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EMPEROR WILLIAM smokes twelve cigars a day and there are those who think that the young ruler is crazy. But until he sinks into the cigarette habit his mental condition may not be considered hopeless.

Two Havana physicians have at last put the mosquito to a practical use. They are inoculating new arrivals in Cuba against yellow-fever through mosquitoes that have contaminated themselves by stinging yellow-fever patients. According to the New York Sun the experiment has so far proved very successful. Out of fifty-two cases of mosquito inoculation only about 8 per cent contracted the disease, with a majority of less than 2 per cent.

THERE are hundreds of boys in our midst growing up to be pests to society, who would be useful and honorable citizens if they were given fair opportunities for learning trades. It is all very well to open our doors to foreigners, but it is not well to recruit the ranks of skilled labor largely by immigration, as is being done, and will continue to be done so long as our boys are scrimped in their opportunities to learn trades. The evil can best be reached through schools of mechanic arts conducted to the journeyman point.

IT is quite likely that instead of the Koch lymph for the cure of consumption the cow will be called upon, as it has in the preparation of vaccine virus for the prevention of smallpox. To vaccinate the cow with the tuberculosis virus, and then take this for vaccinating people against consumption will be the ultimate outcome of the new discovery. In this way the tuberculosis disease among cattle may be prevented, as no animal that has had the affliction in its mild form will be in danger of the more severe and fatal disease.

"I HAVE as much right to my opinion as you have to yours," said one man to another. Ah! but has he? This saying is often repeated as the end of argument. I mean not that it is the natural conclusion of the argument, still less that it is a fact proved in the course of the argument, by which fact, if the debaters cannot agree, at least a disagreement mutually respectful is reasonable. I mean that when one man ends with "I have as much right to my opinion as you have to yours," he thinks he ends the argument with a kind of triumph.

THE Connecticut girl who was hiccoughing herself to death was cured, not by the physicians, but by a newspaper man. Abuses in official departments are discovered, not by their heads, but by newspaper men. Mysteries of crime baffling the keenest detectives are solved by newspaper men. High state officials are ignorant of the duties of their office till taught them by newspaper men. Judges know nothing of tampering with official records and grave court frauds till called to their attention by newspaper men. Truly is the press a power to modern civilization.

IT begins to look as though the cigerette must go. Society votes it a nuisance—a light at one end and a fool at the other. The doctors assert that it poisons vitality and produces epilepsy. School boards instruct their teachers to make a vigorous crusade against it. Legislative bodies are urged to enact laws to stay the widespread break down among boys now going on. Even the theaters, warned by recent fires, caused by this pest, refuse to employ cigerette smokers. The churches, however, lie low and keep in the dark. Singular that the theaters should lead the churches in this matter!

THE first elections under the new policy of universal or rather greatly extended suffrage in Spain have resulted in large conservative gains. This shows again how new responsibilities sober the turbulent. Russia, the most despotic government in Europe, has the most fear of dynamite and bloodshed. The czar never gets any sound sleep, and even if not killed by dynamite, he must go to a premature grave from nervous prostration and anxiety. Why cannot the czar borrow a hint from Spain; if not from this country, and establish universal suffrage as an escape valve from nihilist attempts on his life?

IT certainly is not a favorable comment on our intellectual status that the taste for fiction prevails to such an extent as is indicated by the reports of our public libraries. Librarians and trustees find there is a strong demand for fiction, and apparently they deem it their duty to comply with that demand. Physiology has demonstrated that the food necessary for perfect physical growth is not always that which, according to the tables, has the highest per cent of nutrition. A certain distention of the stomach is required, for which the less nutritious forms of food are well adapted. Possibly the same holds good in intellectual growth, but from 60 to 75 per cent of fiction seems an extraordinarily liberal allowance of light diet.

IT would prove a most serious misfortune if the multiplication of experimental farm stations should result in farmers generally ceasing to conduct careful experiments of their own. To take knowledge at second hand is oftentimes necessary, but it should be revised in the light of personal experience, and thus digested it becomes valuable. No experimental station can satisfy the local condition of every farmer. The results of each are only valuable as suggestions to farmers whereby they can personally conduct similar experiments if successful or avoid those which have been officially discredited. It is this use of experimental stations that makes them important aids to good farming, scarcely less so, and with the same limitations as the experience of farmers reported in agricultural newspapers.

WOLVERINE NEWS.

Reports of the Officers of the Michigan Mining School at Houghton Under Preparation.

The Board of Visitors for 1891 Most Favorably Impressed With the Institution.

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

The Mining School.

HOUGHTON, March 30.—The director of the mining school is now preparing his annual report to the board of control. He has also a copy of the manuscript of the report of the board of visitors, which will not be published for some time yet. The director, in his report, will complain that the board for '89 made their visit three months after their official term had expired, and then made such a hurried visit that they could not understand the conditions under which the school was then working. He suggests that this institution should be visited twice a year, because its work for the two seasons differs more widely than that of any two colleges in the state. In their report the board for '90, who are James M. Ballew of Otsego, Prof. James W. Simmons of Owosso and J. Wright Giddings of Cadillac, will praise the new building, its laboratories and their equipments, the situation of the school in the midst of great mining operations, the personel of the faculty and many minor points. They spent two half days with the class in field geology last June. The class were working near Marquette, and the visitors were "fully impressed with the importance and practicability of the work." Their report will say: "Michigan needs this school, the young men need its instruction, and the mining interests need the trained men as experts in the mines." As the question below touched is a matter of discussion, the opinions of these gentlemen may be of interest. They say: "We believe that the plan of electing the director of the mining school state geologist, and locating the office of the geological survey at the mining school, has been a wise one, as the two mutually help each other. No other place in the state is so well adapted for preserving the specimens of the survey, and nowhere else can such skilled assistants for the survey be so easily secured as at the mining school." The board consider the faculty men of known ability as investigators, original thinkers and writers, and consider that some recent changes have greatly strengthened the teaching force. They close by saying: "We most earnestly indorse the school and its location, and regret exceedingly that it is not more fully known to the young men of southern Michigan, that more of them when choosing a life work might secure the advantages of this school and its environments. We trust that in the near future the fondest hopes of those practical men who founded this school may be realized."

Tore Up the Track.

ANN ARBOR, March 31.—The Ashleys, owners of the Toledo & Ann Arbor railroad, have for some time been trying to get permission to abandon the non-paying branch from South Lyon to Leland, this county. The farmers and townspeople who paid $1,000 a mile to have the branch built would not consent and a see-saw fight has been the result. Saturday about 100 section men gathered here, and shortly after midnight were run over to a point midway between Leland and South Lyon. Work was at once begun tearing up the track. The men continued work all day Sunday and part of the night, at which time not more than two miles of track were left. The farmers and townspeople are red hot over the matter and intend to fight the case in the courts. The tearing up of the road is liable to give rise to some serious legal consequences. When the road was first built the inhabitants of that section put up a good sized bonus, amounting to $16,000, and gave the company the right of way in consideration for good train service.

$710,000 Deal in Mines.

HANCOCK, March 31.—Fred H. Begole, representing Peter White, special master in charge of the Pewabic mining property, has delivered to Capt. Harris, agent of the Quincy mine, everything in his charge, on an order from the special master in chancery. Capt. Harris has recorded at Houghton a deed from Peter White, special master, to Messrs Mason & Smith for the property. Consideration $710,000.

Trouble in Alma College.

ALMA, March 31.—The recent resignation of Rev. Dr. F. G. Hunting from the presidency of Alma college appears now to have been the result of some former action of the trustees and not entirely of that gentleman's own free will. The students, who were greatly attached to the late president, are said to be up in arms over the affair and vigorously demanding his return.

Hanged Himself to a Tree.

ARMADA, March 31.—John Nettney, Sr., aged 76 years, who lived a few miles south of this village, Sunday night hanged himself to a tree. He had been ailing for some time, and for the last two or three weeks has been out of his mind. He leaves several grown up children in various parts of the state.

STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

Hillsdale has a debt of $50,000.

The Muskegon and Chicago boat line will resume operations Wednesday.

Manistee electors will vote on the question of appropriating $50,000 for purchasing an electric lighting plant this spring.

This settles it. A Branch county debating club has decided that a liar is more dangerous to a community than a thief.

John Laumbrecht of Saginaw could not get along with his family and plunked a bullet into his head. Funeral Thursday.

Menominee is to have an electric railroad this summer, and $65,000 of the $95,000 necessary has already been subscribed.

Holland expects a daily boat line to Milwaukee. The first boat of the season, the schooner D. A. Wells, sailed from there Tuesday.

Olander & England, grocers of Cadillac, closed up business Saturday by a $400 attachment. A Grand Rapids firm held the paper.

A Flint & Pere Marquette railroad steamer broke through 24 inches of ice in Manistee lake Monday and took the first load of salt.

The Toledo & Ann Arbor railroad freight trains came together at Shepherd Monday night, smashing a locomotive and damaging two cars.

Washington Gardner, the late candidate for secretary of state on the republican ticket, is delivering a war lecture in upper peninsula towns.

Work has been started on the building for the Hough furniture company at Muskegon. This company moves to the boom city from Charlotte.

Benton Harbor people are happy because there is a probability of their city having direct boat communication with Milwaukee the coming summer.

Freddie Gage of Muskegon was run over some time ago by a Muskegon street car and the father has begun suit against the company for $20,000.

Chairmen McMillan and Campau have issued a joint letter indorsing the amendment for increasing of Attorney General Ellis' salary to $2,500.

Negaunee's new water supply pipes are now laid and the service ready for action, the last length of suction pipe having been sunk in the lake Saturday.

The unknown man who was found dead in Chicago Sunday has been identified as William Timms, a Jackson laborer. The body was shipped to Jackson.

Earl Crandall, 8 years old, of Benton Harbor was crushed to death Thursday by crawling under a moving train. He did not know that it was going to start.

There was a young man in Saranac who blew out the 'Crusaders' bright lights. It was fun for him then but it has not been since, as the local justice fined him a round $40.

John Gesler of Fenton was chopping wood Monday morning when the ax flew off the handle and struck him in the head, making a gash that is likely to cause death.

It is now assured that an electric railroad will be built to connect Negaunee and Ishpeming this spring, and real sanguine people think that work will be begun in less than 30 days.

The business men of Ithaca have organized a booming association to be known as the Ithaca improvement society, and propose to improve the town and induce manufacturers to locate there.

The Jacobs car coupler company of Detroit with a capital stock of $2,000,000, was the largest formed in Michigan last week. The second largest was the Sheridan mining company of Escanaba.

John E. Bradley of Au Gres owned a barn and a measly old tramp owned a pipe. The coming together of these two features lost Bradley his barn. No returns have been received from the pipe or the tramp.

A Michigan Central conductor on the Cheboygan division says a woodsman got on his train at that city the other day and said he had been robbed of $113 in cash and his gold watch by one of the gangs that hang out in that locality.

Julia Goddard, who sued old Dexter Westcott of Grand Rapids for $15,000 for blighted affections in a breach of promise suit, was given damages to the extent of six cents. She was so mad that she will not take it and will appeal.

Rev. W. S. Sly of the Franklin Presbyterian church, Lansing, has tendered his resignation to take immediate effect. He is decided in his way and intends to devote his time to the orphans' home which is to be established near Petoskey.

The people did not want the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad company to discontinue their Fargo branch and had the courts enjoin the road. The officials said it would be ruinous, but they are getting ready to make the road standard gauge.

E. E. Coons, Mertie Coons, F. A. Deming and Anna Deming of Fennville have been arrested for causing the recent fires in that burg. The women were allowed to go on their own recognizance, but Deming had to put up $200 bonds for his appearance later.

George Canfield and Jacob Williams of Palmer had a knock-down and drag-out time Monday. Canfield swatted Williams with an ax and Williams got back by pounding Canfield with a hammer. Both men were seriously injured. No arrests have been made.

The Osceola county vote at the coming election will probably be relatively larger than that of any other county in the state and all because there is a fight on in regard to the change of county seat from Hersey to Reed City, and every voter in the county will be looked after.

Work is to be begun at once on the buildings for the West Michigan fair association at Grand Rapids. The site is said to be the best in the state. The main building will be 100 feet square, with four wings 30x80 feet each. There will be over 50,000 square feet of flooring in the buildings.

St. Joseph people are elated over the fact that the government has made ready to spend $35,000 for the erection of an oil supply depot there. The depot will be the distributing point for all Lake Michigan lighthouses and will be located on the St. Joe river. The building will be begun this spring.

Williamston has a religious sect called the Stand Alones, who are just now in a fight as to who shall preach to them. Two pastors, Messrs. Fisher and Warner, tried it but stirred up a discussion that it took the village marshal to quell, and hereafter each section of the Stand Alones will worship alone.

The Michigan salt association died Monday after a life of 15 years. The association kept up the price of the product and outside firms reaped the benefit. Three new associations, one at Saginaw, one at Manistee and one on the St. Clair river, will take the place of the old, and salt will go down in price.

Michigan is a great state, and while the Marquette snow-shoe club is holding its tramps the Alpena sailors are getting the boats ready, with no ice in sight, the Ottawa peach growers are already calculating on the crop, and the summer boat excursion season from St. Joseph to Chicago has opened.

Bay Cityans do not propose to let Hollacker escape, and a new complaint was sworn out against him Wednesday, charging him with assault with intent to kill Marshal Dunnigan. The evidence against Hollacker for murdering Poulson is all circumstantial, and if he escapes on that charge the other will be pushed.

Elder Evans of the Mormon church, who was chased out of Belding some time ago by the lovers of the girls who were disposed to dislike the way he scooped in the maidens, went back there and made three converts. He doused them in the chilly waters of Flat river and then left the town. They will organize a church.

Paul Worth of Au Sable was hauled up for assulting his wife and fined $16. This made him very angry, and catching up with his wife outside, he gave her unmerciful thrashing. Paul is now liable to do time for his gallantry, as he has been complained of for assault with intent to do great bodily harm and is in jail.

Mrs. Eli Phillips of Alpena did not like Eli for a cent and applied for a divorce. The law is much too slow for Mrs. Eli, however, and Wednesday she sloped to Detroit and a handsome woodsman who left about the same time is supposed to have gone with her. Nearly $300 in hard cash that Eli had been saving up also took to itself wings.

Rev. H. A. Kerns of Big Rapids has been telling his congregation how much evil existed and how he knew, as did the authorities, just where it was. Marshal Seaman thought this an imputation on his good name and asked Kerns one day on the street where all this evil was that he talked about so glibly. The Rev. Kerns thought it time to depart and lingered not to tell the officer.

Snake stories are now in vogue and a cow story may not be amiss. Here's one from Lansing: C. Seeley of that city owns a Holstein cow that gives 60 quarts of milk per day, one-half of which is cream. The truthful editor neglects to state that after a hard day's work making milk for Seeley the cow cheerfully works the churn until late into the night and spends the rest of her useful life in making cheese. She also pumps the water for the rest of the stock, and Mr. Seeley is thinking of teaching her to milk herself.

Can't Stop Sneezing.

A dispatch from Lima, O., says: Among the several hundred cases of grip here, that afflicting Miss Mary Christman is peculiar. She was taken with the disease Monday and in the evening was seized with a violent fit of sneezing, which has continued ever since without intermission, physicians being powerless.

A Chicago paper claims that there is a scheme on foot to force the price of May wheat up to $1.25.

A horrible murder has been committed near Mitchell, Ind., the victim being Mrs. Soloman Neidifes, a handsome woman of 25 years. The husband found his wife's corpse in the house when he returned home. There is no clue to the murderer.

John Stewart and wife of Walker, Kent county, have been traveling along life's roadway in double harness the past fifty years and have been so happy in it that delegates assembled from three states and no end of counties to help them celebrate the 50th anniversary last Monday.

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 Large Number of Bills of Minor Importance Receive the Governor's Signature.

LANSING, March 24.—SENATE—A number of bills were passed by the senate today, among them, one regulating the uniformity of school books; requiring railroad corporations to cut and destroy noxious weeds growing on lands occupied by them; for the incorporation of mutual fire insurance companies. HOUSE — The governor's approval of a number of bills previously passed by the legislature was announced in the house. Representative Rowden of Bay, chairman of the committee on military affairs, reported favorably the joint resolution asking the board of state auditors to settle with Patrick Mulcrone of Mackinac Island.

LANSING, March 25.—SENATE—An attempt was made to pass a resolution to recall from the house engrossment and enrollment committee a bill amending the charter of the city of Saginaw; the resolution was voted down. In executive session the senate confirmed the following nominations by the governor: James Cahalen of Wyandotte, and Alfred J. Murphy, Augustus G. Kronberg and Thomas Barlum of Detroit as Wayne county jury commissioners for the term of six years, beginning April 1, 1891. Dr. Samuel C. Watson of Detroit was also confirmed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. M. Richardson. HOUSE—The house, in committee of the whole, today agreed to Mr. Bathey's bill to abolish the fee system and pay county treasurers, county clerks and registers of deeds regular salaries, in counties where the board of supervisors vote to take that course. Mr. W. B. Jackson moved to exempt Wayne county from the operations of the bill, and the amendment prevailed. Register of Deeds Hames and County Treasurer Huebner were here not long ago and it is supposed this course was taken in deference to their wishes. Wayne county already has a law covering this point, but not of the same tenor as the bill which was agreed to today.

LANSING, March 26.—SENATE—The following bills were passed today: Revising charter of the city of Marquette; to amend charter of the city of Ishpeming; amending charter of the village of Lowell; authorizing the Detroit Common Council to make an appropriation for the twenty-fifth national encampment of the G. A. R.; amending charter of the city of Niles. Adjourned. HOUSE—Bills passed: Incorporating Lowell; appropriating $175,850 to the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids; amending charter of Niles; amending police and fire commissioner's act of Grand Rapids; amending charter of Grand Rapids; revising charter of Mt. Pleasant; amending board of public works of Grand Rapids; incorporating Onekema; amending charter of Bessemer; amending charter of Ann Arbor; authorizing Hancock to borrow money for highways; incorporating the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Adjourned.

LANSING, March 27.—SENATE — Bills passed: Providing for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of certain records in the auditor general's office; authorizing the township of Hancock to borrow money for the improvement of certain highways. Adjourned. HOUSE—Bills passed: Incorporating Clifford, Lapeer county; authorizing Muskegon to expend $5,000 on court house and jail improvements; incorporating Michigan state veterinary associations; incorporating Hillman, Montmorency county; incorporating Atlanta, Montmorency county; enabling Marquette county agricultural society to sell a portion of its real estate; authorizing Edmore, Gratiot county, to borrow money to establish electric light plants; incorporating Watervliet, Berrien county; incorporating the public schools of Ossineke, Alpena county; incorporating poultry and pet stock associations; amending the charter of Menominee; amending charter of West Bay City. Lost: For the adjustment of the boundary between Michigan and Ohio. Lost, reconsidered and tabled. Adjourned.

LANSING, March 28. — SENATE — Bills passed: Authorizing the city of Edmore to borrow money for public improvements; detaching certain lands from a certain school district in the county of Hancock; for the protection of trade marks and labels; annexing territory to the village of Manton, Wexford county; to incorporate the village of Benzonia. Approved by the Governor: Amending charter of City of Ionia; authorizing Iron Mountain to enter into a thirty-year contract for waterworks; reincorporating village of Farwell. HOUSE—Approved by the Governor; The acts amending the charter of Ishpeming; revising the charter of Negaunee; incorporating Athens; directing the land commissioner to remit the appraised improvements on land on Crockery Creek, Ottawa county; reincorporating Niles; revising charter of Marquette; amending Howell, relative to weeds on railroad grounds; authorizing Detroit to raise $50,000 to entertain the G. A. R.; to prevent the spread of dangerous communicable diseases; to incorporate the Peter White public library at Marquette.

LANSING, March 30.—SENATE—The senate met this evening and transacted unimportant business and also passed the Doran bill to repeal the Baker conspiracy law. There was a brief discussion of the Park bill providing for the commitment of disorderlies to county jails or the Detroit house of correction and then the bill was laid over till tomorrow. HOUSE—There was no quorum in the house this morning, but a session was held in the afternoon and minor matters received attention.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

St. Louis will have a large tin plate manufactory.

The police of Rome are after the anarchists of that city.

The United States cruiser San Francisco will be sent to Chili.

Gen. Miles is receiving very courteous treatment in the City of Mexico.

Corrandi & Co., bankers of Leghorn, Italy, have failed for $4,000,000.

The Canadian Pacific earned $341,000 during the week ending March 21.

Bait license for American vessels will be free at St. Johns, N. F., this season.

Count de Raffignac's chickory factory at Whitewood, N. W. T., has been burned.

Secretary Blaine is endeavoring to arrange a reciprocity treaty with Mexico.

The Canadian South Atlantic sealing steamers have had an unusually good season.

M. Pigott of St. Louis, Mo., was drowned in the canal at Akron, O., Sunday.

Mrs. Bone, aged 79, was killed by a Grand Trunk express at Dorchester, Ont., Monday.

Some of the French spoliation claims, 90 years old, were paid by the government Tuesday.

Four dozen new doctors have received their degrees from McGill medical college in Montreal.

Gen. Merrill of St. Louis has given orders to begin enlisting Indians for the regular army.

It is reported that the Grenadier guards are to be taken back to London from their Bermuda exile.

Schall & Donner, bankers of York, Pa., have assigned, and their affairs are said to be in bad shape.

Elrod Hudson and Jeff Dinsmore, two negro incendiaries, have been lynched at Russellville, Ala.

John D. Lewis, a colored lawyer of Philadelphia, recently died, leaving an estate of $100,000.

Mrs. Lucil Andres, in jail at Colorado Springs, Col., for the attempted murder of her step-son, hanged herself in her cell Saturday night.

N. Kline, a farmer near Stevensville, Ont., was shot through the body by the accidental discharge of his own rifle on Thursday evening.

Henry Hellings, a love-sick youth, shot and killed himself at Racine, Wis., under the window of Nettie Zenal, who had refused to marry him.

The high bridge at Des Moines, Ia., is threatened with destruction by the high water in the Des Moines river. It is the highest bridge in Iowa.

At Cumberland Gap, Tenn., Thursday, J. A. Burke, a telegraph operator, was shot and killed by Lew Hurley, a negro. The men had quarreled.

Commissioner Adam Brown writes from Jamaca that if Canada follows up the advantages secured at the exhibition, the West India trade is hers.

Four Pullman cars jumped the Pennsylvania track at Devon, Pa., Sunday, and many of the passengers were badly injured, although none were killed.

The Chas. Rohr packing company's plant at Baltimore, Md., burned Sunday, involving a loss of $75,000, on which there was an insurance of $60,000.

Dr. E. D. Lyon, a prominent Chicago man, was recently shot through the ear by his jealous wife. To escape from her he jumped from a second story window.

A Chinese funeral party in Pittsburg was almost put to flight Sunday by a mob of hoodlums, who insulted the mourners and desecrated graves in the cemetery.

Contractors Conmee and McLennon, who built the Lake Superior branch of the Canadian Pacific road, have been awarded a verdict of $250,000 against the company.

A portrait of Jeff Davis was Thursday hung over the desk of the speaker of the Arkansas legislature. It took the place of a picture of George Washington, which had been hanging there for 20 years.

Richard Hoyter of Escanaba went to Europe six months ago and lingered. He returned last Monday and was surprised and pleased when half the town turned out with a brass band to welcome him. The Knights of Pythias, of which he is an officer had charge of the affair.

Counterfeit Bills.

A Washington dispatch says: A sensation has been caused at the treasury department by the discovery of a counterfeit $2 silver certificate so nearly perfect in all its parts as to be almost impossible of detection. Heretofore all counterfeits of our paper currency have been readily detected by the failure to imitate the distinctive character of the paper on which government notes are printed, which is so arranged that each part of it forming a complete note contains a small silk thread running through it lengthwise. This paper is for the first time almost perfectly imitated in the counterfeit just discovered. So far as known it has only been used in counterfeiting the $2 silver certificate of the series of 1866. This note was designed under the supervision of Treasurer Jordan and contains on its face a vignette of Gen. Hancock. It is estimated that there are now nearly $40,000,000 of these notes in circulation, and the problem before the treasury department is how to get them back into the treasury and to substitute a new series without serious embarassment before any considerable quantity of the counterfeit notes get into circulation. This was the subject of a secret conference at the treasury department recently between officials of the bureau of engraving and printing. It was practically decided to suspend the printing of the two-dollar silver certificates and to institute a new series of the same denomination. These will contain a vignette of Secretary Windom, and will be issued as soon as the necessary plates can be engraved. It will take about two months to prepare the plates and the government will exert its utmost endeavors to secure and destroy the plates and other paraphernalia used in the manufacture of the counterfeits.

Paid the Penalty.

The jail at Much Chunk, Pa., was crowded Thursday morning to witness the hanging of Oliver William Stangley. Religious services were held in the cell of the prisoner. Ex-Sheriff J. W. Raudenbush, who hanged several of the Mollie Maguires, superintended the execution. At 10:30 the procession came from the cell of the condemned man and ascended the scaffold. The sheriff asked him whether he had anything to say. Stangley replied in German that men should repent and not lead a life like his. His hands and feet were then schackled. Sheriff Levan than adjusted the rope about his neck and put on the black cap. At 11:04 the drop fell. Stangley dropped about five feet and his neck was broken. He was practically dead instantly, only once moving his legs. At 11:19 he was pronounced dead and at 11:30 the body was cut down.

George Washington Moss was hanged at Wilkesbarre in the prison yard at 10:18 o'clock the same morning. This hanging was witnessed by only a few persons—the jury of twelve, twenty-five deputies and the reporters. The execution was conducted without a hitch. Moss walked to the gallows smiling, with a firm and fearless pace. He said: "God does not hold me responsible for the murder of my wife and I do not hold myself responsible. I die like a soldier, with a smile." Death ensued in eleven minutes.

Four-and-a-Half Per Cents.

A Washington correspondent writes under date of March 27 as follows: The 4½ per cent loan, of which a little more than $50,000,000 is now outstanding, will mature September 1, next. Treasury officials say there will be no trouble whatever in meeting it and it was regarded as a matter of so little concern that it was not thought necessary to bring it to the attention of congress. The department stands ready now to redeem these bonds with interest to maturity, and the small amount presented each day is taken as an indication that the holders are in no particular hurry to dispose of them. A prominent official said this afternoon that the department will be able to redeem them all on the date of maturity if they shall be presented, but that the history of all government loans indicate that there is no possibility of such a thing and that it will be found that a large amount of these bonds will not be presented for redemption for many months after interest has ceased to run. While the available cash balance in the treasury is now only about $13,000,000 the government has about $30,000,000 additional on deposit in national banks which can be utilized in case of necessity.

Suicide at North Lansing.

Miss Myrtie Coats, 17 years old, and the daughter of well-to-do parents living at North Lansing, committed suicide Thursday night by poison; probably strychnine. The young lady was taken suddenly ill and soon passed into convulsions. She eventually admitted that she had attempted suicide, but the effects of the poison were so immediate that she died before a physician could arrive. Miss Coats was a bright and pretty blonde. She left a lengthy letter of explanation addressed to her parents, who decline to make known its contents further than that she told how she purchased the poison Wednesday, when she intended to take it and what she wished done with her effects. She was engaged to a young man named Conklin, and next Wednesday had been fixed for the date of the wedding.

Lima oil is being successfully used for fuel by many large factories in Pittsburgh in place of natural gas.

The parents of Millie Capece, a 16 year old girl of Hazleton, Pa., wanted her to marry an old man. She fooled them by killing herself.

Agents of the Manitoba & Northwestern and Canadian Pacific railroads who were sent into North Dakota, drumming up settlers for a new colony in Manitoba, are having a hard time. At many places they have been driven out of town and in some places have met with violence.

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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. 13.

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. 15.

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. 23.

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 "Wilds 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. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 86 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 ½ mile of postoffice, 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. 37.

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

Bargain 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots 7 and 8 of Blakeslee's subdivision of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English's property on Saginaw street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 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, 100 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. 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. 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.

If it wasn't for its light nobody would ever find out that the sun has spots on it.

A great many people are gloomy because they believe all their joys are behind them.

The man who cannot respect himself has only one more step to take to fall into the pit.—Ram's Horn.

DON'TS FOR THE SICK-ROOM.

Don't rock your chair incessantly.

Don't stay so long as to tire the patient.

Don't shut the register with a clashing sound.

Don't come into the room with wet clothing on.

Don't let the bureau knobs fall heavily or bang the doors.

Don't talk about sickness or other disagreeable subjects.

Don't kiss the patient if you have just come out of the cold.

Don't sit where the patient must change her position to look at you.

Don't play with anything in your hands, or anything affixed to the furniture.

Don't talk so fast that it is a strain on the patient's nerves to understand all you say.

Don't sit by the side of the patient, for then she can't look at you without straining her neck.

Don't, if there is already another person in the room, sit so that the patient will have to be constantly shaking her head to look from one to the other.

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 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.

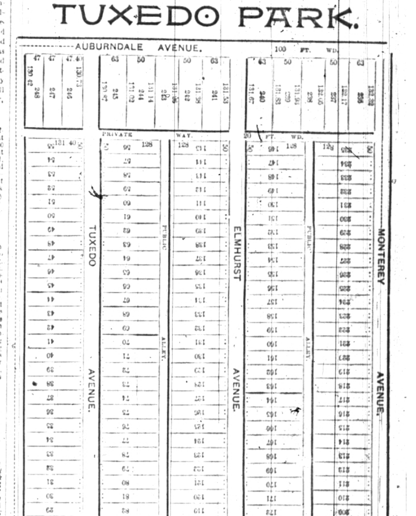
J. O. BEATTIE.

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 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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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 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.