THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

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A RECENTLY launched Baltimore schooner was christened with water instead of wine, the liquor always heretofore used on such occasions. The vessel's owners are said to be strict temperance men.

CANADIAN militiamen hold "smoking concerts" at which every man must smoke from the time he enters the room until he leaves it. Their object is doubtless to accustom themselves to the smoke of battle, just as our own militiamen give balls to accustom themselves to the music of bullets.

WHY shall small personalities be employed by either sex toward members of either sex? Characterization of facts is logical, is permissible, is effectual, if truly and well made. But mere personalism is the resort of either poverty or intellect or coarseness of deportment. It is as unbecoming men as women.

ELECTRICITY has found use in the stable in a new idea for grooming horses. The power furnished by an electric motor is taken by a flexible tube to a brush that revolves rapidly. With this brush a man can groom a horse better in five minutes than in a much longer time by hand. Any lazy man can hereafter be his own hostler.

THERE are railroads in the west on which there is a private car to about every 100 miles of line. An expert railroader estimates that it costs a railroad company $25 a day when a private car is out on the line ordinarily, and when invited parties are along it will require twice that sum to keep the car provided and haul it over the road.

A METEORIC stone resembling granite recently fell near the mouth of Pistol river, in Curry county, Oregon. It weighs something over four hundred pounds and imbedded itself several feet in the earth. Parties who saw it went to dig it out, but found it so hot nothing could be done with it. After it had cooled it was removed and will soon be placed on exhibition.

THE earliest known lens is one made of rock crystal, unearthed by Layard at Nineveh. This lens, the age of which is to be measured by thousands of years, now lies in the British Museum, with its surface as bright as when it left the maker's hands. By the side of it are very recent specimens of lens which have been ruined by exposure to Lonbon fog and smoke.

A BOSTON professor jumps up with an infallible cure for tuberculosis. The professor is too late in the field to hope for wealth. He should turn his attention to that large number of lovely Boston girls who, according to Mrs. Stanley's mamma, are wasting away for lack of men to marry them. A cure for their consumption, now, would make the professor adored as well as rich.

THE czar of Russia is a perfect specimen of physical manhood. He is more than six feet tall and has shoulders, arms and thighs of an athlete. So great is the strength of his hands that he can twist a horseshoe with ease. He is a magnificent horseman, a thoroughly trained soldier, and an accomplished linguist, speaking seven modern languages besides Russian. He works hard and is out of bed from 6 in the morning till 10 at night.

RAILROADS, smelting works and other industries that must run day and night could more readily divide into three reliefs of eight hours than they now do into two reliefs of twelve hours. These long hours wear men out, causes them to be careless and increase the expenses of machinery, and especially cause accidents. Railroads would probably save enough by avoiding accidents, were they to adopt the eight hour system, to more than pay for the extra expense it might entail.

WELL-INFORMED newspapers have said that the negroes outnumbered the whites ten to one in Louisiana and South Carolina, and are in a majority in every Southern state, and many other similar absurdities have become current coin of the paragraphers. The negroes outnumber the whites in but three states, namely: Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana; and in South Carolina—which has the largest population—they are but three-fifths of the entire population. In Kentucky they constitute only one-seventh of the population.

PERHAPS the most potent influence of all in producing railway disturbances is the pernicious principle of imposing on the local traffic all the burdens of fixed charges and profits, and regarding competitive traffic as something it is profitable to secure at any charge or any methods. There is a prevailing tendency to this thing among all roads. And no stronger evidence of this tendency need be cited than the formal assertion of the leading advocates of the railway school that on competitive traffic "everything above the bare cost of movement is profit."

NEW ideas in Palestine—The railroad and the electric light have invaded Judea and the awed Mohammedan gazes upon the unwonted spectacle and cries "Mashallah"—"God is great!"—and goes on his way wondering. Jerusalem is already lighted by electricity. The plant is placed in a flour mill close to the Damascus gate, by which St. Paul escaped from his persecutions, and adjoining Mount Calvary. Work is being pushed on the railroad from Jaffa to Jerusalem, and when it is completed and the locomotive's whistle is heard in the valley of Jordan, extensions of the line will be made from Dan to Beersheba. These improvements naturally attract increasing numbers of pilgrims and one great caravan of visitors recently entered the Holy City with a band of music at their head.

WOLVERINE NEWS.

Lansing the Latest Michigan City to be Visited by a Destructive Fire, the Loss $10,000.

Mrs. Ruth A. McCreedy, a Lansing Widow, Suicides Because of a Faithless Lover.

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

Fire at Lansing.

LANSING, April 11.—Just before midnight fire broke out in the sheds of the Lansing lumber company's yard at North Lansing, and before the flames could be subdued had consumed the piles of lumber in the yard, the buildings and also William S. Rouse's meat market and Peter Baumgrass' marble works. The residence of Henry Leonard was also burned, and Mrs. Leonard, who was ill, escaped just in time to save her life. The loss will approximate $10,000, with $7,000 insurance, divided as follows: Henry Leonard, loss $1,600, insured for $1,000; Rouse, loss $1,000, insurance unknown; No. 1 engine house, loss $1,000, fully covered by insurance; Peter Baumgrass, loss $1,100, insured; Lansing lumber company, loss $5,000, partly insured. The cause of the fire is unknown, but the entire block from the bridge to Washington street, on Franklin, is in ashes.

A Widow's Suicide.

LANSING, Mich., April 14.—Mrs. Ruth A. McCreedy, 46 years old and a widow, died Sunday from morphine taken with suicidal intent. She left a note to Mayor Johnson, telling him that George Ford, a travelling tree agent, was responsible for her death. Ford had been courting the woman who was 15 years his senior and playing fast and loose with her. Mrs. McCreedy told a neighbor, who hinted that Ford meant to jilt her, that he would be the last man to fool her. Mrs. McCreedy obtained the morphine by sending her 13-year-old daughter to the drug store for the stuff. The first dose did not prove fatal and she sent for the second. She told a neighbor just before she died that Ford promised to marry her next Monday, but had refused to live up to his promise.

An Exceptional Preacher.

FLINT, April 14.—At the morning service at St. Paul's church Sunday Rev. Ralph E. MacDuff announced that he had decided to decline the call extended him by St. Paul's parish at Saginaw. He considers that his work here is only well begun and duty demanded that he should remain in Flint at a salary $1,000 less than that offered him by the Saginaw parish. His declination of the call gives great satisfaction among his parishioners and his many friends outside his parish.

The Pewabic Mine Afire.

HANCOCK, April 11.—Fire was discovered in the Pewabic mine Friday morning by dense quantities of smoke which poured from the mouth of the shaft. As far as is known no one was injured and the miners are safe. The mine is located between the Quincy and Franklin mines and the smoke has driven the miners out of these two mines. The mine recently sold for $710,000, and incendiarism is said to be the cause of the fire.

The State Election.

The latest returns from the state election give Judge Montgomery, for justice of the supreme court, a satisfactory plurality. The exact number will only be ascertained when the official count is made. The republican candidates for regents of the university were also elected, and the salary increase probably carried.

April Crop Report.

LANSING, April 11.—The April crop report issued today shows that winter wheat in central and southern tiers of counties, where 97 per cent of the crop is raised, has come out of the winter practically uninjured. Clover is also in first-class condition and the outlook for fruit is promising in all parts of the state.

Bad for Mancelona.

MANCELONA, April 11.—The Mancelona handle factory burned to the ground yesterday morning. The loss is $23,000, with some insurance. This was one of Mancelona's best institutions.

Summoned Home.

SARANAC, Mich., April 14.—Rev. J. M. Fuller, a colonel in the late war and the oldest member of the Detroit conference of the Methodist church, died Sunday, aged 88 years.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Harrison will pay any reasonable sum for a grist mill.

Holland citizens voted to spend $17,000 for water works.

The Bay City fire tugs have gone into service for the season.

Ola Bell of Paw Paw has been appointed to a West Point cadetship.

Michigan has nearly $400,000 waiting for it in the United States treasury.

Pierson, for judge in the thirteenth district, defeated Howard Weist by over 700 votes.

The Houghton county voters gave the free bridge amendment over 2,000 majority.

A. B. Congdon, of Wayland, suffered a stroke of paralysis Tuesday night and can not live.

W. H. McDonald's residence in Deerfield burned Tuesday at a loss of $500; insured for $250.

The chief of the Soo fire department receives $200 a year and he earns every cent of it.

Joseph Anderson, a lumber piler, fell off a pile of lumber at Bay City Saturday and was drowned.

J. J. Larsen has been appointed postmaster at Beechwood, Iron county, vice G. W. Reed, resigned.

A young daughter of P. T. Cole of Bay City fell into a cistern Thursday afternoon and was drowned.

Dr. Henry Yoe, veterinary surgeon and pioneer of Kalamazoo, died Wednesday. He was 81 years old.

Joseph Woodland, who took up a tract of land in Fairfield in 1832, died of the grip Tuesday, aged 83 years.

Dr. Henry Wyman, father of Dr. Hal Wyman, of Detroit, and a pioneer in southern Michigan died Wednesday.

The four year old son of Charles F. Varney of Bay City burned itself to death by playing with matches last week.

The hustling little burg of Belding is to have a new basket factory and it's not going to be a little one for a cent either.

Reed City has secured another addition in the shape of a large stave and heading company, and another is expected soon.

There is an anti-shaving society in Hudson and the barbers are doing their best to break it up. They have not succeeded yet.

The people of Plymouth are agitating the subject of building an electric railroad from that town to Ypsilanti via Cherry Hills.

A new paper called the K. O. T. M. Review has been started at Caro by G. H. Slocum. The first number is neat and newsy.

Sherman Mercer, an old resident of Newaygo, was drowned Sunday. It is not known whether it was accidental or a case of suicide.

The city of Marshall, at the last election, voted to bond to the tune of $100,000 for public improvements. The majority was close to 300.

The Goodrich steamship company's Racine made its first entry to Muskegon harbor Monday. She brought a large cargo from Chicago.

The 2-year-old daughter of Charles Cousineau, of Long Rapids, Alpena county, fell into a tub of boiling lye Saturday, and died in a short time.

The Saginaw trotting association will offer nearly $10,000 in purses for its summer meeting. The largest will be a $3,000 purse for 2:28 horses.

The jury in the Egan murder case, Grand Rapids, took just two hours and five minutes to bring in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter.

John Wagner, the Sturgis brewer, who had to pay a fine of $750 for violation of the revenue laws, dropped dead Monday morning. Natural causes.

The chemical analysis of the mineral water found near Big Rapids proves it to contain more medicinal qualities than any other in the United States.

Battle Creek is hungry for the annual encampment which brings so many dollars to its merchants and is hustling the best it knows how to get it.

Two Coldwater men got to quarreling about a 25 cent razor, and after a legal fight of a long time and $25 costs the case was left just where it started.

Soo people are too proud to speak to the ordinary people of earth and all because the government is going to exhibit a model of the Soo locks at the world's fair.

Thomas Floyd, 30 years old, of Benton Harbor cast his vote Tuesday and started for home. He stopped, trembled and dropped to the walk a corpse. Apoplexy.

William F. Martindale, a crazy bookbinder, of Grand Rapids, has been frightening the people of the second city by peering into windows. He is under arrest.

Roy Seery, 13 years old, of Allegan monkeyed around a mill Tuesday until he laid his hand down on a circular saw. He has four less fingers than when he was born.

The 26th Michigan infantry held its 26th annual reunion at St. Louis Tuesday and spent the day in renewing the old acquaintances and having a generally jolly time.

Clifford O. Beebe, president of the Merchants' national bank, Chattanooga, was married to Miss Maud Chapin, of Kalamazoo, Wednesday. It was an ultra fashionable event.

Rev. A. P. Moore preached the funeral oration over the remains of the late Representative Hawley, at Saranac, Saturday, over 40 members of the senate and house being present.

Mail service between Abscata and Union City, Branch county, has been increased to three times a week, and special services at Miller Hill, Lenawee county, has been discontinued.

The weather reports for the seven days just passed show that the heavy rains have retarded the crops to a large extent. The prevalence of frost in some sections has also caused damage.

Clare elected its first city officers Monday, choosing C. W. Perry mayor and C. I. Bigley clerk. The candidates were nonpartisan and the officers about evenly divided between the parties.

William Harbor, a young teamster of Howard City, was struck in the head by a piece of square timber he was unloading Tuesday and instantly killed. He was married but two weeks ago.

Mrs. Thomas P. Whittier, of Saginaw, was elected president of the Home of the Friendless association Friday. The home is in a flourishing condition and is doing a great deal of good work in its field.

The boilers used to heat the Congregational church at Saginaw are said to be dangerous and likely to explode at any time. This offers the wicked an excellent excuse to stay away from church.

Student William H. Booth, of the university, who shot Mortorman Stoil some time ago, has been fired from the university in disgrace. The meeting of the authorities Tuesday settled Booth's case.

Malon Buckley was horribly burned and will, it is feared, lose both eyes by an explosion of some dynamite at Loomis Tuesday. He was engaged with other men in blasting when the cartridge prematurely exploded.

Ed. Rogers, the murderer of Hattie Moses, is again better and will now recover unless he has a relapse. He was thought to be dying in the Saginaw hospital last week. He is constantly watched by a policeman.

A Jackson colored preacher became mixed on his scripture and instead of loving his neighbor as himself loved his neighbor's wife. You can guess the rest and will be sure to be right. His usefulness as a preacher is destroyed.

Farmers in and around Greenville have sold 1,103 carloads of potatoes since August 15, 1890, and claim Greenville is the banner potato-shipping point in the state. Prices ranged from 50 cents to $1.05, with an average at 80 cents.

The new railroad map of the Chicago & West Michigan extension was approved at Lansing Tuesday. The Bay View resorters withdrew their objection because the Grand Rapids & Indiana granted the new road a right of way over its territory.

John Malowinski's saloon in Bay City caught fire Saturday night and the barkeeper was imprisoned, one door being on fire and the other locked from the outside. When the firemen released him he was nearly dead from suffocation, but will recover.

Vice President and General Manager H. C. Potter of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad, has tendered his resignation, and will probably be succeeded by Gen. John M. Corse, postmaster at Boston during Cleveland's administration. A good man to hold the fort.

The Crescent furniture company of Big Rapids, was found on fire Saturday for the third time in less than two years. The fire on this occasion, however, was discovered before it had done any great damage and the loss will not exceed $1,500, covered by insurance. The cause of the blaze was spontaneous combustion.

Dr. William J. Cox of Detroit was convicted upon a charge of criminal malpractice in performing an abortion upon the person of Bertha Coultis, a young girl of Leamington, Ont., on Wednesday, and was sentenced to pay a fine of $500 and imprisonment for one year. This was the fourth time Dr. Cox had been tried on a similar charge, escaping conviction until this time.

Perkins H. Green, the possessor of landed interests in Battle Creek and formerly in the crockery business there, a man of state-wide acquaintance, died in Kalamazoo Saturday of old age. He was born in Michigan in 1815, and leaves one daughter, Mrs. John P. Larkin, of Minneapolis, and one son, David Green, of Holly. The funeral was held at Battle Creek Monday afternoon.

Reports from Croswell, Peck, Downington, Elmer City, Carsonville and other southern points in Sanilac county, show that the phenomenal growth of dairying interests will be kept up this summer. The cheese factories in the neighborhood will have the milk of 4,300 cows to use as a basis, and a conservative estimate says the output will not be less than 840,000 pounds, with about $62,000 as the returns.

The Knights of Pythias throughout the state are making preparations and anticipating the trip to Detroit, July 15 and 16, when the great blow out will be held.

Michigan patents: John N. Brownlee, Detroit, pole for overhead systems of electric railways; Arthur Cameron, Kalamazoo, tubular well; Herman L. Chapman, White Pigeon, intermittent grip device; Henry C. Hart, Detroit, portable coin safe; David L. Keeler, Grand Rapids, toy swing; Willis J. Perkins, Grand Rapids, miter cutting machine; Milton Roberts, Rawsonville, handle attachment for culinary and other vessels; Joseph L. Webber, Detroit, preparing pepsin; Leonidas G. Woolley, Grand Rapids, vaporizer for gas engines.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

A New Department, to Furnish Legislators With Stationery and Supplies, to be Established.

Gov. Winans to Secure the $240,000 in the United States Treasury, Due the State of Michigan.

Bills of More or Less Importance Passed by the Michigan Law-Makers.

LANSING, April 8.—SENATE—Bills passed: To establish a department of stationery and supplies for the purpose of supplying the state departments and institutions with such articles from one central head and supervision, and to provide for inspection of the goods furnished to such department. Approved by the governor: Amending charter of village of Bessemer, Gogebic county. HOUSE—Authorizing Vassar to issue $10,000 in bonds to build an electric light plant; amending act 131 of 1889, specifying that when cars upon different street railways arrive at the same crossing together the car on the track first laid down shall have precedence. Approved by the governor: The acts authorizing Edmore to borrow money for an electric light plant; attaching lands to school district No. 1 in Hancock; incorporating Benzonia; authorizing Hancock to borrow money for highway purposes; amending section 5134, Howells, relative to schools; appropriating $151,000 to the soldiers' home; appropriating $6,000 for copying records in the adjutant-general's office; amending charter of Grand Rapids; legalizing action of supervisors in establishing Port Huron and St. Clair town line; for a board of review in Iron Mountain; reincorporating Mason; amending charter of West Bay City.

LANSING, April 9.—SENATE—Bills passed: To provide for the organization and incorporation of companies for clearing out and improving rivers and streams in this state for the purpose of driving, sorting, holding and delivering logs thereon; to authorize the township of Lamotte, in the county of Sanilac, to settle and adjust a certain bond issued to Robert Hoag for highway orders purchased by him and surrendered to said township; making all general election days legal holidays. HOUSE—The business of the day was unimportant, and the house adjourned early on account of the death of Representative Hawley.

LANSING, April 10.—SENATE—A number of unimportant bills were passed today and the governor's approval of the following announced: —Amending charter of the city of Menominee; for the incorporation of street railway companies; authorizing East Tawas to borrow money for the establishment of an electric light plant; amending charter of the city of Ann Arbor. Adjourned until Monday, 9:15 p. m. HOUSE—The governor has approved the following acts, to authorize Port Huron to borrow money for sewer bonds; amending school act of Saginaw; amending school act of Muskegon; incorporating Watervliet. Adjourned until 10 a. m. Monday.

LANSING, April 13.—SENATE—The senate met this evening and went through the regular order of business. The resolution of Representative Barkworth authorizing the governor to receipt to the general government for the direct tax, amounting to $426,000, was received from the house and adopted. The governor will take immediate steps to obtain the money and cover it into the state treasury. HOUSE—The house had a quorum present this morning. Many petitions were received for various matters now pending, including the appointment of a state factory inspector. Remonstrances against the bill to lower telegraphic rates, for the reason that it would close many small offices and badly affect the wages of telegraph operators, were numerous. The business of the day was confined to work in committee of the whole. The governor has approved the act making an appropriation for Michigan university.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Chicago is soon to have a coal exchange.

The Georgia state Negro college will be located at Savannah.

Cattle, horses and hogs are dying of hydrophobia at Britt, Ill.

The President left Washington Monday night on his southern and western trip.

The waters of the Seine, at Paris, have been restocked with 40,000 California salmon.

Gen. Lucius J. Gartell, a member of the confederate congress, died at Atlanta, Ga., Tuesday.

Capt. W. L. Merry, of San Francisco, has been appointed consul general for Nicaragua.

During the past week there were 1,216 deaths in New York city, against 1,100 the week before.

Dearborn people voted $3,000 to build an iron bridge across the south fork of the River Rouge.

Three children of Arthur Ritchie broke the ice on Birch lake, Wis., Monday, and were drowned.

Col. I. U. Walker of Indianapolis has been elected department commander of the Indiana G. A. R.

The President has formally accepted the resignation of J. N. Huston, treasurer of the United States.

Ed. Strange of Oneonata, Ala., while loading a rifle Saturday accidentally shot and killed his wife.

At the New York sub-treasury Tuesday, $1,300,000 in gold coin was ordered for shipment to Europe.

The five year old daughter of Joseph Sceney fell into an old well at Campbellford and was drowned.

Archie Downard of Cynthiana, Ky., was on Saturday sentenced to the penitentiary for life for murder.

By the falling of a wall at Cincinnati Saturday, Paul Glenn, aged 19, and Wm. Gibson, aged 50, were killed.

E. F. Hille, a German pauper of Galena, Ill., has just fallen heir to $250,000 by the death of an uncle in Germany.

Stocks of wheat in the northwest are figured at 20,491,972 bushels, a decrease for the week of 441,214 bushels.

Ex-Judge Henry Chapman died at Doylestown, Pa., Saturday. He was a representative in Congress in 1856.

Mrs. Andrew Doll of Herman, Neb., killed her two children last week and then committed suicide. She was insane.

At a Negro dance at North Colber, I. T., Friday night, Pike Morris was stabbed to death by an Indian named Williamson.

London's street accidents from fast driving have caused the suggestion that no driver be allowed under 18 years of age.

Milton and Harry Kauffman, brothers, of Lancaster, Pa., have just died from the effects of poison taken with suicidal intent.

The report that Gen. Thomas P. Ruger will succeed Gen. Gibbon in command of the department of the Pacific is confirmed.

There were detained at the barge office at New York last week ninety-one immigrants, twenty-three of whom escaped into port.

C. E. Isley of the Northwestern Iron company was almost instantly killed in Chicago Tuesday by his team running away.

Capt. George H. Hyatt, an auctioneer at Milledgeville, Ga., killed himself with morphine because his wife had become insane.

The St. Petersburg military tribunal has sentenced Prince Vadbolsky to three years' detention in a fortress for killing Lieut. Monossoff in a duel.

Wilcox Jansen, a farmer living near Cleves, Ia., while insane from the grip, fractured Reinhart Abbas' skull and injured two other men. Abbas will die.

An unidentified tramp was stabbed to death by a fellow-tramp at Grand Rapids, Wednesday night. A tramping shoemaker named Carroll has been arrested for the crime.

Mrs. John L. Sullivan, wife of the pugilist, was publicly baptised Sunday at Providence, R. I., under the auspices of the Salvation Army, of which she is a leading member.

William White, who was arrested at St. Louis, Mo., Friday, for counterfeiting, turns out to be Charles Jones, a noteworthy counterfeiter who is known to the police all over the country.

Annie D. Munson of Chicago has begun suit for $25,000 for false imprisonment against Albert E. and George W. Little, jr. She alleges that they forcibly removed her from her home and had her incarcerated in an insane asylum.

The Coke Strikers.

MT. PLEASANT, PA., April 14.—Uneasiness prevails among cokers. It was expected that last week's convention would settle the strike, but the resolution to continue has had a depressing effect. The Eighteenth regiment with Gen. Wiley and Adjt. Gen. McClelland has left, leaving the Tenth regiment on duty. The strikers hailed with delight the withdrawal of the Eighteenth, and expect that in a few days the Tenth regiment will be recalled. One thousand men are said to be ready to return to work at Morewood next week. The arrest of the rioters still goes on. A number of strikers and their wives congregated about the stores and plant at the Hostetter works last night, but were dispersed without anybody being hurt.

Rough Weather in Illinois.

CENTRALIA, Ill., April 11.—This city was visited by a heavy wind and rain storm last night, which did much damage. A row of new buildings in the western part of the city was considerably damaged, some houses being blown down and the lumber scattered about. W. Nichols, a contractor, was hit by flying timber and badly hurt. The village of Irvington, six miles south of here, was reported as being much damaged. At Warren, Ill., and vicinity it rained steadily for over 24 hours. It is the first copious rain of the season and will be very beneficial to grass and grain lands. Tiskilwa reports the worst rain storm seen there in several years. The creeks have grown to rushing rivers.

May Lose His Bacon.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 14.—Customs Collector Warren of Pembroke, has seized 100 barrels of pork shipped from Detroit to J. W. Harvey & Sons, Walford station. This pork was entered as mess pork, liable to pay only $3 per barrel duty and said to contain not more than 16 pieces to the barrel. The barrels averaged 34 pieces and the whole lot valued at $1,660 was seized. If the consignment had passed without being detected the consignee would have paid only $300 duty, where now he will have to pay $620 and whatever fine the customs authorities may impose.

Probably Suicide.

GLADWIN, April 14.—Charles W. Lehman, was found dead in the Exchange hotel barn Sunday morning, shot through the stomach with a thirty-two caliber revolver. It is not known whether it is a case of murder or suicide and an inquest is in progress. He had money. His wife lives at Coleman, but it is suspected that he was divorced from her, some letters from Mary Mosher, of Detroit, found on his person, making this look probable.

Deadly Dynamite.

WASHINGTON, PA., April 14.—Three small boys of Thomas Munie, a well known citizen of Franklin township, found a partly empty glycerine can this afternoon, and, not understanding the dangerous character of the stuff, threw stones at it. A stone struck the can and a terrible explosion followed, which was heard for miles. Two boys were blown to atoms, while the third was fatally injured.

Bayard's Son-in-Law Dead.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 14.—Count Lewenhaupt, who recently married Miss Bayard, youngest daughter of the ex-secretary of state, died this morning of typhoid fever. The marriage took place at noon of April 2, little more than a week ago, at the Bayard homestead, "Delamore Place," in Wilmington.

ADDITIONAL MICHIGAN.

Gov. Winans returned to Lansing from his home in Hamburg Tuesday.

Mills, Sanilac county, is booming with a new brick church, and a spacious hall is in process of erection.

After a let-up of several years, work was resumed Monday in the stone quarries at Tyre, Sanilac county.

Saginaw vessel owners will begin to receive loads April 19 and not wait for the government to open navigation.

Every mill in the Saginaw valley district is now in operation and most of the millers predict a prosperous season.

Prof. Ardie of the Marlette school, has resigned to take charge of the agricultural college of North Dakota, located at Fargo.

The impression obtains that the R. G. Peters salt and lumber company will yet come out all right and pay 100 cents on the dollar.

The new postoffice building at Kingston is nearly completed and the residents intend to celebrate its opening in a fitting manner.

About 500 men are thrown out of work by the fire in the Pewabic mine, which continues to burn despite all attempts to quench it.

Mrs. Alonzo Trude, 72 years old, of Saginaw, one of the most widely known women of the two cities, died of paralysis Saturday.

Sam Leddick of Ovid started out two weeks ago to sell a load of hay. At last returns he had not sold the hay nor had he been seen since.

The Canadian trade delegates to Washington have returned to Ottawa, and announce themselves well pleased with their reception by Secretary Blaine.

About 10,000 bales of cotton the property of Hill, Fontaine & Co. of Memphis, Tenn., were destroyed by fire Thursday night. The loss may reach $325,000.

Wm. Egan, of Grand Rapids, found guilty of manslaughter in killing Patrick O'Connor last winter, has been sentenced to 15 years in the Ionia house of correction.

Fred Meyer, of Clare, was sent to the house of correction at Ionia a year ago for larceny and had a nine years' sentence to serve. He is now on parole under the new law.

Allen Roland's infant child died Friday at Bay City. Saturday he went out to purchase a coffin for the little one and, coming home, was horrified to find his wife dead on the floor.

It remained for the young people of the First Baptist church, of Saginaw, to devise a new party, and they called it a poverty social. The requirements of this new fangled scheme are that everybody must wear their oldest clothes. Tramps are barred.

Saginaw manufacturers are kicking hard against what they consider the unjust freight discrimination against the city. They have already secured a reduction of rates, and propose to get more or raise hob about it. They say the rate is now 18 per cent too high.

The White Cloud Business states that the young men of Bitely have issued a notice that they can take care of the girls of that town and don't need the assistance of Troy young men. If the Trojans persist the result will much resemble another woman affair. Her address was Helen, Troy. The fight will probably occur in Bitely, however.

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

BARGAIN NO. 9.

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

Bargain No. 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. 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, 31x36, containing 12 nicely finished rooms; a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, to our idea, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 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. 37.

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

Bargain 33.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots 7 and 18 of Blakeslee's sub-division of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English's property on Saginaw street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 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 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. 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, 110 bearing apple trees of choice fruit, plenty of peaches, pears, plums, grapes, etc., etc. About 90 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.

Bargain No. 45.

A fine farm of 55 acres, under a splendid state of cultivation, 2½ miles east of the pleasant and healthful village of Birmingham, a thrifty and growing suburban village, 18 miles from Detroit, on the line of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, no waste land, good two-story brick house with new, hot air furnace and all the conveniences usually found in city houses. Good barn and all the necessary outbuildings in fine repair.

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

THE EXCHANGE BANK, BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Bargain No. 43.

This is the chance of a life time for platting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the west side of Pierce street, owned by Alexander Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot and five minutes walk of the business portion of the village. Excellent land, lying level and under a fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 44.

A fine residence, comparatively new, with eight goods rooms, bath room, china closets, etc., and a large, convenient barn. The house rents readily for $25 a month, being located on 14th avenue, Detroit, and is in one of the best residence portions of the city. Will sell for $4,000 or exchange for a good farm in this county.

Bargain No. 46.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient to the depot. Just the place for a Detroit or a business man to live. A handsome home on Maple avenue. One minute's walk from depot. Right side of the street, handsomely shaded with evergreens. Whose place is it? J. F. Rundel's, now occupied by J. C. Merrell. Mr. Rundel has decided to sell and offers this property for sale. The house is brick, newly painted throughout, in fine order and complete, has double parlors on ground floor, two bedrooms, sitting and dining room, large wood shed, good well, cistern, and also connected with water works. Good horse barn with sheds, plenty of small fruits. Lot 80x203 feet. Beautiful graded lawn. This property can be had for what it is worth. Call on the owner or THE ECCENTRIC office for particulars.

Bargain No. 47.

A big chance for investors in Royal Oak farm property! 245 acres of choice farming ground can be had very cheap. Forty acres heavy timbered, 200 acres cultivated and pastured. Good large frame house, 3 large barns with stables, two good deep wells, one flowing well (a dandy), fine cellar under the house and a good cistern. Six acres of excellent orchard, plenty of cherries, pears, peaches, etc. All heavy, growing soil. Two miles north of Royal Oak. Terms easy to suit purchaser. For full particulars inquire of Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak Mich.

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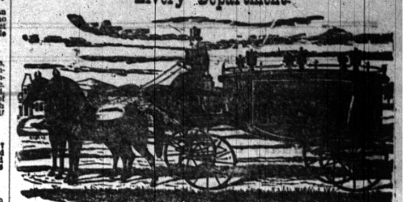

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I have recently purchased for my Undertaking Business at considerable expense one of Taylor's Improved Ice Caskets for preserving the dead. This method keeps the ice from direct contact with the remains and does away with the old way of embalming,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

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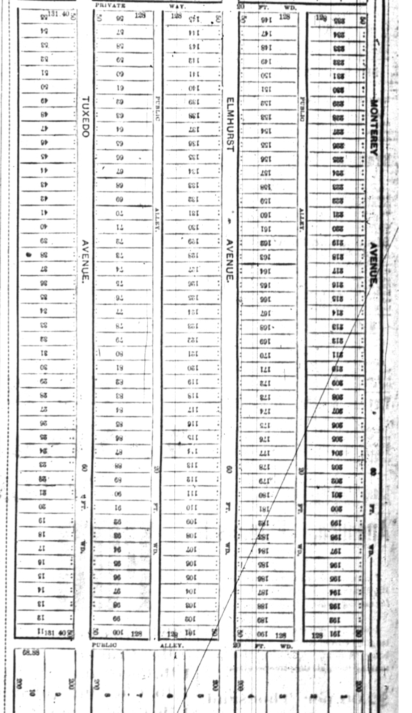
TUXEDO PARK.

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 to hit 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 out Woodward Ave. Detroit, a beautiful tract of land, platted it and call it

TUXEDO PARK.



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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 evident 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:

The formation of the Woodward Avenue Improvement Association, comprising all the property owners along thoroughfare, whose aim and object is the beautifying of Detroit's magnificent and only Woodward Avenue, and who have banded themselves together to secure:

FIRST, The changing of the railroad tracks, either above or below the grade of Woodward Avenue.

SECOND, The building of a commodious and handsome Union Depot at the crossing.

THIRD, The extension of the city limits, and with it all the advantages of the city, sewerage, water, lighting, paving, etc.

FOURTH, The removal of the toll gate.

FIFTH, The paving of Woodward Avenue with asphalt, which will undoubtedly make this the finest boulevard in the world.

These, with many other advantages, are sure to make this a very desirable locality, both for investments and residence, which before long will be built up with happy and beautiful homes.

"The first low wash of waves, Where soon shall roll a human sea."

People are beginning to understand that there is no better way of making and saving money than by buying in a locality like this.

The exodus is fairly on, and the person of moderate income who does not secure one of these lots now, will never again see an equal opportunity.

For plats, diagrams and further particulars, call on or address,

Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.