraska are reported in need of assistance, owing to the almost total failure of crops in 12 counties in the state. The governor promises relief when the legislature meets, but declines to appeal to other states for help.

Michael Hawkins of Pittsburgh; Thos. Collins of Cleveland; Martin Conway of Youngstown, O., and George Jackson of Akron, O., have sailed from New York for Liverpool and thence to Africa on a tour of exploration. They are single men and have saved several thousand dollars, with which they propose to show that Stanley has given the world an exaggerated account of the perils of Africa.

GETTING BETTER.

THAT'S WHAT THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL SAYS ABOUT US.

LIVES LOST THROUGH AN EXPLOSION AT JOLIET, ILL.

The News of the Past Week Summarized for Busy Readers.

The Attorney-General's Report.

Attorney-General Miller in his annual report, just made public, says that for several years past the attorney-general in his annual report has called attention to the necessity for legislation for the relief of the courts, and especially the supreme court. It is a matter of congratulation that during the last session of congress each house passed a comprehensive bill for this purpose, which bills have reached conference committees.

In a chapter in regard to the difficulty of enforcing the law of the land the attorney-general says:

In some parts of the country the lawlessness to which attention was called in the last annual report of this department continues. The enforcement of the internal revenue laws and of the United States election laws is particularly resisted, and officers of the internal revenue as well as United States marshals are frequently met with violence and are occasionally the victims of assassination at the hands of those guilty of violating these and other laws, and their friends. Several assassinations of officers and witnesses, with the purpose of impeding the execution of the laws and orders of the United States have occurred during the past year. Within the last ten days a deputy marshal attempting to serve a warrant for the arrest of a man for violation of the postal laws was shot and instantly killed by the man sought to be arrested; and on a preliminary examination before a magistrate of the state the prisoner was promptly discharged.

It is certainly an anomoly in government that those who have committed murders for the purpose of stopping prosecution in the federal courts should not only not be punished but not even be put upon trial, although in at least two cases in one district during 1890, well known. Yet such is the fact. It is needless to say that the federal courts have an adequate jurisdiction of these offenses. He suggests that these criminals be tried in the United States courts.

In prosecutions for violations of the election laws in several districts, convictions and pleas of guilty have been obtained in many cases. As an illustration, however, of the difficulties met in such prosecutions, the district attorney for one district reports that in a certain county, a number of whose citizens were convicted of violations of the election laws, the county court ordered all fines and costs assessed against them to be paid out of the county treasury; and in another county, a number of whose citizens were in a like manner convicted, or had pleaded guilty to indictments for such offenses in the United States court, $1,300 was actually paid out of the county treasury upon such fines and costs in one day. These facts speak for themselves.

Indians Still Restless.

A Chicago dispatch, dated December 8th, says: Gen. Miles said today: "Generals Ruger and Brooke have been doing all they could to put the small number of available troops in position to be useful, and so far as possible, staying the threatened cyclone, yet the end of the Indian troubles is by no means immediately at hand. No other civilized country on the face of the earth would tolerate many thousands of armed savages scattered through different states and territories. The people of Texas, Western Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Arizona and New Mexico are seriously interested in this subject. While the fire may be suppressed in one place, it will be still smouldering and liable to break out at other places, where the least expected, under the present system."

Gen. Miles has from Lieut. Gaston of the Eighth cavalry a report of the council held with the Cheyennes at the mission on Tongue River, Mont., with reference to these matters, and Lieut. Gaston reports that at this conference there were present Spotted Wolf, Old Crow, White Elk, Badger, Porcupine and a number of other Cheyennes, Sioux and Fire Crow, an Ogallalla Sioux.

Advices from the Indian country have been received at army headquarters stating that everything was reported quiet, and that there had been no dancing since Wednesday last. All rations have been ordered for the Indians. The Seventh Infantry from Fort Logan, Denver, Col., have reached Fort Yates and the Seventh Infantry are at Rapid City. The First Infantry are near the Rosebud Agency. There are now nearly 6,000 soldiers in the northwest Indian country where the excitement exists. Gen. Brooke has under his command at Pine Ridge Agency nearly 1,500 troops, and about 700 horses.

A Wealthy Convict.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 9.—It is not often that a convict is possessed of a fortune of $30,000, but one has just died at Stillwater leaving that amount to a fellow convict. Six years ago Walter Williams became engaged to Miss Mathilde Kittleson of Winona county, and two days before the day set for the wedding borrowed $500 of her and ran away. In anger and disappointment she had him traced and arrested at Rushford, but repented of her harshness and married him in jail to save him from punishment. He was soon released, but committed a forgery and was sent to Stillwater for a term of years. At the prison he met Edgar Wilson, a life convict, a son of wealthy parents. Wilson and Williams became warm friends. Williams was released on a pardon and Wilson died in prison, leaving Williams all his property, valued at $30,000, in remembrance of his kindness while they were in prison together.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

All railway shares are lower on the London stock exchange.

The Mississippi river is one mass of ice blocks at Burlington, Ia.

New York's clearing house had $11,755,000 out at the end of last week.

The bank of Commerce of West Superior, Wis., has made an assignment.

The Hessian fly is reported as destroying the wheat crop in every county in Illinois.

E. C. Thomas, the son of the mayor of Palmyra, Mo., is under arrest for forgery.

A dispatch from Des Moines states that the widow of the late Gen. W. W. Belknap is in actual need.

Johnson & Johnson's spoke factory at Anna, O., has been totally destroyed by fire. Loss, $10,000.

The Toronto trades and labor council will take action with a view to decreasing Chinese immigration.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Field was celebrated in New York Monday night.

The December coal output in New York has been restricted to 2,500,000 tons by the agents of the various companies.

George Heyman's mattress factory in New York has been destroyed by fire. Loss, $50,000; nearly covered by insurance.

A package containing 750,000 francs has been stolen between Ostend and Antwerp. It was sent by a London bank to Amsterdam.

Gen. Miles thinks the end of the Indian trouble is not near at hand. He is of the opinion that the Indian should be disarmed.

Henry C. Lowe, a popular steamboat agent at Memphis, Tenn., has disappeared. He had about $500 with him, and foul play is suspected.

Messrs. V. and A. Meyer & Co. of New Orleans believe they will be able to pay dollar for dollar, although their liabilities are estimated at $1,750,000.

The treasury department at Washington has decided that maple molasses or maple syrup must pay duty as a manufactured article at 20 per cent ad valorem.

Three persons who drank beer at a St. Paul saloon Tuesday night were poisoned, and one of them, an unknown man, died in the police station. The others will recover.

A special election for a mayor of Milwaukee was held Monday, Mr. Peck having been elected governor. Peter J. Somers, dem., was elected by an overwhelming majority.

John N. Asier, cashier of the Allerton packing company at Chicago was robbed in the office of the establishment Tuesday afternoon of $3,200 in cash by two men, who presented revolvers to his head and demanded the money.

The national farmers' alliance convention at Ocala, Fla., has appointed a committee of one member from each state delegation to investigate the conduct of President Polk, Chairman McCune and L. F. Livingstone in reference to the Georgia senatorship. It is charged that these men were influenced by money considerations.

CONGRESSIONAL SUMMARY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—SENATE—Mr. Paddock presented the protest of the Farmer's Alliance, now in convention at Ocala, Fla., against the passage of the Conger lard bill. Mr. Sherman introduced three bills and one amendment to a bill, all of which were referred to the finance committee. After discussing several unimportant resolutions the senate resumed consideration of the election bill and after an executive session adjourned. HOUSE—The chief consideration of the house was a resolution directing the president to request the widow of Gen. U. S. Grant to permit the removal of the remains of her illustrious husband to Arlington cemetery; no action was taken. Other matters considered were the senate bill appropriating $100,000 for the purchase of additional rations for the Sioux Indians, which was passed, and the senate bill for the retirement of Gen. Geo. Stoneman with the rank of colonel, which was also passed. Adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—SENATE—After some preliminary resolutions had been considered Mr. Hoar moved to proceed to the consideration of the election bill, but on the suggestion that Mr. Gray was temporarily absent he withdrew the motion and then asked unanimous consent to have a time fixed (Friday next at 4 p. m.) for taking the final vote on the bill. The motion was discussed at length but not voted upon, and after a short executive session the senate adjourned. HOUSE—Mr. McKinley reported from the ways and means committee and the house passed the bill providing for a rebate on tobacco in stock equal to the reduction made in the internal revenue tax by the last tariff bill. Mr. McKinley merely stated that the bill was similar to the provision of the tariff bill, section 30, which had been omitted in the enrolling of that measure, and on the declaration by Mr. Mills of Texas that it was "all right" no opposition was made to its passage. Adjourned.

The house bill to pay James S. Smith of Kalamazoo, who was a member of Company I, Eight Michigan Infantry, $20 a month, has passed the senate.

Representative Hansborough has introduced a bill providing for the disarmament of the Indians and making it a punishable offense for any person to sell arms or ammunition to them.

Senator McMillan has presented a petition from Phelps, Brace & Co. and ten other wholesale grocery firms of Detroit, praying for the passage of legislation, providing for rebates on unbroken factory packages of tobacco in stock on January 1, 1891.

A bill has been introduced by Representative Quackenbush of New York providing that all officers and privates of the volunteer force of the union who served in the late war, and who were on duty on the 30th of April, 1865, shall be deemed to be honorably discharged.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: Romualdo Pacheco of California, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Central American States; William Monaghan of Ohio, to be United States consul at Hamilton, Ont.

Windom's Policy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The amount of 4 per cent. bonds accepted today under the circular of December 6 was $4,591,000, for which a disbursement of about $5,550,000 in money will be made. The secretary of the treasury says that in view of all the conditions he will accept additional offers of fours at a reasonable price of a sufficient amount to make the total purchases $8,000,000, for which he said the expenditures will be nearly $10,000,000. The secretary says further that it was manifestly impossible under existing conditions for him to use fractional currency now in the treasury in the purchase of bonds, for the reason that it would at once be returned to him in exchange for greenbacks, and leave him with a deficiency instead of a surplus. There is about $19,000,000 of fractional currency in the treasury, of which all but $2,000,000 is in silver half-dollars. As it is legal tender to the amount of $10 only, it is not regarded as a part of the available cash balance. The secretary said he would like very much to get it into circulation, but that he certainly should not do so at the expense of his limited available surplus.

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES

The forces of the Congo state have had several fights with natives.

John Hull was burned to death in his cottage at Hull, Ont., Tuesday night.

The republicans in Holland have been showing much activity since the death of the king.

Six lives were lost by the burning of a workhouse at Newcastle-on-Tyne, Wednesday night.

The London papers are jubilant over the passage by the United States house of the copyright bill.

It is now almost a settled fact that the Canadian government will secure a fast line of Atlantic steamers.

It is bitterly cold in Russia and several persons and many caravans of horses and live stock have been frozen to death.

Chief Secretary Balfour has ordered a man-of-war to convey 19 tons of meal to the suffering poor of Clare Island and Inisturk, Ireland.

Day, the New Yorker under sentence of death for murder in Canada, must pay the penalty, the minister of justice having refused to interfere.

It is reported that an assassin recently attempted the life of Col. Carrascosa, governor of the state of Chiapas, Mexico. The governor shot the assassin.

The Hudson bay company's report shows a falling off in the collection of furs and the sale of farm lands, but there has been an increase in the sale of town lots.

The Canadian government is considering the matter of placing a revenue cutter in the lower St. Lawrence to put a stop to the wholesale smuggling of liquor now going on there.

Paris physicians are restrained by law from using any remedy the composition of which is a secret. Consequently Dr. Koch's lymph will probably not be introduced there.

It has just been reported that a two-masted schooner capsized and went down, with all on board, in the Bay of Fundy, N. S., Monday afternoon. No bodies have yet come ashore.

Eminent foreigners dead: Lord Thomas Fremantle Francis Cottesloe, ex-chief secretary of Ireland; Right Hon. Sir Barnes Peacock; Heinrich Berghaus, the eminent geographer.

Fatal Accident.

A dispatch from Joliet, Ill., dated Dec. 5, says: A terrible accident occurred at the blast furnace department of the Illinois Iron & Steel Company's works today. The furnace, which was blown out for relining and repairing, made necessary by a recent explosion, which was attended with loss of life, fell to the ground without warning when men were engaged at work on it. Eleven men were at work in the inside at the bottom and about six on top when the accident occurred. Masonry work and furnace linings were piled up on each other in a confused heap, mingled with the dead and dying workmen. A band of willing workers at once gathered at the scene and began the work of recovery and rescue. Gathered about them and urging them to renewed efforts were the wailing wives and children of the unfortunate men. Within half an hour they had succeeded in taking out eight bodies. Five of the unfortunates were dead, crushed out of semblance to human shape, while the other three were apparently fatally injured.

MEN AND THINGS.

New York Irishmen raised $1,500 for the Irish famine sufferers last week.

Charles F. Berwind of Philadelphia, one of the largest mine owners in the country, is dead.

King Kalakaua has arrived at San Francisco on the United States flagship Charleston.

Comstock & Wing, owners of the Chicago nickel works, have assigned. Liabilities, $25,000.

The mother of David S. Turpie, United States senator, was burned to death at Delphi, Ind., Wednesday.

The pottery establishment of Griffin, Love & Co., at Phœnixville, Pa., has been destroyed by fire. Loss, $18,000.

Mrs. Nellie Pearcey has been found guilty of the murder of Mrs. Hobbs in London, Eng., and sentenced to death.

Albert H. Smith, the now famous New York forger, has been sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment in the state prison.

At Williamston, Ky., George Burgess, a tough, probably fatally shot Miss Alice McKinley, and while resisting arrest was killed.

The Dominion cotton mills company is now complete, and January 1 nine gray cotton mills in Canada will be under its management.

John Acheson of Odell's Corners, Ind., was called to his door at 4 o'clock Thursday morning by an unknown man, who shot him dead.

The body of a peasant girl has been found in a forest in Switzerland, terribly mutilated, suggesting the presence of "Jack the Ripper."

James Helferty, William McGowan and Michael Newlin were instantly killed at Philadelphia Thursday by being run down by a train on the Reading railroad.

Dr. James McKarracher, a prominent veterinary surgeon of Bay City, was badly injured by being impaled on a cow's horn last week. His recovery is doubtful.

C. C. Mitchell, the oldest merchant in Gaylord, made an assignment Monday. His liabilities are about $6,000, while his assets figure up $12,000 on his schedule.

By the burning of a flat in Pittsburgh early Wednesday morning a loss of $40,000 was sustained and John Irvine and wife, who had charge of the building, lost their lives.

Phillip Willett, an old soldier and pensioner, who was addicted to drink and lived in a barn in Mt. Clemens, was found dead in his bed Tuesday morning. He was a member of company B, Third Michigan cavalry, and was at one time an inmate of the soldier's home.

Erastus Knickerbocker, 81 years old, one of the pioneer settlers of Campbell township, Ionia county, died of old age at his residence Friday. Mr. Knickerbocker settled in Campbell when there was but one house in the town and lived to see a flourishing settlement grow up around him.

Just and Economical.

(From "Farm, Field, and Stockman.")

"The action of the recent convention of the F. M. B. A. of Illinois, indorsing the Paddock Pure Food bill, representing the ideas of 80,000 practical farmers, will have great weight with the next Congress. An immense meeting at St. Louis recently also endorsed the Paddock Pure Food Bill. This shows that the farmers are waking up.

There is no question but that the breadth and scope of the Paddock Bill, put it far ahead of any similar measure which Congress has yet discussed, and removes the objectionable feature of class legislation, to which the Conger Lard bill is open.

It makes no difference whether the Bill favors farmer or laborer, banker or manufacturer. If it favored one class to the exclusion of others, it should not receive the approbation of the people. Another thing which commends the Paddock Bill to the farmer is the economy of its working. Instead of an army of revenue officials which the Conger Bill calls for, the inspection of food is put where it belongs, in the Agricultural Department.

There is a practical common sense ring to all the requirements of the Bill which points to the fact that it originated in the Farmers' Alliances, of Nebraska, and not in a Boston millionaire lard manufacturer's office, such as is said to have fathered the Conger Bill."

THE MARKETS

Detroit.

Apples, per bbl	$3 50	@	4 00
Apples, evaporated	14	@	14½
Butter, per lb	16	@	17
Creamery	25	@	28
Beans, unpicked, per bu	1 25	@	1 65
city hand-picked	2 05	@	2 10
Cabbage, per 100 heads	2 00	@	2 50
Eggs, per doz	22	@	24
Hides, green, per lb	4	@	4
" country	4	@	4½
" cured	5	@	5½
Hay, No. 2 per ton	9 00	@	10 00
Mess pork, per bbl	11 25	@	11 50
Poultry, chickens	7	@	8
ducks	7	@	8
geese	8	@	8
turkeys	10	@	10
pigeons, per pair	20	@	25
Potatoes, per bu	80	@	85
Straw, per ton	6 00	@	7 00
Wool, fine, per lb	28	@	29
coarse	29	@	30
Tallow, per lb	4	@	4
Vegetables, celery, per doz	20	@	25
cauliflower	60	@	65
onions, per bu	2 00	@	2 50
Wheat, red spot, No. 2	94	@	94½
red spot, No. 3	89	@	89
white spot, No. 1	93½	@	94½
Corn, No. 2 spot	52	@	52
No. 3 yellow	52½	@	52½
Oats, No. 2 white, spot	45½	@	45½
Clover seed	4 05	@	4 10
Barley	1 55	@	1 60
Rye	73½	@	73½

Live Stock.

BUFFALO.

Cattle—Dull, lower; export steers, good to extra, $4.10@4.70; choice heavy butchers, $4.50@4.20. Sheep and Lambs—Market over stocked, prices irregular, in main lower, limited outside demand; sheep, choice to extra, $4.65@4.85; good to choice, $4.40@4.60; lambs, choice to extra, $5.65@5.85; good to choice, $5.40@5.60. Hogs—Fair demand, prices steady; mediums, heavy and mixed, $3.65@3.75; heavy yorkers, $3.50@3.55.

KANSAS CITY.

Cattle—Market 5@10c lower; steers, $3.40@4.70; cows, $2.25@2.90; stockers and feeders, $2@3.25. Hogs—Market 5@10c higher; bulk, $3.50@3.50; all grades, $3@3.50. Sheep—Market steady and unchanged.

CHICAGO.

Cattle—Market slow and steady; Christmas steers, $5.75; prime to fancy export steers, $5.25@5.45; common to choice steers, $2.90@4.75; Texans, $2.25@2.40; native butcher stock, $1.70@4.25. Hogs—Market higher; light mixed, $3.40@3.56; fair to good mixed, $3.60@3.65; prime heavy and butcher weights, $3.70@3.75; assorted light, $3.70@3.75. Sheep—Market slow; natives, $4.75@4.70; westerns, $4.20@4.75; lambs, $4.75@5.87½.

NEW YORK.

Beeves—Market steady, native steers, $3.45@5.10 per cwt; bulls and cows, $1.70@3.25. Calves—Market steady; veals, $5@7.50 per cwt; grassers, $2.75@2.50; westers, $2.80@3.25. Sheep—Market ½c per lb lower; sheep, $4@5.25 per cwt; lambs, $5.25@6.40. Hogs—Market steady, $3.40@4 per cwt.

A company with a capital stock of $100,000 has been organized in Boston to control the cheap lodging houses.

Balfour proposes to loan seed potatoes to the poor of Ireland. Those paying cash for the potatoes will receive a discount of 20 per cent. The chief secretary has several other relief measures in view.

WINGED MISSILES.

Ten ordinary eggs will weigh a pound.

Railroad statistics show that no one car on a train is safer than another.

A New York dude is going to have an illuminated shirt front. A French artist is constructing the concern.

The police service of New York costs the city 5 million dollars, and the city is not very well governed either.

The Pope does his ordinary writing with a gold pen but his pontifical signature is always affixed with a white quill.

The Hawaiian government has applied to the Japanese government for 5,000 more immigrants, and they will be sent.

There is a tremendous activity in the toy division of the patent office, especially in automatic toys that can talk and walk.

An electrical gyroscope has been devised in Paris and applied to show the rotation of the earth and to correct ship compasses.

The Austrian minister of public instruction requests masters of public schools to cultivate a taste for athletics among their boys.

A snuff-box containing three gold rings was unearthed in the excavation for an annex to the Niles works at Hamilton, Ohio.

A doctor says women have more chances of life in their favor previous to 50 years of age than men have, but fewer afterward.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c. a bottle.

God will suffer no good work to fall to the ground fruitless.

Entitled to the Best.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when costive or billous. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists

Deem every day of your life a page in your history.

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Not by any secret remedy, but by proper, healthful exercise, and the judicious use of Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites, which contains the healing and strength giving virtues of these two valuable specifics in their fullest form. Prescribed by Physicians. Take no other.

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy.

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Human life must have a great purpose in it, or it rots.

Female Weakness Positive Cure.

TO THE EDITOR:—

Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the thousand and one ills which arise from deranged female organs. I shall be glad to send two bottles of my remedy FREE to any lady who will send their Express and P. O. address.

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When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
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The readers will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address,

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In perfect faith, its makers, the World's Dispensary Medical Association of Buffalo, N. Y., offers to pay $500 to any one suffering from chronic catarrh in the head whom they cannot cure.

Now if the conditions were reversed—if they asked you to pay $500 for a positive cure you might hesitate. Here are reputable men, with years of honorable dealing; thousands of dollars and a great name back of them and they say—"We can cure you because we've cured thousands like you—if we can't we'll pay you $500 for the knowledge that there's one whom we can't cure."

They believe in themselves. Isn't it worth a trial? Isn't any trial preferable to catarrh?

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REAL ESTATE AGENCY —OF— Whitehead & Mitchell

Birmingham, Mich.

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 2½ 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. 3.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 3 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 28 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 4x10. 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. 18.

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 that 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, 26x36, 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 every thing 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 neatly 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.

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. 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 post-office, 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 house, 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. 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. Taler, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $300 each, lots 7 and 8 of Blakeslee's subdivision 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.

Bargain No. 41.

We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Chester and Merrill streets in this village. This snug house consists of six nice living rooms, large cistern in cellar, good cellar. Four lots go with this place all high, dry and near the school house and plentifully supplied with small fruits of all kinds. This is the first time that this property has been offered for sale and at the price named by the owner ought to go quick. For full particulars call at Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

Bargain No. 42.

It is very seldom that a farm so desirable as this one is offered to the public. We have for sale the Wm. Gillespie farm at a very reasonable price. This farm consists of 105 acres, has two good dwelling houses, with an unusual amount of barns, sheds and other necessary outbuildings, three good wells, cisterns, cellars under both houses, 150 bearing apple trees of choice fruit, plenty of peaches, pears, plums, grapes, etc., etc. About 80 acres of extra good land under plow and 15 acres of heavy timber. $2,500 down and the balance on long time to suit purchaser. Only two miles from the village of Birmingham. The best live water running through it the year round and positively the biggest farm bargain in Oakland county. Call on us for particulars.