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The Russian war department, it is reported, is considering the feasibility of acquiring the sole right to a new shirt of mail, which is said to be extraordinarily light, impervious to bullets or saber thrusts, and cheap to manufacture. A Russian general is the inventor.

All we can certainly conclude is that no marked change has taken place in the mass of the sun during historical time. But when we come to look back into the vastly earlier ages we find the most copious evidence that the earth has undergone great changes in climate.

Chautauqua itself started as an association for religious purposes, for improving Sunday school instruction more particularly, and it has shown what it is because the urgent demand of the people has brought about the transformation. They wanted such school as it provides, and they have compelled it to set them up.

The heat of the sun has lasted for countless ages, yet we cannot credit the sun with the power of actually creating heat. We must apply eyes to the majestic mass of the sun they same laws which we have found by our experiments on the earth. We must ask: Whence comes the heat sufficient to supply this tremendous outgoing?

There is on record in the immigration office a report of the landing, during the past few months, of 1,700 Italians, fourteen of them women, and twenty-eight pieces of baggage among the entire lot. They got in through a defect in the law, which is so carelessly worded that, as the saying goes, a horse and wagon can with ease be driven through it.

To make workmen contented by legal regulations is a favorite exaggeration of the fancy—a phantom, evading the grasp whenever approached. If human contentment could be attained it would be a misfortune. What could be more disastrous than a dead level, a millennium of universal satisfaction, blighting ambition, paralyzing progress, and leading to moral stagnation?

By helping one another we all rise together; by dragging each other down we all fall together. So long as the man who lays the bricks treats as his inferior the man who carries them up the ladder, neither of them is free; so long as the man who drives the engine despises the man who pushes the wheelbarrow, so long monopoly will hold them in common bondage. This is the philosophy of vast experience since man first became the bird man of his brother.

One interesting development of theatrical lawsuits is that the names of entirely unknown men are nearly always brought out by them. The unknown is usually the backer of the enterprise, and he takes half of the star's earnings. Even the most successful theatrical men have these silent partners. They have nothing to do with the profession, and are, as a rule, business men who are conservative by habit, but who see the large financial gains possible in theatrical enterprises.

In the industries, as in business in general, competition is daily growing more fierce. But the price of success is paid in a different coin. While in trade a certain kind of shrewdness, that may be creditable, leads to fortune, an artistic design or a well planned article may bring success to the manufacturer. It is becoming more and more thoroughly understood that of two articles of equal utility, the one carrying the most beautiful design will be sold while the other remains to burden the stock.

Money for missionaries is not subscribed for the purpose of sending white men to savage lands to become savages, but that lives may be saved actually to have occurred in Liberia. A missionary there has recently been turned out of the service because he chose to sink to the level of heathens rather than try to elevate them. After he was expelled from the mission service he went to live with the savages in their own uncivilized way. Such black sheeps are not often found in the missionary bands.

No league or junto ever wielded more power than the senate committee on appropriations does now in these democratic days. With the exception of the regular appropriation bill for river and harbors every one of the thirteen general appropriation bills is considered by this committee. In this way all the money necessary for the expenses of the government is filtered through this committee of nine members, which sits like a court in banc and hears, ex parte, the evidence in favor of the increase of any appropriation.

Dr. A. Supan, the distinguished German geographer, asserts that the latitude of a place is not constant on account of the earth's axis being subject to small variations, the causes of which are not known. Thus, according to Prof. Helmert, Berlin and Potsdam were nearer to the north pole during the latter half of 1889 than during the first half by one and a half seconds. A German may generally be trusted to get at the bottom of facts in a laborious and careful investigation, and even to do a little subsoiling in order that subsequent investigations may be carried on more readily.

It were surely as well for the peace and happiness of mankind if the study of music were restricted to those having natural inclination to its pursuit. But drawing is not thus to be classified. There is scarcely any other study out of which youth can derive more benefit as a general and practical character. To be able to draw is to indispensable to become a close student of form. Precise knowledge of form is the essence of skill in many of the constructive sciences and arts. The man and woman who can draw at sight with approximate accuracy possess advantages in the world of competition, as well as in the world of happiness, which are denied their contemporaries who cannot.

OUR STATE.

THE POPULATION OF MICHIGAN AS SHOWN BY THE CENSUS.

May Possibly Lose But Cannot Gain a Congressman.

Still the State Has Made a Good Healthy Growth.

Washington, August 9.—The total population of Michigan will probably not be over 50,000 either way from 2,000,000 souls. This is a falling off of something like 300,000 from the estimate made at the census office before the enumerators began, but Michigan has made substantial gains since the census of 1880, the increase being between 350,000 and 400,000. That this is a good showing may be seen by the statement made at the census bureau that the states showing the greatest proportionate gain would be Nebraska, which increases half a million, and Minnesota, which takes a jump of 600,000. It is, however, becoming plainer daily that Michigan will not secure the fourth congressman, and will not find it easy to retain the eleventh she at present has. Superintendent Porter has had a footing up made of the census returns of the population of the states, and finds that the total is 64,000,000. This is exclusive of the inmates of military homes, prisons, asylums, county houses and institutions of like character, which are subject to a separate enumeration. He estimates that these will foot up 1,000,000, making the total population of the country 65,000,000. There are now about 13,000,000 of the people, and, if the membership continues the same it will require 194,500 persons to elect a representative, or a little more than one in Michigan 11 times that number of inhabitants. Michigan's greatest gain has been in the large cities, the northern portion of the lower peninsula and the upper peninsula. The northern peninsula has made great progress, and, if the census had been taken there, it would be entitled to a member of congress by itself. The distribution of population in the several geographical districts is relatively very uneven and will need readjusting.

A Strange Case.

Pleasanton, Aug. 9.—This village has a queer case. Fourteen years ago Daniel Clark bought a lot of land and moved here from Canada. Three years later Mrs. Daniel Clark settled down on a lot near by, but did not seem to know Mr. Clark, who it appears had deserted her some years before. Nine years ago husband and wife lived within gunshot of each other without exchanging a word. Last week Daniel Clark went to his home and his wife died less than half an hour the two went back to the husband's residence and have been living together ever since. For 14 years old and the women of the neighborhood are judiciary to learn what was the matter and how it was fixed up. Neither of the Clarks is talking.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Alpena is to have a street railway.

Lansing has been crying for a new bank and one will be established in a few days, with $20,000 capital.

The Muskegon drive of logs, under 180 men, has reached Muskegon, and the men declare the season a success.

The present camp meeting at Simson park is the greatest ever known; 4,000 were in attendance Sunday.

James Wilson of Rogers city, is about to say 60,000,000 feet of pine and a saw mill in the Georgian bay country.

Teachers' institutes are to be held in Escanaba, Mason, Kalamazoo, Monroe, Shelby and Ann Arbor this week.

The Bay City iron company decided not to grant the request of the machinists, and that organization is still out on a strike.

Saginaw people say the carryings on at Oscoda beach are a disgrace, and will burn Tawas beach unless immediately stopped.

S. M. Meader's safe in the postoffice at Brinton, Isabella county, was blown open by burglars Saturday morning and $230 in cash stolen.

The Soper manufacturing company, which was burned down in Flint last week will not rebuild there, but will move their factory to some other town.

Niles has a young man who has been 42 days in riding from San Francisco. He made the trip on the bumpers of freight cars, and never spent a cent for fare.

John Kreiger of Casnovia, who made his own coffin 10 years ago, is dead. He was 80 years old when he died, and his own casket has stood in the house since '80.

Charles H. Hackley of Muskegon paid $16,000 for a lot of land to complete the park which he donated to the people of the city as soon as it is graded and prepared.

Sheriff Nelson of Muskegon, is powerfully unpopular with the saloonkeepers, because he insists on selling his own whisky and like stuff by paying a beer license.

An Iron Mountain weekly says that Lamin & Fordyce, of Detroit will build 150 new dwelling houses there this fall. The houses are to be sold on the installment plan.

Jonas Wood of Saginaw has fallen heir to the Paddy Green estate in England, valued at $50,000,000. Just who Abram Wood of Saginaw is we can not say, but as his name does not appear in the directory.

Kate Conant, the Allegan woman who escaped from the officers a week ago and attempted to drown herself when they went to arrest her at Grand Rapids Saturday, broke jail again Sunday and is still at large.

A patent medicine man collected $300 from Joe Pascoe of Iron Mountain, and gave Joe his receipt. He slept all night on Joe's house, but in the morning was minus his $300, at least so he says. Joe still has the receipt.

Myrtle Reid was drowned at Port Huron Thursday evening. She was in a row boat which was cut to pieces by a ferry. Her two companions were rescued. She was 20 years of age and lived at Lakeview.

The rumor that the faculty of the Agricultural college expelled three members for attending a dance given by members of the company to which they belonged is untrue. One was suspended, but it was not for that reason.

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Otto Pagel, 5 years old, lost an eye Saturday by the cambering sandling of a bow and arrow by a friend; a 9-year-old lad named Proux was fatally injured by falling upon his bow wheels of a heavy hose cart, and a son of C. C. Hall is liable to become blind from a splinter flying into his eye. All live in Saginaw.

The Bay City maisons struck Monday. They were given the increase asked for, but owing to the increased price of making the castings, about half of them were laid off, as the firm could not afford to sell the castings at the old price, and the persons for whom they were making them would not pay the increase.

Judge Grove has decided that police courts under the regular act of the legislature have no right to sentence prisoners to the house of correction. This will release all the prisoners now in the house of correction who have been sent there by the police courts unless the case is taken to the supreme court.

THE G. A. R.

Boston Gayly Decorated in Honor of the Occasion.

Boston, Aug. 12.—This city was gayly decorated with flags and bunting and ready on Sunday to extend a most cordial welcome to the veterans of the G. A. R. On account of the trouble with the switchmen the train from the West Central, at Albany, with the train from the west were delayed. The attendance from the south and west is not as great as was expected. The Michigan delegation has very comfortable quarters at the Hotel Flower.

Gen. Alger is very prominent in Massachusetts, and Boston people think they cannot do too much for him. In some of the business houses on the principal streets where original paintings form a part of the decorations his portrait appears in panels with those of Grant, and Sherman. The great city goods house of Jordan, Marsh & Co. has a grand painting called the "March of Time," representing fifty or sixty heroes of the war, and conspicuously in the foreground in the war period. This picture has Michigan represented by Gen. Orlando B. Wilcox, Gen. Custer and Gen. Alger.' The latter stands beside President Harrison, and is the more prominent figure in that group of heroes. The local committee of the Woman's Relief Corps have embellished Gen. Alger's suite of rooms at the Hotel Vendome with flags, pictures and flowers in a very beautiful manner. These rooms are on the first floor of the most prominent corner of the hotel. The cost-of-arms of Michigan is displayed outside at the corner. The newspapers Sunday contained reports of interviews with Gen. Alger confined to Grand Army business. The Globe has a long interview given by him at the dedication of the editor, in which he speaks of the G. A. R., its purposes and its good work. In the course of it he shows that the organization can never take any part in politics, as to do so would be destructive of its whole object, fundamentally it is prevented from political work, has always abstained from it, and ever will.

After Breakfast the Detroit citizens' committee, headed by the Fourth regiment band, marched through the principal streets and serenaded the various newspaper offices. Every delegate was equipped with an umbrella bearing the words "Boston, 1890," in red and "Detroit, 1891," in blue. Gen. Alger, Gen. Wilcox, Gen. Gregor, Rev. Dr. Henderson and Judge A. G. Boynton rode in a carriage. The party attracted much general attention. The delegation drew up in line at the curb stone in front of the places complimented with a serenade, closed their umbrellas at the word of command, and played "America" and the delegates joined in singing that patriotic hymn. Every citizen of Detroit who happens to come out with a white ribbon badge inscribed, "Michigan—Detroit, 1891."

The Burial of Kemmler.

Auburn, N. Y. Aug. 9.—It was an unpretentious funeral that occurred from the state prison in an early hour Friday morning. What the surgeon had left of Wm. Kemmler was placed in a plain pine coffin. The coffin was then placed in a white shroud. No clergyman was present and no word of religious import was uttered. The family will not claim the body, and failed to claim his body and it was to be interred as the law directs.

The same secrecy had been observed in the preparations for the funeral that has characterized the whole execution. Nobody was apprised of the place of its occurrence, and the grave, which is in the earth row, the 21st grave in the row, was dug between dark and daylight, being completed at 5 o'clock. It was not at an hour the coffin that contained the remains was placed in the democrat wagon belonging to the prison, and driven to Keeper Miller sat on the seat, and that was the extent of the procession. Driving rapidly by a circuitous route, the wagon went sent bowling to the cemetery, a mile from the prison. Few noticed it and nobody knew what it contained.

Arriving at the graveyard, which is a neglected patch overrun with wild carrot, and a plague spot to the city, the wagon was stopped, the men dismounted, and with the aid of two waiting grave diggers, the coffin was placed in a rough box and lowered into its place. The grave diggers began at once to fill in the earth and before the people of the city had awakened to the duties of the day, Kemmler had been buried. In pursuance of the policy of secrecy, denial is made of the burial, but the lowly made grave is there.

A Sunday Riot.

New York, Aug. 12.—A riot took place Sunday afternoon in front of the headquarters of the coatmakers at 54 Allen street, New York. Abraham and Isaac Kaplin run a livery stable at that number on the first floor. On the floor above are the headquarters. For some time past the coatmakers have annoyed the liverymen by congregating on the sidewalk in front of the stable obstructing the entrance. That afternoon Abraham ordered them away. They not complying, he undertook to enforce his demands, when the mob set upon him. His brother came to his rescue with men employed about the stable, and a general fight was the result. The Kaplins, coatmakers have annoyed the liverymen by congregating on the sidewalk in front of the stable obstructing the entrance. That afternoon Abraham ordered them away. They not complying, he undertook to enforce his demands, when the mob set upon him. His brother came to his rescue with men employed about the stable, and a general fight was the result. The Kaplins, with their employes, were driven into the stables. Many were hurt on both sides. Subsequently a man employed by the company to which they belonged is untrue. One was suspended, but it was not for that reason.

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Eight hundred laborers employed on the docks at Gloucester, England, have struck.

THE GREAT STRIKE ON THE NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM.

Trains Running on Schedule Time Once More.

The Engineers Not Involved in the Fight.

New York, Aug 12.—The great strike which for some days paralyzed business on the Vanderbilt lines seems to be over and trains on the Central system are running regularly and on schedule time. Today the entire freight as well as passenger service was resumed, everything running smoothly. Chief Engineer P. M. Arthur said at Cleveland yesterday that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers were not involved in the strike. From the remark of the chief of the Brotherhood it is evident that the strikers will not receive the aid of this powerful organization. Mr. Powderly in an interview at Scranton, Pa., yesterday said: "There are engineers in the system who are Knights of Labor and not members of the brotherhood and others who are members of both organizations. However, if it is deemed necessary it is deemed certain that the brotherhood will cast its fortunes with the knights."

While both the railroad officials and the striking men talk firmly it is evident that new men are taking the places vacated by the strikers and unless there is some new element to enter the contest the strike is practically ended and unsuccessful. As soon as the New York Central began to send its traffic over its leased line, the West Shore route, the knights ordered a tie-up on that road, but, strange, no men were doomed to disappointment, as the tie-up was hardly serious enough to cause the men, and women employed in connection with the war period. This picture has Michigan represented by Gen. Orlando B. Wilcox, Gen. Custer and Gen. Alger.' The latter stands beside President Harrison, and is the more prominent figure in that group of heroes. The local committee of the Woman's Relief Corps have embellished Gen. Alger's suite of rooms at the Hotel Vendome with flags, pictures and flowers in a very beautiful manner. These rooms are on the first floor of the most prominent corner of the hotel. The cost-of-arms of Michigan is displayed outside at the corner. The newspapers Sunday contained reports of interviews with Gen. Alger confined to Grand Army business. The Globe has a long interview given by him at the dedication of the editor, in which he speaks of the G. A. R., its purposes and its good work. In the course of it he shows that the organization can never take any part in politics, as to do so would be destructive of its whole object, fundamentally it is prevented from political work, has always abstained from it, and ever will.

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It Was Loaded.

Norwood, Ohio, August 9.—Contractor Espel, at work on the church adjacent to Buddemeyer's home, was startled the night before drawing all the water he wanted from Buddemeyer's well. The fact that it is 60 feet in depth and contains 4 feet of water was the cause of Michael Kuenzel and Joe Sebastian. The former lit a newspaper and dropped into the well so he could see. In a moment the men, Sebastian and Kuenzel, Sebastian and a teamster named Barney Prices, who was standing in the platform, were blown into the air, and all were horribly burned and bruised. It is doubtful if any of them recover.

A Small Wheat Crop.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 7.—The dry and extremely hot weather of the past two weeks has probably brought harvest a week earlier than was expected. There has been no rain to speak of for nearly a month, and the thermometer has frequently been above the hundred mark, especially during the past two weeks. It is over two weeks since conservative estimates placed the average for this part of the country, including Brown and adjoining counties to the south, west and north, at not over half a crop. But now the most sanguine would be satisfied with such a proportion, and many farmers say they will not have over five bushels per acre, and that will grade No. 1.

Crops in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 9.—Reports received from about 500 correspondents of the board of agriculture, representing every county in the state, clearly indicate that the growing crops in every portion of the state have been seriously injured. Corn will fallen in 30 days from 90 to 93 per cent of a crop, or about 75,000,000 bushels. Wheat will yield 35 bushels to the acre, or about 23,000,000 bushels.

PEOPLE AND EVENTS.

The deaths from cholera at Jeddah averages 100 daily.

North Dakota democrats in convention declare in favor of resubmitting the prohibition question.

The corner stone of the great Methodist university at Ogden, Utah, was laid Tuesday. The college buildings will cost $500,000, and the faculty will be the best obtainable.

E. P. Allen of Carroll county, Ia., was arrested and fined $50 for violating the liquor laws. He pleaded "original package" and said he was acting as clerk for another man, who was the agent for an out of the state firm.

A mule team hitched to a wagon ran away at Annapolis, the other day. The wagon contained the family of a farmer named Castle. Two children were killed, the wife fatally injured, and the farmer hurt so he will be a cripple for life.

The employes of the Cabinet & Hocia smelting works at Lake Linden, struck Wednesday morning for an increase in pay. Three of the ringleaders were arrested, but soon released and the strike settled by paying the men what they demanded.

The sale of the San Jacinto tin property in San Bernardino county, Cal., was completed Wednesday by the first payment of $350,000 cash, which was forfeited by the purchaser, the San Jacinto Estate Company of England. The property consists of nearly 50,000 acres south of Riverside in San Bernardino county.

At Auburn, Me., business man was surprised the other day to see an old customer come into his store and say him a bill, with interest, which was contracted 40 years ago, when he was doing business in another town. It was a small bill, and the one to whom it was due had forgotten all about it.

Otto Westitt, a young German farmer was greatly disappointed because his cousin, Miss Hulda Westitt, would not marry him. The last time she refused him he tried to murder her so that others could not marry her. She will recover but his suicide was very successful.

The school census of Chicago shows that city to have a population of 1,208,669, an increase of 100,000 more than the total of the government census. The school superintendent says his census is more reliable, because it was taken more carefully by experienced men.

Frank Tiffany, a wealthy and honored manufacturer of Bennington, Vt., killed Rosanna Cole, a servant girl in a hotel at North Adams, Mass., and seriously wounded another girl named Carrie Halberg. He stabbed the girl with a big knife and afterward tried to jump from a window to commit suicide. It is thought that he is insane, as he had always enjoyed life and has been confined in a dark room with nothing to eat, and that they were building a scaffold upon which to hang him.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Prospective Business of Congress This Week.

Washington, Aug. 12, 1890.

Owing to the fact that many members have gone to Boston to attend the Grand Army encampment, it is probable that little or no business will be transacted in the house before the latter part of the week. It was the intention of the house to assign the week to the agricultural committee, which seeks action on the compound lard and meat inspection bills, and the committee on education, which is ready to call up the bill to extend aid to agricultural colleges. But it is feared that such action will be present, or that if there be it will include a majority of democrats who'might, in the absence of republicans, defeat the committees. The proceedings, therefore, will probably be confined to action upon conference reports on the pension bill and sundry civil appropriation bill, possibly interspersed with recesses for a day or more.

In the senate the tariff will be discussed until Friday, when it is expected that the river and harbor bill will be taken up. But this is not altogether certain, as several senators are opposed to the tariff bill being displaced by any bill. The discussion of the tariff bill will probably be continued by the presentation of conference reports on the sundry civil appropriation bill and the land grant forfeiture bill.

When the house took up the deficiency appropriation bill on Monday Mr. Rogers attacked the speaker and his rulings. The record of the proceedings under which the house is proceeding gave the speaker power to stifle debate, gag the house, force the passage of bills, which were not in order, gage and misrepresent the minority and bulldoze the majority.

Mr. Funston of Kansas suggested that the speaker might be a good bull dozen in the south.

Mr. Rogers thought he might be a good bulldozer in some sections of the country, but he did not think he would bulldoze long in Arkansas.

Mr. Allen of Michigan (sotto voce)—They kill such fellows down there.

Mr. Rogers, continuing, denounced what he termed the tyranny of the speaker and the majority of the committee on rules. The house had degenerated into a state of anarchy and chaos. It was suspected that the speaker turned his back on full, fair, frank discussion on opportunity for amendment, on parliamentary decorum, on official urbanity, on historic and patriotic memories in order that he might unlawfully place in the hands of his party a rule intended only by their suicidal stupidity, and among them all had not been found a man with the courage of a Jackson, the dignity of a Henry, and love of liberty that inspired the fathers, who say, "This is our country; these are our liberties; these are our institutions, and you are our servants; and we will not have the one trodden down under foot or the other outraged and wronged."

"No," he concluded, "may I tell you, Mr. Speaker, that they curse you and despise you, and have cursed and despised you assailed in private and in public they are silent."

The substitute for the Lodge election bill which was reported to the senate Thursday is 17 pages shorter than the bill which passed the house. The principal changes which the senate committee made are the following:

All reference to that section of the revised statues which it was claimed provides for the presence of troops at the polls has been stricken out, leaving the change from the present law in that respect. The house to-house canvass provided for in the house bill was stricken out. The provision for drawing juries by commissioners was omitted, leaving the law as at present on the books. The penal offenses were simplified and were made misdemeanors instead of felonies. The punishments were modified, the highest punishment imposed being three year's imprisonment and a fine of $1,000, as against imprisonment for five years and a fine of $1,000 in the house bill. The duty of the circuit court, before which application is made for the appointment of supervisors, is authorized to appoint as supervisors any persons he may see fit, not being confined in his selection to the list furnished by the chief supervisor. In cases where ballots are cast in the strong box they are not to be counted unless the tally sheet shows that votes for congressmen do not equal the number of votes on the poll list, then enough of the votes so wrongly cast shall be added to the tally sheet to make the total equal to the whole number of votes shown to be cast. Where the election officer refuses to administer oaths to voters applying therefor, it is provided in the bill that supervisors shall administer the oath and keep a record thereof. But no effort shall be made to have the vote thus refused cast, the object being merely to preserve the testimony of the application and refusal.

DETROIT MARKETS.

Jobbing Prices.

TALLOW—3½ to 4c per lb.
SALT—18 to 20c into "the delivered.
BEANS—$1.75 to $1.80 for hand picked.
APPLES—New fruit at 3½@4 per bbl.
BUTTER—Fresh are steady and good demand at 14@15c per dozen.
PEACHES—Quiet at 65@75c per peck basket.
CHEESE—Michigan full cream stead, 9½@10c per lb.
BEANS—City hand picked are dull at $1.60@1.65 per bu.
HONEY—Comb dull at 12@15c and extracted at 6@8c per lb.
BUCKLEBERRIES—Plentiful and good stock is selling at $2.50 to $2.60 per bu.
TOMATOES—Fair supply in the market and sales are made at 40 per crate.
HAY—Dull at $9.50 for No. 1 timothy, $8.00 for No. 2, $7 for No. 1 clover, and $5 for No. 1 per ton in car lots.
BUTTER—Fresh dairy are more steady at 12@14c and in demand for good, 14@15c for creamery per lb.
EGGS—Are in good demand and fresh are selling at 12c per dozen.
POTATOES—Are dull at 60@65c per bu.
POULTRY—Dull and prices are lower. New mess pork brought $9. Family $11. Dull, short clear, $10@10.50. Refined lard firmer, 7½@8c. Kegs, 8@8½c. Dressed hogs, 7½@8c. Beef, $6@7 per cwt. Mutton, 6@7c per lb. Veal, 7@8c. Dressed calves, 7 to 10c. Spring lambs, 7 to 10c. Dried beef hams, 10c to 10c. Extra mess beef, $8.50 to $9. Plate beef, $8 to $9.

HIDES—Quoted as follows: Green city, or country, cured, No. 1, 5c; No. 2, 4c; and No. 3, 3c. No. 1 veal kip, No. 1, 10c; runners, and No. 1, 8c; goat, sheep, and shearlings, 25c to 50c according to size.

CORN—No. 2 nominal, 48c. No. 3, 46½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, new, 37c, old 38c. No. 3, 36½c.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 89½c. No. 2, 89c. No. 3 white 89½c. No. 2 white, at 90c. No. 3 white, 88c.

A 860 shark caught near Asbury Park, N. J., had in its belly four bushels of fish and parts of a man's leg and foot.

The boat of the sun exploded a partially filled whisky barrel in front of a Syracuse, N. Y., liquor store on Tuesday, and James Fayle, the proprietor, had several of his bones fractured by flying stares.

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Whitehead & Mitchell
Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some the 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 present bargains that we feel sure must that will make their hearts glad.

ANYONE having a home and lot for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if the same is made the subject matter of this office and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 19.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 10 acres, 1 mile from village, 3½ from Rochester, on gravel road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, 1 of apples, 1 of plums. 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, $2,000; one half down balance on long time if desired.

Bargain No. 4.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 6 miles from Rochester, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, 1 of pears, 1 of apples, 30 in number. 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 on Mill St. Baptist church street in this village, is offered for sale at a bargain. It is a cottage, 1 story, 8 rooms, with barn, well, cistern, cellar and every convenience within a minute's walk of the business part of the churches. Lot 60x165. 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 easy terms her pleasant home on the north side of Maple avenue, containing nearly one acre of land, good large house, barn, well shed and plenty small fruit: live running water on premises, good cisterns and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 18.

Here's a chance to get good building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have 20 of these lots for sale by Edmund James six valuable lots formerly owned by the late Mrs. Ira Dell James, which we have combined of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, fronting on Maple street at $200 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $200, and one fronting on Merrill street at $300. Lots are 50 feet by 165. Here's a chance. Get a lot before they are gone.

Bargain No. 19.

Here's 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 property on Maple street. This property consists of one and a half stories high, seven rooms, bath and good outbuildings, 2 acres of small fruit; will also sell separately if desired, a building lot at the top of the hill, adjoining Mr. Brush, at the land east of the creek, giving about 200 feet front on Maple street. At the foot of the hill is another lot of ground available for building purposes, fronting on the road 100 feet front by the usual depth.

Bargain No. 20.

We wish to call your attention to a most desirable vacant lot, which we are now in position to offer on easy terms at a price so low that any one can see the possibility of

MAKE MONEY.

The property is known as the "White Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of half a mile on each side of Maple avenue, contains about 60 acres of very fine land, all of which can be platted to great advantage. Make this a desirable home. With the waterworks and the prospects of electric lights and adjacent to the village in the near future, you will see in view of other improvements already made, that this is a very desirable location for speculators. Any further information will be gladly furnished. Address EXCHANGE, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 21.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest house in Birmingham? If so, read this and act at once. We have for only $1,600 a very commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, containing 7 rooms, containing 12 nicely finished rooms; a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple trees, and half an acre lot of land, which, to just see the lot, makes it the best bargain yet offered in market.

Bargain No. 23.

The house and four lots on the corner of Pierce and Fremont streets in Birmingham; good house, barn, well, cistern, well, cellar and convenience. Will be sold very cheap on easy terms. The premises were recently occupied by Edson James.

Bargain No. 24.

For sale or exchange, a house and half acre of ground, situated at Southfield Burg, Detroit; 8 rooms, bath, good stone cellar and cistern. There is on the premises 1 acre of nice farming lands, 120 acres under cultivation and 40 acres of timber. House and barn in good condition, good orchard and plenty of small fruit, plenty of fuel for the family. Barn and cherry trees and small fruits. A good bargain for some one. Call at this office or address C. H. Chapman, Southfield, Mich.

Bargain No. 27.

I have a sixty acre farm for sale, one half mile east of Rochester. It is large and nicely new frame house with good cellar, good barn and out buildings, good well and well fed living supply of spring water, 14 apple trees just commencing to bear, 1 acre of plums, also cherry trees and small fruits. A good bargain for some one. Call at this office or address C. H. Chapman, Southfield, Mich.

Bargain No. 28.

Here's a great farm for sale, pleasantly situated in the town of Southfield close by the village of Birmingham. It is 80 acres of nice farming lands, 120 acres under cultivation and 40 acres of timber. House and barn in good condition, good orchard and plenty of small fruit, plenty of fuel for the family. Barn and cherry trees and small fruits. A good bargain for some one. Call at this office or address C. H. Chapman, Southfield, Mich.

Bargain No. 29.

Here's a great chance to secure one of the best locations in Birmingham. We have for sale the handsome residence of Jas. Van Every on Pierce street, corner of Maple and Fremont streets. Four large lots, house five years old, nearly new, with all outbuildings, a large barn, plenty of fruits of all kinds. Time for sale on the premises or of the owner, James Van Every, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. Here's a good farm in Troy, Oakland county, Mich., containing 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well underdrained, 15 acres of good timber and the balance well fenced and stocked. Situated between the studding, a number one cellar and good outbuildings. Good barn and two good wells, one of which is a spring water you may drink. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ½ mile of postoffice, school, church and village. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

Bargain No. 33.

Such farms as this one are very seldom offered for sale. Here's a farm that will part with it and asks only what it is worth. See here, 80 acres of land and 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, cows by the acre, well and cistern never fail, having running water for stock through the barn the whole year round, and one meaning business and wanting above described property will be the way of getting full particulars by calling at the Exchange 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, everything just as it should be and see if they don't prove our assertion. We have for sale the house and lot on Maple street, Dr. Shipman's place. Just west of the school house, house, barns, wagon house, carriage house and also out buildings in splendid shape, good well and cistern, 400 gallon cellar, large and convenient house in good condition inside and outside. On the house lot is a large flower garden, bedroom and closet, sitting room, pantry, dining room, bath room and kitchen on the first floor, two bedrooms and closet. Our word for it, the place ought to bring $1800, but $1600 is the price we put upon it.

Bargain No. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in Detroit, I offer my farm for sale or to rent my very desirable new brick dwelling, barn and other out buildings, situated in Birmingham, Mich. The house is built on the most important lot in the village, is finished with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water, furnace in cellar, fine grounds, fine garden, and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, pears, cherries and peaches, berries and other fruits. I have 2 cows, have always kept 2 cows and one horse. Splendid lawn in front of house, fronting on Main St. Price very appreciable. To rent to right party on long term of years. Will take part cash, or long time with low rate of interest. This place is only 5 minutes walk from depot. Village water works to be completed this coming summer. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell, or address 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 $200 each, 7 of the most desirable lots on one of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. Ira Dell James, on the Maple street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 39.

Do you want a nice, little, 4 acre farm less than ½ of a mile from the village of Birmingham? If so read this. Fourteen acres of nicely tillable land, good wells, etc., fine large house newly painted, good barn, plenty of small fruit etc. This is really a bargain and anyone want ing a farm home should call at the village and direct Mrs. O. L. Robinson, Illinois, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Boots and Shoes!

We carry the largest stock in Oakland county. A few of our leaders:

Ladies' Slippers, leather sole	$ 25
Ladies' Toe Slippers	50
Ladies' Oxford Ties	75
Ladies' Patent Tip Oxfords	1 00
Ladies' Russet Oxfords	1 25
Men's Congress and Lace Shoes	2 50
Wigwam Slippers 75c, 90c and	1 00
Ladies' Kid Button, Patent Tip	2 50

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