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THERE are pretty theories about the first great essential qualifications of the woman who makes a capable wife and happy home maker, but good health, strength of character and common sense double discount these all in practical results. Good health means happiness, strength means patience and tenderness, and common sense is intelligence glorified.

It is believed that the French and Spanish explorers opened many experimental mines in different parts of the southern and western states, for, evidences of their operations are found in Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas, at different points in the Mississippi valley, and even along the shores of Lakes Superior and Michigan. There is little doubt, that mining was also carried on by the Spaniards in New Mexico and Arizona.

THE great bulk of the wealth of France is in the hands of the masses, and so long as this is true that republic will retain its recuperative powers and ability to rally from almost any catastrophe. When the government wants money these small capitalists hasten to invest it, not from patriotic motives and partly to secure the small interest. The people are the government, and what they are taxed to pay interest on the public debt returns again to the tax payers.

THERE is a general movement of the churches in New York City toward the upper end of town, because too many people are living at the lower end, and if there is anything a wealthy and fashionable church can't endure it is the sight or sound of the vulgar masses. After getting comfortably lived in their luxurious new quarters the congregation will maintain a show horse mission in the locality they left, and sigh when they reflect upon the slowness of the herd to seek the way of salvation.

NOTHING is more apparent in a political campaign than that the argument of high orators and the appeal to the most part, an appeal to ignorance. In other words, reliance is placed, not on a just, fair and square statement of the facts bearing on the case, but every effort is made to stir prejudice and unjustly excite sentiment. If by a lucky hit some new and taking plan is devised, or a happy catch word, the people are played upon until a whirlwind of passion sweeps up to the polls.

THE royalties paid the authors on their books are too often misrepresented by paragraphers, and to young writers they are unfortunately misleading and injurious. Now, the facts in the case are simply these. The vast majority of authors do not receive a higher royalty than 10 per cent on their published books. These more popular and whose books are sure of a sale receive 15 per cent, but an author's reputation must be pretty well established before he finds that figure in his publishing contract.

OF course no amount of money can ever recompense one for permanent disabilities sustained on the rail and if they are due to the gross negligence of the company, it is eminently proper that the road should be mulcted to compensate the sufferer for the injuries inflicted. But it is a fact that cannot be denied, that a claimant relies in a great measure upon the prejudices of a jury to aid his case against a railroad corporation and he often succeeds in getting an extravagant verdict because of these conditions.

RADICAL changes are needed in the prisons and reformatory institutions of this country. Our so-called reformatory institutions, with some exceptions, of course, are not reformatory at all. It is a matter of record that people "sent up" for minor offenses rarely benefit from the warning of greater punishment, but return in time for another sentence. It is the almost universal testimony of persons connected with penal institutions, and of those who have made a study, that prisoners are not benefitted by commitment, but instead begin again to prey upon the community as soon as they are liberated.

WE have a good deal of late about bacteria. Professor Samuel Bell explains to the public what bacteria really is. It is simply fungi of the schizomycetes variety, and is divided into four classes—spirs-bacteria, bacteria termo, desmo-bacteria and spirobacteria, the latter including the spirilla and the spirochota. The first class similarly by fission, a single coccus forming two, and are synonymous with the micrococci. If all scientists would take pains, as professor Bell does, to make the truths of science plain to the ordinary comprehension, instead of covering them up with technicalities, the people would soon have an astonishing amount of information.

IT is an old and disputed question as to which, if either, of the two sexes is morally superior to the other. But the following facts are beyond question, viz.: Women are more numerous than men; yet they commit suicide only one third as often, making only one-third the demand on the public purse for support in jails, prisons and alms houses, go insane less often and live longer. In explanation of these facts it is urged that women are less exposed, that the social consequences of sinning are more disastrous to them in a worldly sense and that they have by nature greater self-control. Very well. Let consulate reason as they will, the facts stand. Always and everywhere, in the great school of morality, we find women standing at the head of the class. The standard of morality differs in different ages and in different countries. But let the standard be what it will, woman is truest to it and is its best exponent. The truth is woman is both better and worse than man—better at her best, and worse at her worst.

WOLVERINE NEWS.

The Remarkable Adventure Which Befel Joseph Perrien, a Well Known Resident of Detroit.

H. W. Booth, an Ann Arbor Student, Shoots and Wounds George Stoll, a Street Railway Conductor.

Interesting and Gossip Paragraphs Gathered in the Highways and Byways of a Great State.

A Quick-Tempered Student.

ANN ARBOR, March 24.—The junior hop will take place on Friday night, but H. W. Booth, a junior in the literary department, will not be there. He hails from Erie, Pa., but possesses all the bad temper of a southern gentleman, coupled with the wild desire to shoot that marks a Texan. He rode up from Ypsilanti Sunday night on the motor car, standing on the front platform. George Stoll was in charge of the car and stopped it so that the rear platform was opposite the crossing. Mr. Stoll told Booth and he demanded that Stoll back up the car so that the front platform would be opposite the walk. Stoll refused to do so, and in the discussion which followed Booth was pushed off into the mud. This so enraged the student that he drew a revolver and fired point blank at Stoll, the bullet striking him in the abdomen. Stoll and the rest of the crowd grappled with Booth and he was locked up. Stoll is badly but not seriously hurt and Booth, who stands well in the college and is a member of the A. T. O. fraternity, will not be expelled. The Denison murder is recalled by this shooting, as it was Stoll's wedding the milltiamen were celebrating when the riot occurred.

A Novel Kidnapping Affair.

DETROIT, March 21.—Joseph Perrien, a well known citizen of Detroit, reported to be worth half-a-million dollars, was inveigled from his home Thursday night on a pretext of being taken to visit a sick friend. Instead, he was driven a long distance and taken to a house in a locality unknown to him, where he was kept a prisoner and forced to sign a check for $15,000—the price of his ransom—and to write a letter to his business associates asked them to get the check cashed and to repair with the money to a designated place on the following night and pay it over for his release. Instead of doing as directed, Perrin's friends placed the matter in the hands of the police and the affair ended in a fiasco, for, when the kidnappers thought it best to release their victim without further parley, Perrien arrived home on Friday evening, suffering from a severe attack of nervous excitement. He could give no description of the place to which he had been taken nor the slightest clue to the perpetrators of the daring deed. The affair has given Detroit the biggest sensation it has experienced in years.

John T. Gilbert of Coldwater Dead.

COLDWATER, March 21.—John T. Gilbert, an early resident of Michigan, died in this city this afternoon. He was born in Mackinaw, Mich., in 1806; came to Monroe county in 1834; was register of deeds and also county treasurer of that county; came to Coldwater in 1860 and entered into partnership in the drug business with his son-in-law, Edwin R. Clarke; has been a member of the Presbyterian church for sixty years, and was an elder in the church here. His wife and three daughters survive him. He retired from business in 1878.

$25,000 Church at Ypsilanti.

YPSILANTI, March 21.—For some time past the question of erecting a new house of worship has been more or less agitated in the Methodist church. Some members in this city, nearly all being of the opinion that such a step should be taken. At a meeting of the trustees last evening the matter was brought to a head and it was decided to build at a cost of not less than $25,000, of which sum $1,500 was subscribed at the meeting. It has not been decided whether the present site on the corner of Washington and Ellis streets will be used, or a new one selected.

Suicide with Arsenic.

KALAMAZOO, March 21.—Manson Knight, an old and respected citizen, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by taking arsenic. His mind has been slightly deranged for some time. He leaves a family. He was employed in the Globe casket works for many years.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Nearly two-thirds of the students at the university come from outside states.

Mrs. Nancy Park of Flint, 87 years old, died Saturday of dropsy of the heart.

The question of building a $1,600 town hall is agitating the people of Birmingham.

The estate of the late Julius Houseman of Grand Rapids inventories at $1,027,65.

Flint is to have a street railroad, and a company with $50,000 was organized last Week.

Bay City Poles are to spend $100,000 in building a church, Roman Catholic, of course.

John Comstock, an aged citizen of South Bay City, dropped dead of heart failure Sunday.

S. B. Lewis, a leading merchant of Monroe, died suddenly Sunday morning. He was 67 years old.

The Sheridan mine owners in the Iron river section are jubilant because the ore runs up to 95 per cent.

Nine-tenths of the people of Northport have the grip, and are thankful that it is not proving very severe.

Grand Haven has a new gas company that will manufacture cheap gas for illuminating and heating purposes.

Joseph Rider, a pioneer of Deerfield, Livingston county, died at his home in Fenton Sunday, aged 73 years.

Ex-Gov. Blair, of Jackson, is engaged on a book which will contain his recollections of Michigan during war times.

Jackson city has a well 200 feet deep but no water yet, and the determined borers are keeping right on with their work.

Minnie Sourse of Big Rapids, accused of having left her child in the Chicago & West Michigan railroad train, has lost her reason.

The young people of Marlette are hustlers and have stocked the Presbyterian church with $1,000 worth of handsome furniture.

Ovid people are talking of loaning the town for $20,000 and giving 50 acres of land to the Toledo wheel concern if it will locate there.

James Ruggles, the oldest resident of Bronson, died Tuesday, aged 88 years. He was father of Francis Ruggles, the well-known artist.

The mill which is to be built at Marlette to replace the one lately burned will be opened and operated by a stock company of business men.

Ex-State Senator Thomas S. Cobb of Kalamazoo was found dead in his bed at a hotel in Rock Ledge, Fla., Sunday. He was 72 years old.

The Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad company lost $300 and a traveling agent $200 by a gang in the Greenville freight house Sunday.

The coal test well at Bad Axe is down 400 feet, and there being no signs of coal the enterprising people concerned, The borers got along well, that's all.

The Hackley soldiers' monument at Muskegon will be 79 feet high, of Vermont granite, and have a figure of victory 14 feet in height at the top.

The Negaunee strike is over; the men received their pay and returned to work. It is estimated that the cost of the strike to miners was over $3,000.

The cantata of "Christophorus" was elegantly given by the Ann Arbor choral union Saturday night, assisted by talent from Detroit and Toledo.

The Flint & Pere Marquette railroad depot at Saginaw and the American express company's office adjoining were burned late Tuesday night.

Frederick Kilmer is now in quod at Saginaw charged with embezzling a $70 watch from J. A. C. Hauck, his former employer. Kilmer was caught in Wyandotte.

E. Morrii Smith, baker and grocer, of Jackson, closed his doors Wednesday, and will not open them again. The liabilities are not large and he expects to pay dollar for dollar.

Mrs. Myrtle McCoy, the wife of Mayor McCoy of Hastings, was buried with impressive ceremonies Thursday. She was but 35 years old, and greatly beloved by all who knew her.

W. J. Daly and Paul Ulrich of Mt. Pleasant paid L. P. Campau $5,000 for the Sherman house, Mt. Clemens, last week, and will hereafter give the hostelry their personal attention.

Robert Pangborn, a driver for Robert Emmons of Jackson was kicked on the head and instantly killed by a horse he was grooming Sunday. Pangborn was 30 years old and unmarried.

The parishioners of Rev. L. G. Clark of Northville celebrated his fifth anniversary as pastor by swooping down on him in a body and leaving a goodly number of gifts as tokens of esteem, etc.

The collision of freight trains on the Grand Trunk railroad, 65 miles from Battle Creek, Sunday, delayed traffic five hours and resulted in the destruction of several cars. No one hurt.

A bluebreast at Battle Creek thinks it fun to throw stones at the west bound express train. It will be fun perhaps until he is caught and then it will be jail, as the Michigan Central company is getting mad.

A 3-year-old son of John Eilinger, of Shepherd, Isabella county, became possessed of a package of strychnine and made a lunch off it. He will live, but the doctors had the liveliest kind of a tussle to reach this happy end.

George W. Mount's store at Tawas City burned Thursday morning. The fire engine was frozen up and could not be thawed out until the building burned. Then it was of no use saving the adjoining buildings.

Mrs. Julius Houseman, the divorced wife of Julius Houseman, died suddenly at Grand Rapids Sunday. Although divorced from Houseman for 20 years, she continued to her support and left her $5,000 by will.

Under the guidance of Gen. Poe, the workmen engaged in the work of lifting the Sco cofferdam Saturday, and the pumps were started to clear the lock pit. There is some doubt about the repair being permanent.

Lansing butchers have petitioned the common council to pass an ordinance requiring the butchers to be notified that the veal season is coming on and there will be no end of "bob" veal if something is not done to stop it.

James Flanigan, an aged resident of Norway, died Thursday. He settled in the upper peninsula in 1850, and has seen the country grow up around him. He leaves a family of grown sons and daughters and a comfortable property.

Cady & Crane, the Albion tailors, have been arrested for a lottery. They tried the scheme of club sale for suits and the drawing of the suits was a sort of raffle. They were discharged upon the recommendation that they quit the scheme.

Joseph Gy, a rag picker of Saginaw, found $45 in money in a lot of paper. It was all paper money and torn into little shreds, and Gy is wondering who tore it up and what for, but is not letting his wonder prevent him from trying to paste the pieces together.

Adolph Schumaker and David Barker of Dearborn were coon hunting Saturday and cut down the tree into which they had chased the coon. When the tree fell Schumaker was too anxious and ran under it. He was so badly crushed and bruised that he died in a few hours.

Engineer Howe and Fireman Priest of the Chicago & West Michigan passenger train, west bound, Monday morning discovered an open switch at White Cloud. Priest jumped to escape danger, but instead of escaping was badly injured, while Howe who was to his engine was not hurt.

At the request of the leading citizens of Bay City Senator McMillan wired Architect Wisdom Saturday to have operations on the Bay City government building suspended until Bay City people could be heard from. The Bay City people object to style and everything else and want a change.

There is a coal famine in Negaunee and local dealers have been obliged to stock up from Michigan points and they are mad because the Wisconsin dealers charged full price and did not throw in the extra 240 pounds to make up a long ton. Failure of a couple of coal boats to arrive in the fall was the cause.

It will be interesting for people along the line of the Michigan Central to know that the North Shore limited, west bound, between Detroit and Chicago makes an average speed of 41½ miles an hour, the highest rate on any railroad in the world. England comes second with a speed of 40 miles an hour.

The office boy of the Globe casket works of Kalamazoo was sent to the bank Thursday with a book containing negotiable paper for $450. He did not have the paper when he got to the bank and the question naturally arose as to its whereabouts. The boy does not know and the Globe company is out just $450.

Orville Reed was arrested in Saginaw Thursday, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by the old bogus check racket. The police think Reed is the man who lives at Birch Run, and has served a term for murder, but need scarcely, that he lives in Mt. Morris, and has nothing to do with the other Reed.

Watson Conklin of Adrian had $3,000 life insurance in the Hillsdale company, and without apparent reason, other than to save the cost of keeping it up, cut it down to $1,000. The very next week he died. His heirs—well, they are not pleased, but the officers of the insurance company are tickled, as the farm hands say.

The carpenters, bricklayers and masons want increased pay at Grand Rapids and threaten to strike if they don't get it. The bosses pay they don't object to paying the increase to good men, but will be hanged if they will do so to the lazy carriers and wood butchers who belong to the association and want to come in for a rise with the competent workmen.

Daniel Bostwick and wife of Grand Rapids are under arrest charged with setting fire to their own home. Bostwick is in hard luck and had his furniture insured for $500 while it is claimed it was not worth $200. He also had a mortgage to meet and the fire occurred just at the mysterious way in a closet in the house is said to have been caused by himself and wife.

The Smith family was numerous in Grand Rapids Thursday night. One of the Smiths owns a saloon in Tower, others by that name were arrested in Grand Rapids by Detective Smith for robbing the first Smith, and if there was only a Judge Smith in the case what a reunion there would be. It might be remarked at the same time that the whole thing was made complete by the two Smiths breaking into a blacksmith's shop to get the tools to rob Smith's store.

Fred Killinger, an old resident of Saginaw and a member of th Twenty-first Michigan infantry, died of an abscess Saturday. The funeral services were conducted by the D. D. Rose post, G. A. R.

Ephraim Allen, 81 years old, of Flint conveyed by deed his farm of 40 acres to his son-in-law, John Stevens, retaining a life interest in the same. Stevens sold the interest and then abused the old man and his wife so badly that they were forced to leave. Allen has now brought suit to have the deed annulled on the ground of gross violation of the contract, and if he gets it back Stevens will get it, I've been named in the old man's will.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

A Week's Record of the Work Accomplished by the Law-Makers of Michigan.

The Charges of Bribery Preferred by the Public Press to be Investigated by the Senate.

A Motion for a Committee to Enquire into Senator Friedlender's Private Life Voted Down.

LANSING, March 18.—SENATE—Bills passed today: Amending the charter of the city of Ionia; establishing an estate road through the township of Monitor in the county of Bay; reincorporating city of Hesmahn; incorporating village of Fruitport; organizing township of Sullivan, county of Muskegon; to incorporate the village of Benzonia in the county of Benzie; to incorporate the village of Eau Claire in the county of Berrien; to incorporate the village of Gaston in the county of Wexford. Adjourned. HOUSE—The following bills passed the house: Appropriating $6,000 for a continuation of the reconciliation and copying of the records in the adjutant-general's office, in reference to the chistlement of soldiers in the war of secession; ing the president of the village of Newberry ex-officio a member of the board of supervisors of Luce county; amending laws relative to school district of Alpena; incorporating Gaston, Wexford county; incorporating Eau Claire, Berrien county; incorporating Benzonia, Benzie county; authorizing Tawas township to borrow money on its bonds to pay judgments entered on its bonds issued for Tawas & Grant plank road; amending the charter of Saginaw; reincorporating Crystal Falls, Iron county; for the employment of a stenographer for the twenty-sixth judicial circuit; dividing the town of McMillan, Outonagon county, into two election districts; amending the charter of Owosso. Adjourned.

LANSING, March 19.—SENATE—Bills passed: Amending charter of the city of Saginaw; authorizing the city of Saginaw to borrow money for an electric light plant; authorizing the city of Hancock to borrow money for public improvements; authorizing the city of Coldwater to create a a water commission for control of water works; authorizing the city of Saginaw to borrow money and issue bonds for public improvements; providing for two voting precincts for the township of Hope, county of Menominee; to divide the township of McMillan in the county of Outonagon into two election districts; authorizing the village council of Ontonagon to borrow money for the building of an iron swing bridge. Adjourned. HOUSE—Bills passed: H. 537, authorizing Hancock to borrow money for the purpose of village improvements; H. 962, authorizing the people of Saginaw to vote on the question of borrowing $100,000 to build water works to connect with the Pittsburg water works; H. 1,000, authorizing the people of Saginaw to vote on the question of borrowing $25,000 to build water works to connect with the Saginaw river water works; H. 827, revising the charter of Marquette; H. 440, for two voting precincts in the town of Holmes, Menominee county; H. 147, amending charter of Ontonagon; H. 185, for construction of roads and bridges in Saginaw county.

LANSING, March 20.—SENATE—Bills passed: Detaching territory from township of Manistique, Schoolcraft county, and organizing the new township of Doyle; providing for the maintenance and construction of state roads in Saginaw county; to reincorporate village of Farwell, county of Clare. Approved: S. B. 260, incorporating city of Ironwood. Adjourned until Monday 9:30 p. m. HOUSE—Bills passed: Incorporating Missouri authorizing Red Jacket to borrow money for sewers; for the acquisition by purchase or condemnation by cities of the rights or toll road companies in such cities; reincorporating Ionia; amending act 195 of 1873, relative to railroads; appropriating $20,000 for the state public school; legalizing action of supervisors of St. Clair county in establishing Fort Huron township; incorporating plank and gravel road companies to destroy all noxious weeds on their roads; reincorporating Farwell, Clare county. Adjourned.

LANSING, March 23.—SENATE—Upon the opening of the senate, and immediately after roll call, Senator Park arose and asked leave to introduce a resolution out of order. Permission being granted, he read the following: "Whereas, various grave charges have appeared in the press alleging bribery or attempts at bribery, and otherwise involving the integrity of certain members of the state senate, and whereas, an investigation is deemed proper and advisable, therefore, resolved that the president be authorized to appoint five members of the senate to make a full and thorough investigation, with power to send for persons and papers and employ the necessary clerical aid." The question being upon the adoption of the resolution, the same was adopted unanimously. The president will name the committee later. No sooner had the resolution been adopted than Senator Milnes arose and asked that unanimous consent be granted him also to introduce a resolution out of order. Mr. Milnes then offered a resolution speaking of Mr. Fridlender as an alleged sneaker and suggesting charges of bigamy against him which, if true, the senate must condemn and purge itself of the contamination, to which end a committee five should be appointed by the president to make inquiry in the case and report the facts. The resolution was tabled by the following vote: Yeas—Messrs. Hastone, Beers, Boughner, Cracker, Fletcher, Gilbert, Holcomb, McCormick, Morrow, Mugford, Porter, Smith, Wheeler, Wisner—15. Nays—Messrs. Brown, Cheverlin, Miller, Sahn and Taylor—5. The remainder of the session, which lasted until nearly 11 o'clock, was devoted to the reading of petitions and communications from the governor and the other house. HOUSE—The house met this evening, but did no business except the reception of petitions, reports and official communications.

BRIEFLY TOLD

Gen. Campos, formerly France minister of war, is dead.

The fund for a statue of Gen. Sherman amounts to $38,655.

There is a big break in the Mississippi levee at Concord, Miss.

The silver anniversary of the G. A. R. will be celebrated April 6, 1891.

A leopard escaped from a circus with gold, has been found near Boston, Mass.

The Missouri peach crop is reported to have been ruined by cold weather.

Theodore Thomas will probably be musical director of the world's fair.

Telephone connection between London and Paris has been established.

The governor general of British Barbadoes desires reciprocity with the United States.

The total shortage of ex-Treasurer Woodruff of Arkansas is placed at $369,746.43.

The new Holmes block at Detroit, Minn., was destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss is $40,000.

A mortgage for $250,000,000 is said to have been placed on the Union Pacific railway system.

Fire at Washington, La., was almost totally destroyed by fire Monday night. Loss $60,000.

O'Sullivan, one of the Cronin murderers, has appealed to the Illinois Supreme court for a new trial.

The warehouse of H. B. Claflin & Co. in New York, was damaged $100,000 by fire Tuesday.

Lord Tennyson has accepted an honorary membership in the world's fair auxiliary association.

Col. James R. Snead, one of the best-known of southern politicians, died in Chicago Tuesday.

A snowslide at Crested Butte, Col., Tuesday, killed Chas. Devine, J. G. McQuaire and Joseph McCullough, miners.

Reports from Italy are to the effect that the recent storms have almost completely destroyed the crop of lemons and oranges.

Peter and Mary Cryan were burned to death and 22 families rendered homeless by a fire in a New York tenement house last night.

Bribery is charged in the California legislature in the withdrawal of De Young's name in favor of Felton for United States senator.

The Englishmen who have been making such large winnings at Monte Carlo still continue in good luck, having won $46,000 Sunday.

A large cleomargarine factory at Providence, R. I., has been seized by government officers for sealing out unstamped packages.

An English syndicate has just purchased the famous Laguna de Tasche ranch of 49,000 acres in California, for $1,000,000.

Edwin Stein, a Cleveland man, was attacked by three large English mastiffs Tuesday and so badly injured that he may not recover.

Two thousand Italian laborers are reported to be organizing and drilling with guns near Bellaire, W. Va. Their object is not known.

The Illinois senate on Wednesday passed the bill authorizing a tax of two mills to enable the Chicago public library to raise a building fund.

A fire did $1,200 damage to the Longue Pointe lunatic asylum at Montreal Sunday, and four men who jumped from windows were fatally injured.

It is semi-officially denied that sealed orders have been sent to the Italian squadron in consequence of the lynching of the 11 Italians at New Orleans.

At St. Peter's Rup, Pa., Saturday night, a burglar named Anderson killed Detective Gilkinson and wounded two other men. He is in jail at Braddox, Pa.

George Harris, a farmer, living near Caldwell, O., killed his wife by cutting her throat, and then fatally hacked his own throat. Harris was jealous.

An Italian meeting to protest against the New Orleans killing was broken up at Troy, N. Y., Sunday night by a mob, which bombarred the building with stones.

The South Dakota supreme court has decided that the act requiring the deposit of $50,000 with the state treasurer by commercial agencies doing business in the state is unconstitutional.

The famous Hatfield-McCoy feud in West Virginia has been settled, one end, a marriage of a McCoy to a Hatfield having brought about the change. Over 100 lives were sacrificed as a result of the feud.

One hundred bales were recovered from the wrecked steamer Utopia, off Gibraltar, Sunday. The coroner's jury has decided that the disaster was the result of an accident for which no person was to blame.

Some fool yelled "fire" in the opera house at Springfield, O., Sunday night while religious services were being conducted, and a panic was only averted by the choir singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Murder Will Out.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 19.—On the night of August 8, 1864, Lieut. J. Stewart Robinson, of the U. S. A., was shot and killed while searching for deserters from the union ranks. Three young men—Elias Young, Thomas Smith and Minor Smith—were suspected of being guilty of the crime, but sufficient evidence to warrant their arrest could not be obtained. Minor Smith died several years ago. The story was cleared on Monday last when Thomas Smith called on District Attorney Dart, and made a statement to the effect that the suspected men were the murderers of Robinson. He states that they all fired at the lieutenant on the fatal night, when ordered to halt while driving cattle on the highway. Elias Young is now a resident of Jackson county. He was arrested and brought to this city yesterday, charged with murder.

Lawrence Barrett Dead.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, died at 10:40 o'clock this evening at the Windsor hotel. The actor was conscious up till a short time before he died. His wife and Dr. Clarkson of this city were with Mr. Barrett when he breathed his last. His last sickness dated from Wednesday night, when he was obliged to leave the theater where he was engaged. It was said at the time that he was suffering from a severe cold, but would be out in a few days, and up till yesterday the reports from the sick chamber were very favorable. Heart failure, the physician declared, was the cause of death.

A $15,000,000 Soap Plant.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 24.—The biggest soap manufacturing concern in the world has been organized here. The corporation will have a capital of $15,000,000 and proposes to establish plants to cost from $50,000 to $200,000 in Houston, New Orleans and other southern cities in the cotton belt.

Death by Fire.

NEW YORK, March 19.—By the burning of a five-story tenement house early this morning Barnett Jarlar, a polish jew tailor, Sarah, his 19-year-old daughter, and Betsy, the youngest daughter, lost their lives. Several others were badly injured by jumping.

Big Cincinnati Failure

CINCINNATI, March 19.—The wholesale boot and shoe firm of the J. A. Simpkinson company has made an assignment. Liabilities $400,000, assets $300,000.

James Nolen and wife were mysteriously poisoned in Pittsburg, Pa., Thursday. The husband is dead.

The national association of musicians has been organized against the importation of musicians from Europe.

The receipts of the Savannah, Ga., cotton exchange during the past year reached 1,000,000 bales.

Henry Gredig, an actor with the "Jim the Penman" company, took poison in New York Thursday and died.

A lone highwayman held up a stage near Redding, Cal., Thursday, and secured a small amount of treasure.

Chancellor Von Caprivi has removed the embargo placed upon American cattle landed at Hamburg, Germany.

Meredith Sawtry Thursday successfully leaped from the suspension bridge at Cincinnati into the Ohio river.

A lion, far supposed to be Fred Hatfield, was found dead while feasting across in Chicago Thursday night.

The Norwegian bark Imperator is a total wreck on one of the Cape de Varde islands. Twelve of her crew perished.

Parnell's surveys are receiving a very chilly reception in the east, and their mission is likely to prove a failure.

A revised list shows that the number of people drowned by the sinking of the steamer Utopia off Gibraltar was 562.

The Missouri legislature has passed an anti-trust bill, making the formation of any combination illegal and fixing the penalty at a fine of $100 per day.

The green flag of Ireland, with the national and municipal flags, was displayed conspicuously on the New York city hall flagstaff Tuesday.

The New Jersey assembly has passed a bill re-districting the state for members of congress so to insure six out of eight districts going Democratic.

A British blue book shows that 152 peers of the realm, including the bishop of Llandaff, are owners of places in which intoxicating drink is sold.

An old feud between two farmers, Robert Murray and Wm. O. Hower, living near Stonecroy, Ore., culminated Saturday in the murder of Hower by Murray.

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ANYONE having a farm to sell for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if we do a trade. We make contracts by the month and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 4 miles south of Pontiac and 2½ miles north west of Birmingham. Twelve acres good timber land, three orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair. Farm well watered, and is well calculated for raising all kinds of crops. Call at this office and we will go with you to see this farm. Price $4,000, one half down balance on long time if desired.

BARGAIN NO. 8.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, milk station, 1½ miles from Rochester, good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, orchards, one hundred acres, 38 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 John W. Randall on Martin street in this village, is offered for sale at a bargain. It has a good barn, well, cistern, fruit, barn, cistern, cellar and every convenience within 3 minutes walk of the business part, and all churches. Lot 60x165. Call at the premises or address this office.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mr. Edwin Baldwin now offers for sale at a very low price and on easy terms, his new residence recently built on the north side of Maple avenue, containing nearly one acre of land. Most of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at $200 per foot and two fronting on Maple at $150 per foot. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get in the lottery they are good.

Bargain No. 18.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see offered. We have had placed in our hands by Edmund James six lots formerly owned by the late Mason L. James, whose property consisted of the homestead. Most of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at $200 per foot and two fronting on Maple at $150 per foot. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get in the lottery they are good.

Bargain No. 19.

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 the any one can not be possibly beat.

MAKE MONEY.

The property is known as the "Wilde Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage on two streets, each side of Saginaw avenue and about so rods on Cemetery avenue and Maple street, is level as a floor, well drained and make desirable lots. With the water works and the prospect of a street car line and an electric railway in the village in the near future, we think it worthy of the consideration of speculators. Any further information can be readily furnished. Address EXCHANGE BANK, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Birmingham? If so, we think we can suitely. We can offer you for only $1,500 a large modern two story house, with barn, on Brown street, comparatively new, 73x36, containing 12 rooms, plenty of other outbuildings, large barn and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, with good blue, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a nice little home for sale, on Maple avenue, close to the business portion of Birmingham, consisting of a house on 3 lots, owned by R. Spencer Wooster. The house has 4 good rooms, good cellar, large barn and good well and cistern, plenty small fruits and a nice walk into town. This is a very reasonable. Call on us or R. S. Wooster.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale or to rent, 4 miles out in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well undrained, 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 wells and cisterns, one at the house and one at the barn. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ½ 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 off for sale, but if you want to be smart with it and asks only what it is worth. See here, 80 acres of good land all under cultivation, with about ten acres which is beautifully timbered, lands of 2 to 3 miles from Birmingham, good house, horse and grain barns, with granary double barn, corn crib, a well and cistern that never fail, having running water for stock during the year, the whole year round, a good one meaning business and wanting above described property put in shape for a big profit, for further particulars by calling at the EXCHANGE REAL ESTATE OFFICE.

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in other cities, 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 school lot, and contains 10 rooms, is furnished with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in abundance, attached to house fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, pears, cherries and peaches, raspberries and strawberries, 5 acres in all, enough to keep a family and have some to spare. Splendid lawn in fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will rent to right party on long term or will sell on easy terms, or trade 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. Inquire of address M. L. Talbot, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 41.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $150 each, 7 of the choicest lots in the location of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. Hopkins' lot, next to Superior. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 42.

We can now offer for sale the H. Toms' comfortable and convenient home situated corner of Chestnut and Merrill streets in this village. This snug house consists of six nice living rooms, three good wells, cisterns, cellars, and both houses, 130 bearing apple trees of choice fruit, plenty of peaches, pears, plums, grapes, etc. etc. About 80 acres of extra good land under plow and in good condition, 7 acres of fine grass 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. This property is worth $3,000 anywhere in Oakland county. Call on us for particulars.

Bargain No. 43.

That is the chance of a life time for planting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the west side of Pierce street, owned by Alexander Lindsay, 2½ miles east of Birmingham, of the depot and five minutes walk of the business portion of the village. Excellent land, fine level and under a fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 45.

A fine farm of 65 acres, under a splendid state of cultivation, 2½ miles east of Birmingham and beautiful village of Birmingham, a thrifty and prosperous village, 18 miles from Detroit, on line of the line of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, well fenced, good new 2½ story frame house with new, hot air furnace and all the conveniences usually found in city houses, barn and all the necessary outbuildings in fine condition.

Will sell for cash or will exchange for house and lot in Detroit. For sale and for exchange. For other particulars call at the farm, address the owner, John Wild, or

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

The world is growing more enlightened and more comfortable all the time, and yet the professional pessimists think the sum total of happiness is not increased. Happen what may, the mortal will be mortal.

Dr. Widner of California knows the Indian agent. He has lived among the Indians for years and says that no white man can hope to equal them in physical development. It takes the average Indian agent to offset this disadvantage.

Miss Emily Howland is a director of the First National bank of Sackets, N. Y., and when a man has a reputation for lifetreating his wife or refusing to buy her a new bonnet he knows that he has no chance of getting his paper discounted there.

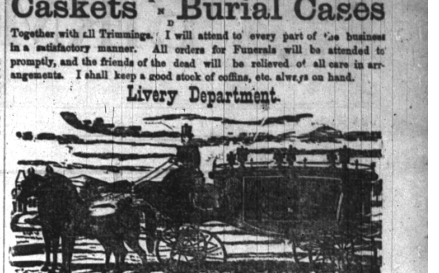
A chemist says different classes of substances have been found to affect the organs of taste in the following order: Bitters, acids, saline substances, sweets and salts. The taste nerves are nearly 2,000 times as sensitive to quinine as to sugar.

I have the best facilities for furnishing

Caskets and Burial Cases

Together with all Trimmings. I will attend to every part of the business in a satisfactory manner. All orders for Funerals will be attended to promptly, and the friends of the dead will be relieved of all care in arrangements. I shall keep a good stock of coffins, etc. always on hand.

Livery Department.



First-class Single and Double Rig

I have recently purchased for my Undertaking Business at a considerable expense one of Taylor's Improved Ice Caskets for preserving the dead. This method keeps the dead from all contact with the remains and does away with the old way of embalming, poisoning and mutilating the body.

J. O. BEATTIE.

TUXEDO PARK.

A Rare Chance for Investment where Money can be made Safely, Surely and Reasonably.

To invest or not to invest is the question now that agitates the mind of every one having any money that they would like to put out with a fair chance of its returning ten fold and more if one is fortunate enough to strike it the right spot. Tuxedo Park is in our mind just the place where one may invest and make a fortune with a very small capital to start in with. Mr. Luther Stanley is one of a syndicate who with a view to a sure, quick return and a big return for the investment have bought our Woodward Ave. Detroit, a beautiful tract of land, platted it and call it

TUXEDO PARK.

BIG MONEY

Can be made by investing in Tuxedo Park now. It is a well-known and undisputed fact that values in North Detroit, along the line of Woodward Avenue, have more than doubled IN ONE YEAR'S TIME. And to any person with average intelligence it is a foregone conclusion that within the next couple of years this same "doubling up" will continue. The many contemplated improvements are bound to verify this prediction, notable among which are: