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THERE is a truth which is seldom fully realized, that the presence of fraternal goodwill not only helps to adjust difficulties but prevent their occurrence. Fraternal goodwill shows men not only how to deal with conflicting interests, but how to make them identical.

THE judge should be empowered to stay proceedings if he thinks there is any merit whatever in the application; but on the other hand he should be authorized to refuse such a stay wherever it is clear that the application has no sufficient basis either in the law or the facts, and is made solely for purposes of delay.

GERMANY is building up a commercial marine faster than any other nation just now. She is contesting with England for the carrying trade of the North Sea, and is reaching out to India and South America with new lines of steamers. All this goes to show that Germany cannot afford to go to war at present unless she can't help it.

REV. THOMAS DIXON, of New York, is of opinion that "we need a more vigorous Americanism in society. Society swells aping the aristocracy of Europe are beneath contempt. The American girl who marries a foreign snob is a fool, who deserves little pity when she is abused by the brute whom she calls 'My Lord.'"

THE English are wedded to their opium idol, as a matter of revenue. The English conscience is conveniently quiet, when its activity threatens to interfere with the national pocket, and the engaging in the demoralizing and ruinous opium trade has always been a profit to the British treasury and the British merchant. The Chinese know what it has meant to them.

THE railroad tariff of this country has been reduced steadily until, according to the Duke of Marlborough, it is only a third of the English. This does not mean that our railroad tariffs are everything they ought to be even on the average. Nor, because our railroads pay wages twice as high as the English, does it follow that wages are high enough on American railroads.

THERE has been and is intolerance in the church, but no more bitter than that felt by its enemies. There has been bloodshed in the name of what men deemed the truth, but there is a spirit in the words of some of those who are now assailing the creeds which shows that, were the world a few years younger and had they the power, there might be an inquision of disbelief.

TALK about conceit as much as you like, it is to human character what salt is to the ocean; it keeps it sweet and renders it endurable. Say rather it is like the natural unguent of the seafowl's plummage, which enables him to shed the rain that falls on him, and the waves in which he dips. When he has lost all his allusions, his feathers will soon soak through, and he will fly no more.

NO MATTER how men may view the present aspect in the United States, no nation on the globe can begin to compare with us in general content, and at least reasonable prosperity; and that mind must be sadly and duly depressed that can not see much of hopefulness in our future, near and distant. Extravagance, however, does exist, federal, state, municipal, and individual; and the press of all shades should incessantly urge its diminution and correction.

FAMILY history is history dramatized. It has been said that the obscurest individual life, if truthfully written, would surpass any romance, and this is true of the obscurest family's life. All families are equally ancient. On earth individual immortality is represented in the undying life of every family; it requires the life of a family to round out the events individuals find so out of joint. The cloud that overwhelmed the wayfarer of one generation, for his successor floats into light.

IT has been seriously objected from time to time with regard to our four years' presidential term that its shortness is a distinct disadvantage because of the opportunity it affords for an exciting and wearing campaign so often. And now that it is said with some show of probability that the next struggle is to occupy a half-year, to say nothing of the less formal but scarcely less interesting proceedings in the months before the nominating convention, we may look forward with not a little apprehensive weariness to 1892.

ENGLISHMEN are wont to say, when things in this blooming country don't suit them, "but we do things differently in England, don't you know?" An illustration of the fact may be found in the chair stalls of the Lincoln cathedral. Workmen commenced about the year 1400 to put them in, but as their pay was not forthcoming they quit the job, and no further progress was made until recently, when the dean and chapter called for estimates from wood carvers for finishing the work. We hardly ever do things in that fashion over here.

THE foreign steamship companies do not like to be held to the law which requires them to return whence they came those immigrants who from disease or other causes have to be sent back when they arrive here. This law is, however, necessary, to prevent this country being made the dumping-ground for the scum of Europe, and if foreign steamship companies will not obey it, they can be refused admission to American ports. If obliged to take back those who are plainly sent here to be a good riddance to their native land, the masters of steamships will be more careful who they bring over.

WOLVERINE NEWS.

Capt. Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the Mutual Gas Co. of Detroit, Short in His Accounts.

Depositors in the National City Bank of Marshall Worried Over the Defalcations of Kirby.

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

Short Almost $12,000.

DETROIT, June 9.—Capt. W. B. Miller was secretary-treasurer and manager of the Mutual gas company. In April last Thompson Dean of New York, the principal stockholder, investigated the affairs of the company and discovered, so he charges, that Capt. Miller had appropriated $11,788. When questioned by Mr. Dean, Miller, Mr. Dean says, acknowledged his sin and stated that he had spent the money in supporting his family. He also made several offers of settlement, which were declined by Mr. Dean, who has so far refrained from prosecuting. Whether or not he will yet prosecute, Mr. Dean declines to say.

Depositors Worried.

MARSHALL, June 9.—The only theme of conversation is the Kirby defalcation, and some very harsh comments are indulged in by those whose savings are all in the bank. They blame the officers for not nabbing Kirby as soon as the shortage was known, and also hint that the effort to catch Kirby is more apparent than real. The hopeful feeling that all would yet be well that was manifested at the start is not so general now and people who think their money lost are becoming somewhat numerous. Bank Examiner Wing is still in charge making his examination and the bank remains closed.

A Warrant Issued.

LANSING, June 9.—The speaker of the house of representatives has signed the warrant for the arrest of William C. Graves, the Detroit Tribune correspondent, for alleged contempt of the house, because he refused to answer questions regarding the Doyle-Munthe investigation, after putting material evidence in the hands of the committee.

W. C. T. U. Officers.

GRAND RAPIDS, June 8.—The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has re-elected Mrs. Mary T. Lathrap of Jackson, president for the 11th time. Other officers are Mrs. Lizzie M. Johnson of Flint, recording secretary; Mrs. Emma A. Wheeler of Grand Rapids, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Emma H. May of Clio, treasurer.

Thieves at Ypsilanti.

YPSILANTI, June 9.—Thieves broke into the room of Hugh Locke, proprietor of the Eureka bakery, Sunday night and relieved him of $70 in cash. There have been several minor burglaries here recently and the police are determined to break up the succession.

AROUND THE STATE.

Olivet college commencement this year occurs June 14 to 18.

A Norway storekeeper named John Cooney fell dead in his store Saturday.

Otsego county has voted to raise $12,000 to build a new court house at Gaylord.

Muskegon county has begun the erection of a $25,000 jail and sheriff's residence.

Frank Parsons, a stenographer and prominent citizen of St. Joseph, died on Monday evening.

Six Bay City carpenters struck Saturday for 10 hours' pay for nine hours' work. They did not get it.

George E. Bennett will deal out the mail at Verne, Saginaw county, in place of W. J. Baker, resigned.

An Ann Arbor man named Morris was instantly killed by being run over by a motor car Saturday night.

Palmer, Marquette county, is to have a $2,000 hotel that ex-Marshal Cunningham will preside over when finished.

Hon. Stephen S. Cobb of Kalamazoo, well known throughout the state, is seriously ill of pneumonia at his home.

J. A. Morrill's barn in Yale was struck by lightning Tuesday and burned. A stallion worth $1,000 was cremated.

Prof. J. L. Skinner of Mt. Pleasant has been appointed superintendent of schools at Lapeer, to succeed Prof. Rankin.

They are going to have a grand firemen's muster up in Ironwood in August and have sent out their schedule offering $300 in prizes.

Work has been begun by the new Battle Creek electric street railway company, organized the other day with $100,000 capital.

Col. George Sanford, editor of the Lansing Democrat and member of the soldiers' home board, is seriously ill and, it is feared, cannot recover.

The steam barge "Bay City" caught fire while lying at her dock in Detroit on Sunday evening and was damaged to the extent of $4,000.

The Muskegon common council last week voted to abolish the board of public works and sent a delegation to Lansing to get the city charter amended.

There is on trial at Menominee a cow case that has dragged along through three terms of court, cost each side about $200 and for a bovine not worth $15.

About 500 buyers attended the annual blooded shorthorn stock sale at the farm of W. Borden at Webster, Thursday. The 52 head sold brought nearly $3,500.

Student W. A. Fox of the class of '91, of the agricultural college, has been appointed superintendent of schools at Noble, Ind., and will get $1,200 for his work.

Louis Oliver of Mason won't bother anyone but the prison officials for the next three years. He stole money from a fellow townsmen and was sentenced Tuesday.

Even the merry-go-round is too speedy for Jackson, and Chief of Police Winney of that burg, ordered the one operating there to quit and get out of town. It went.

A party of Calumet fishermen recently went fishing. They put in two days at it and caught in the Huron river 1,500 brook trout, the largest of which weighed 4½ pounds.

The program for commencement week at the Ypsilanti normal school has been arranged. It will open on Friday, June 19, and continue until the following Wednesday.

Prof. John O. Reed of the Saginaw high school has been appointed to a position in Harvard college, a distinction not often granted to a western man. Of course he is going.

William Hoffmeyer of Holland, a mill sawyer, was struck in the head by a board from the saw Thursday, and instantly killed. He leaves a widow and six small children.

Miss Carrie A. King, a Michigan woman, has been appointed to a $2 a day position in the office of Indian affairs, Washington. She will pound the keys of a typewriter.

A rifled mail pouch was found in a barn at Ypsilanti Tuesday, and investigation showed that it was the one which came in on the night train and had been stolen from the depot.

Henry Morse, the inmate of the soldiers' home who stabbed a fellow soldier and escaped last week, has been arrested in Detroit, where he went to draw his pension on the 5th inst.

Mrs. Eliza Girard sued the city of Kalamazoo for damages sustained by falling on a defective sidewalk and recovered a verdict of $2,000. This makes the third case of this nature that Kalamazoo has lost. Three others are to be tried.

Joseph Lozon, a well known merchant of Battle Creek, took rat poison Saturday night and died Sunday. He had lately increased his business and the extra burden unbalanced his mind.

Alfred W. F. Gwinner, one of Ann Arbor's most influential Germans, and well known throughout Washtenaw county, died Thursday, aged 54 years. He leaves a widow and large family.

J. P. J. Krogan, a Manistee hardware dealer, could not make both ends meet in his trade and has filed an assignment. He has $4,458 in assets, $6,319 in liabilities and $2,862 due preferred creditors.

Prof. J. M. B. Sill of the state normal school at Ypsilanti gave the senior class of the institution a reception at his residence Thursday night. Music and refreshments constituted the entertainment.

Rev. E. E. E. Caster of West Bay City is in Jerusalem and writes home that it is the dirtiest city he ever saw, and that he has enough and is about to start for the best place on earth, namely Michigan.

Henry Morse, the man who created such a rumpus at the soldiers' home last week, is under arrest. He was arrested at the pension agent's office in Detroit on the 5th inst., while about to draw his pension.

Capt. W. B. Miller, late secretary and treasurer of the Mutual gas company of Detroit, has been found to be $11,788 short in his accounts. He will not be prosecuted out of regard to his family's position.

Daniel Wixson, who has lived in Worth township, Sanilac county, since 1854, died of the grip Wednesday, aged 69 years. He was a member of the state legislature in 1859 and 1875. A widow and five children survive.

Some Saginaw people are tickled half to death because they have been invited to the marriage of Miss Selina Hetherington Cadwaller at London, Eng. Just think how glad the bride must be to shake such a name.

Henry Houghton of Genesee county, was struck by a Grand Trunk locomotive last December and badly injured. He sued the company, proving that no warning bell was rung, and has recovered a verdict for $2,000.

P. Ivory, wife and son ate canned tomatoes at their home in Mayfield township, Lapeer county. Ivory is dead and the rest are in a precarious condition. The tomatoes show traces of arsenic, suppposed to be due to the can.

Judge Westfall of Grand Rapids had a spasm of indignation Tuesday when the strikers were called before him for disturbing the peace and he fined every mother's son of them $15 with 30 days in jail as the alternative.

Nearly 400,000 barrels of salt were inspected in the state during May, divided as follows: Manistee, 121,184; Bay, 84,406; Saginaw, 77,081; Mason, 44,415; Iosco, 32,362; St. Clair, 21,560; Huron, 3,613; Midland, 2,835.

An Athens man has a queer idea of fun and thinks he is having no end of a good time by taking his wife and child on a boat ride to St. Joseph. The boat is one of the kind that you have to fan the water with the oars to make it go.

When Hiram Doubleday of Union City died leaving $70,000 and four sons he gave the bulk of it to two sons leaving the others very much in the cold. The Branch county probate court is now engaged in a will contest on the case.

George Fox and wife, an aged Caledonia couple were thrown from their wagon by a runaway accident near Grand Rapids. Mrs. Fox was so badly injured that fatal results are feared. She is the mother of Sheriff McQueen of Kent.

Newaygo county was ablaze with electricity Thursday. The heavens were illuminated almost continuously during an hour's storm. E. A. Hamilton's barn in White Cloud was struck by lightning and consumed with its contents.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Michigan opened its annual session in Grand Rapids Tuesday with 100 delegates present. The number increased to 300 by the evening session and matters of interest to the union were discussed.

William Higgins, a Jackson driver, took a big dose of morphine, Tuesday, because his best girl, Mary Wilson, went to a merry-go-round with another fellow. He will probably recover. He is 22 years old, but he didn't like to Mary go round with a rival.

Robert Baker, superintendent of the school for the blind at Lansing, has resigned on account of ill health. The board of control has appointed the matron, Mrs. Josephine Pampell, superintendent, and elected John Fanning of Albion steward.

Delbert Tidd of Bachelor was driving a nail Monday, when the hammer failed to hit it on the head and the nail flew up, striking Tidd in the eye. He will lose the sight of the eye, as the nail stuck there and had to be pulled out by his fellow workmen.

Those northern Michigan summer resorts might as well go out of business. The terrible sea serpent, always a feature, has been shot in Gladwin county. The reptile was only an uncommon snake, but it measured 33 feet in length and two feet around the head.

A freight train on the air line of the Michigan Central was wrecked and a tramp killed, near Niles, Saturday night. The train had an engine at one end and a pusher at the other. It broke in two and the pusher kept right on forcing the wreck. The loss is not large.

The state W. C. T. U. elected the following officers at its meeting in Grand Rapids last week: President, Mary T. Lathrop of Jackson; recording secretary, Lizzie M. Johnson of Flint; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Emma A. Wheeler of Grand Rapids; treasurer, Emma H. May of Clio.

Charles W. Seidell of East Grand Rapids, who has been in the marrying business for the past 13 years and had accumulated five wives according to the records, with several counties yet to be heard from, was sentenced to three years in Jackson by a Grand Rapids judge Saturday.

There are four merchants in the town of Schoolcraft who are mad and poorer than they were Wednesday evening. The cause of all this commotion was a raid by burglars on the business places of Pursel Brothers, C. M. Reed, R. M. Arthur and A. M. Fellows. Entrance in each case was effected by breaking windows.

Fire at Midland early Tuesday morning laid in ruins the handsome homes of John Madill and L. L. Eastman, and damaged the house of T. A. Main. Madill's loss on house and furniture is $4,000 with $2,000 insurance, Eastman's loss is $5,000 with $1,500 insurance. Main's loss will be about $300 fully insured. The cause of fire is not known.

Joseph Lozon, aged 44 years, died Sunday morning at Battle Creek from the effect of rough on rats taken Saturday noon with suicidal intent. Lozon resided in Detroit last fall, where he married his second wife. He had just purchased and removed to a new grocery store. He has been considered partially insane for a year or more. He leaves three children, two boys and a girl.

The 3,000 printers on strike in Vienna have decided to continue it.

The mining town of Franklin, Wash., is reported in a state of great disorder owing to the strike of miners. Citizens will try arbitration.

The reformed Episcopalians in session at Cleveland last week objected to civil appropriations of land or money to ecclesiastical bodies and decided not to accept any such.

Martin Flynn, roadmaster of the El Paso division of the Santa Fe road, was knocked down by an engine at Anthony, N. M., Monday and six cars passed over him, killing and mangling him.

George Rhinehart, living near Sidney, O., has had seven wives and has killed all of them by making slaves of them. A few days ago he was arrested for assaulting a niece, and his relatives talk of lynching him now.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Free Employment Bureaus to be Established in the Principal Cities of the State.

The House Votes the World's Fair $125,000.—Bill Relative to Divorce Cases, Lost.

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

LANSING, June 3.—SENATE—The bill for the establishment of free employment bureaus passed the senate today; house bill 301, amending laws of 1871, relative to the corporate rights of trust, deposit and security companies, was lost. HOUSE—The house today passed the bill appropriating $125,000 to aid Michigan's representation at the World's Columbian exposition; also a bill for the election of a county commissioner of schools. The house bill relative to evidence in divorce cases was lost. Adjourned.

LANSING, June 4.—SENATE—Bills passed: Amending law relative to free schools in in the city of Detroit; authorizing the introduction of the kindergarten method in the public schools of the state; making an appropriation for the support and current expenses of the mining school; amending law relative to committment of juveniles to the reform school. Adjourned. HOUSE—Bills passed: Reincorporating the village of Benton Harbor; to regulate uniformity of and to provide text books for the public schools of the state; substitute for Nos. 288 and 304, dividing the state into twelve congressional districts. Adjourned.

LANSING, June 5.—SENATE—Bills passed: Amending game laws of 1889; allowing fishing where fish are propagated at state expense. Adjourned until Monday, 9:30 p. m. HOUSE—Bills passed: Amending charter of St. Louis; incorporating Baraga village; for the incorporation of regiments and companies of the Deutscher Landwehr-Unterstuetzings Verein; authorizing Michigan university to give teachers certificates in certain cases; authorizing McMillan, Ontonagon county, to borrow money to build a bridge; appropriating not to exceed $45,000 for a cottage at the Pontiac asylum and for the purchase of land; amending section 2298 Howells relating to the encouragement of agriculture, manufactures and the mechanical arts; to provide for the payment of salaries instead of fees to registers of deeds, county clerks and county treasurers; for a patent to Claudius Harris for lands in Troy, Oakland county. Bills lost: Compelling private bankers to make reports of their condition to the commissioner of banking and submit to an examination. Yeas 5, nays 49. Adjourned.

LANSING, June 8.—Both houses met this evening with a quorum. No business beyond the regular routine was transacted.

BRIGGS UPHELD.

Action taken by the Union Theological Seminary Directors.

NEW YORK, June 8.—The directors of the Union theological seminary have met and declared their position on the question on the right of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church to veto the transfer of Prof. Charles A. Briggs from the chair of Hebrew to the chair of biblical theology. The resolution passed at their meeting held Friday afternoon is as follows:

"RESOLVED, That the board of directors, after having taken legal advice and after due consideration, see no reason to change their views on the subject of the transfer of Dr. Briggs, and feel bound, in the discharge of their duties under the charter and constitution of the seminary, to adhere to the same."

The intent of the veto passed by the general assembly at its recent session in Detroit was that Dr. Briggs should cease to be a professor in Union seminary. The effect of the resolution given above is that it is the judgement of the directors that the veto was a usurpation of powers never given to the general assembly; and since the veto was illegal the appointment stands, and Dr. Briggs will continue as professor during the coming year as during the past seventeen years.

The Week's Crops.

The reports indicate that the weather conditions of the past week have been very favorable to all crops, and they have grown rapidly. The rainfall of the past week and the high temperature have been very beneficial, and all crops where sufficient rainfall has occurred, are much improved. In some sections the rainfall has not been sufficient to keep the crops in condition. This is especially the case in the northern section, as the amount of rainfall for hay has been the least on the records of the service, with the exception of February, 1877. Wheat is heading out in the south half of the state, and with warm, wet weather for ten days will come forward to the average condition. Cut worms are working vigorously in the corn in most counties of the southern section, and are doing considerable damage.

The Third Party Movement.

TOPEKA, KS., June 9.—I. Vandermeulen of the Citizens' Alliance at Des Moines, Ia., has completed arrangements for flooding the state of Iowa with Kansas Farmers' Alliance orators next fall. They will attempt to carry the state for the new party. Among the Kansans who will take the stump are Senator-elect Peffer, Congressman-elect Simpson, Davis, Otis and Baker, and Anna L. Diggs, Mary E. Lease, and about twenty others. Mr. Vandermeulen thinks the new party will have a walk-over in the fall.

Cleveland's Farm.

HACKENSACK, N. J., June 8.—It is stated that ex-President Cleveland has secured a lease, with purchase option, of what is known as the "Joe Jefferson place," in Saddle river valley, near the line that divides New York and New Jersey. The estate comprises about 50 acres. The large stone house upon it, which it is said the ex-president will use for a summer home, is long and low, being built in Dutch style. The farm is in the prettiest part of the valley and the house is surrounded by beautiful lawns and shade trees.

A Jury Briber Convicted.

NEW ORLEANS, June 9.—Bernand Glandi was convicted yesterday of offering a bribe to Henry B. Atwood, a juror in the Hennessey case. The case was brought by the citizens' committee of safety. The penalty prescribed by section 3 of act 59 of 1878 for attempting to bribe a petty juror is a fine of not exceeding $1,000 and imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period not exceeding one year, and the person so convicted shall forever be disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this state.

Battle With a Bull.

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND., June 8.—William Chastind of Holman had a terrible battle with an infuriated bull last Friday evening. The animal attacked and threw him down. No one was near, and for fifteen minutes the combat raged, Chastind being badly gored. Fortunately, he seized the bull's nose and hung with a death grip until help arrived, when he became unconscious. It is thought he will recover.

Pennsylvania's Good Crops.

HARRISBURG, PA., June 8.—May returns to the state board of agriculture give a promising crop outlook, especially with respect to wheat, which will be above the average for the past 20 years. Dry weather affected hay and oats somewhat. There will be an average crop of apples. Live stock is hardly up to the average condition.

Gen. J. M. Schofield to Marry.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Gen. John M. Schofield to Miss Georgia Kilbourne of Keokuk. The ceremony will take place June 18.

FOR SUGAR GROWERS.

$15,000,000 Soon to be Distributed As Bounty.

NEW YORK, June 9.—A Washington special says: Within a year from July 1 the treasury department will pay to citizens of the United States between $12,000,000 and $15,000,000 as bounty for raising sugar. This sum will be disbursed in various portions of the country. The most of it will go to Louisiana, for the production of cane sugar. Over $1,000,000 will be paid to the farmers in New England states, New York, Ohio, Illinois and the northwestern states for the production of sugar from maple sap. A large sum will be distributed in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and California, among those who make sugar from beets and sorghum cane. The distribution of such a great sum of money among so many people so widely separated and the pains that must be taken to prevent fraud upon the government will be an undertaking of considerable magnitude. Every ounce of the millions of pounds of sugar produced must be weighed, and samples of it tested and inspected by government inspectors, who will be appointed for that purpose. This work will be done under direction of the internal revenue bureau of the treasury department, and will be conducted with such thoroughness and system as to prevent and detect fraud. The bounty to be paid for the production of American sugar is authorized by the tariff law, commonly known as the McKinley bill. The law provides that the producers of sugar which tests 90 degrees by the polariscope shall receive a bounty of 2 cents per pound, and those producing sugar testing less than 90 and not less than 80 degrees, shall receive a bounty of 1¾ cents per pound. The law also provides regulations under which the bounty shall be applied for and paid.

Death of Historian Lossing.

Benson J. Lossing, the well known historian, died at his home in Chestnut Ridge, N. Y., Wednesday of heart failure, at the age of 78 years.

Benson John Lossing was born at Beekman, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1813, and after receiving a common school education, was apprenticed to a watchmaker in Poughkeepsie. In 1835 he adopted journalism as a profession, confining himself principally to monthly publications issued in Poughkeepsie. To illustrate these he studied the engraver's art. He became an expert in this line and frequently traveled through the United States for the purpose of making drawings of historical scenes, visiting historical characters and consulting historical documents. He gradually drifted into historical writing, confining himself to American biography, etc. He wrote for several periodicals and in 1872 became editor of the "American Historical Record and Repertory of Notes and Queries." During that year the honorary degree of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the university of Michigan. He was the author of many historical works, including a history of the United States for youth, which is in use in many schools throughout the country.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Mexico's exhibit will be one of the finest at the world's fair.

Col. Lebel, who invented the rifle of that name, is dead.

The Texas cotton crop has been damaged by heavy rains.

The price of corn in Berlin advanced seven marks this week.

Three German war ships have sailed from San Francisco for Chili.

Eugene Story, a murderer, was hanged at Lexington, Miss., Tuesday.

Mrs. Russell B. Harrison and Mrs. McKee sailed for Liverpool Thursday.

A shock of earthquake was felt at New Brunswick, N. J., Sunday morning.

Emperor William will arrive at Windsor castle, July 5, and remain until July 9.

Balmaceda, the president of Chili, says he has 40,000 men and the rebels but 5,000.

Hon. Byron Reed, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Omaha, Neb., died Saturday.

The muck mill of the Briggs rolling mill at Findlay, O., was burned Saturday. Loss, $20,000.

The crops, with the exception of corn, are reported in good shape in North and South Dakota.

The solar eclipse was successfully observed at the Mt. Hamilton (Cal.) observatory Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Grant-Sartoris and her daughters sailed for England from New York Saturday.

The Japanese policeman who assaulted the czarewitch has been sentenced to penal servitude for life.

John L. Hammond, president of the Merchants' National Bank of Savannah, Ga., died Saturday.

There are 4,706,162 males and 2,317,076 females in Ireland, a decrease of 468,674 since the last census.

The factory of the Island sash and door company at Milwaukee, Wis., was burned Saturday. Loss, $60,000.

The buildings of the Cleveland, O., hardware company were burned Saturday morning, causing a loss of $150,000.

The czar is afraid to visit Paris because there are so many anarchists there. He fears the fate of Gen. Seliverskoff.

At Lisbon, N. H., Tuesday the saw mill of the Parke & Young manufacturing company burned, entailing a loss of $100,000.

The treasury department has ordered the seizure of 313 barrels of whisky in storage at the bonded warehouse in New York.

The cities of Verona and Mantau, Italy, were shaken by an earthquake Sunday. The shock frightened an invalid lady to death.

Bishop Knight, of the Episcopal diocese of Milwaukee, was stricken with paralysis Friday and has nearly lost the power of speech.

James Mitchell attempted to kill Martin Townsend at Mt. Vernon, Ind., Saturday, but Townsend was too quick and killed Mitchell.

Mark Twain, George William Curtis and Russian Minister Struve left New York for Havre Saturday on the steamer La Gascogne.

A freight engine on the Big Four road went over an embankment near Elizabethtown, O., Saturday and Engineer Bennett was killed.

The marriage of Miss Elaine Goodale of New York, to Dr. Charles A. Eastman, a Sioux Indian, will take place in New York city June 18.

The money appropriated for the census bureau is running so low that the force in Washington will be reduced 1,000 between now and July 10.

The order of the red cross has been conferred by Queen Victoria on the widow of Commissioner Grimwood, who was killed in the Manipur rebellion.

Mrs. Ella Bowers, a hotel servant of Jacksonville, Ill., drank a quantity of carbolic acid Monday morning, with suicidal intent. She will not recover.

A society has been formed in New York city "to bring men and women of education into closer relations with the laboring classes for their mutual benefit."

The Flint glass works at Findlay, O., were destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The loss was $80,000 and the insurance $60,000. The works employed 150 men.

Lemon Rindel, an ex-attorney of Indianapolis, Ind., was found guilty of robbery, and Tuesday was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $500.

Postmaster-General Wanamaker has been summoned to appear before the Philadelphia council committee which is investigating the affairs of City Treasurer Bardsley and his connection with the Keystone national bank, to tell what he knows about Keystone bank affairs.

A CHIEFTAN FALLEN.

Sir John A. Macdonald, Premier of the Dominion of Canada, Laid Low by Death.

His Connection With the Development of North America Dates Back Half a Century.

He Was Canada's "Grand Old Man" and His Death is Deplored by the Whole People.

The Premier is Dead.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 9.—Sir John A. Macdonald died at his home here on Saturday night last at 10:30 o'clock. The great statesman was unconscious throughout the day, and the physicians watched the fluttering breath for several hours. The breath came shorter and shorter, and then the heart suddenly ceased its labors and the aged premier was at rest. When the announcement was made the bells of the city were tolled and the city put on emblems of grief.

In the death of Premier Macdonald Canada loses her foremost man and greatest statesman. He was in his 72d year and had spent most of his life in the dominion. His career embraced that of a lawyer, a diplomat and a statesman of the highest type. With his name at its head the conservative party was led to victory again and again, sustaining defeat but once and resuming power in less than two years after losing it. The last victory for Sir John and his party was during last winter when they were returned to parliament for a new term of office, and it was the heavy work of that campaign which brought on the illness resulting in the death of the great leader. Sir John had been intrusted with many important missions by Queen Victoria and had received numerous honors and titles from the throne. He held Canada's destiny in his hand and shaped her policies for many years, framing her protective policy and carrying to a successful issue the building of the C. P. R. and other great enterprises. His memory will always be held in high esteem by loyal Canadians and his name will forever grace the history of North America.

Missouri Floods.

ST. LOUIS, MO., June 9.—Dispatches from several points along the Red river in Texas indicate that that stream is on the rampage. At Gainesville it is above the high water mark, and information comes from above this place that the rise was very rapid and unexpected, and many people barely escaped with their lives. All communication with the Indian territory has been cut off and it will be some time before the damage can be repaired. Messengers from Burlingsdale say the river is running wild in that section causing considerable destruction of property and the loss of several lives north of Doss on the M., K. & T. railway. D. T. Harris, a stockman, lost 400 head of cattle and 55 horses. The damage done in the territory can only be surmised as all communication is cut off.

Shrewd Indians.

GUTHRIE, OKLA., June 9.—The Cherokee commission, composed of ex-Gov. David H. Jerome of Michigan, Judge Alfred M. Wilson of Arkansas and Hon. Warren G. Sayre of Indiana have gone from Anadarko, in the Wichita reservation, to Wiltston, in the Kickapoo country, to treat with the Kickapoo Indians for their 250,000 acres of land lying 50 miles southeast of here. The commission was unsuccessful with the Wichitas and affiliated tribes, at least for present, but will return there as soon as they have done with the Kickapoos.

To Visit Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Assistant Secretary Nettleton has empowered Director General Davis of the world's fair to appoint five commissioners to visit Europe in the interest of the fair, and to have their expenses paid by the government. Mr. Davis left Washington this morning suddenly, being summoned home by a telegram announcing the death of his mother. Mr. Davis will, within a few days, announce the names of the commissioners selected.

Closing the Behring Sea.

LONDON, June 9.—The house of lords and the house of commons have passed the bill to enable her majesty, by order in council, to make special provisions for prohibiting the catching of seals in Behring Sea by her majesty's subjects during the period named in the order.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.			
CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 75	@	$5 25
HOGS	4 25	@	4 75
SHEEP	4 70	@	4 80
LAMBS	5 50	@	6 00
WHEAT—Red spot, No. 2	1 05	@	1 05¼
Red spot, No. 3	0 00	@	0 00
White spot, No. 1	1 03¾	@	1 03¾
CORN—No. 2 spot	58½	@	58½
No. 2 yellow	60	@	60
OATS—No. 2 white, spot	47¼	@	47½
CLOVER SEED	3 85	@	4 10
BARLEY	1 45	@	1 45
RYE	88	@	88
HAY—No. 2 per ton	10 00	@	12 50
STRAW—Per ton	5 50	@	6 50
POTATOES—Per bu	95	@	1 00
BEANS—Unpicked, per bu	1 25	@	1 75
City hand-picked	2 15	@	2 20
APPLES—per bbl	4 00	@	4 50
Evaporated	14	@	14½
BUTTER—Per lb	12	@	13
Creamery	19	@	21
EGGS—Per doz	16	@	16½
Chicago.			
CATTLE—Prime	$6 00	@	$6 25
Common	4 00	@	5 25
SHEEP—Native	4 75	@	5 50
LAMBS	5 50	@	7 00
HOGS—Common	4 00	@	4 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 00¾	@	1 01¾
No. 2 spring	1 00¾	@	1 00⅞
CORN—No. 2	59¾	@	59¼
OATS—No. 2	45	@	45
RYE	84	@	84½
BARLEY	60	@	65
MESS PORK	10 55	@	10 55
LARD	6 10	@	6 20
New York.			
CATTLE—Natives	$4 50	@	$6 10
HOGS	4 50	@	5 25
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 50	@	5 80
LAMBS	7 50	@	8 20
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 08¼	@	1 08¼
CORN—No. 2	64	@	65¼
OATS	49½	@	49½
Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Steers	$3 50	@	$6 05
HOGS—All grades	4 15	@	4 25
SHEEP	4 00	@	4 85
LAMBS	5 50	@	6 00
Buffalo.			
CATTLE	$5 35	@	$5 80
HOGS	4 75	@	4 80
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 75	@	5 55
LAMBS	5 50	@	5 75

Dun's Trade Review.

NEW YORK, June 8.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade says: While the hesitation in business has not ceased, and decided activity is hardly expected now until after the close of the fiscal year, it continues to be a matter of surprise and congratulation that the money markets and trade have been so well sustained in spite of heavy exports of gold. The New York money market has been easy, rates on call dropping 3½ to 3 per cent. with heavy receipts from the interior. Wool moves slowly, but yielding at the west gives a better prospect. In breadstuffs the decline continues, and wheat is 2½c. lower; corn, 2c; oats, 1⅝c. and cotton also declines 3-16c. Pork products are lower, and coffee about ⅛c., while tin, copper and lead are all stonger. In general, the approach of a harvest which is expected to be most bountiful has its natural effect on prices, and trade is but little embarrassed by speculative movements. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the last seven days were 224, as compared with 254 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 205.

Two youthful lovers, Miss Ada Townsend and Elmer Foster, living in Rush township, near Galena, Ill., committed suicide Monday night. They had been out for a drive during the evening and returned late. The girl's mother called her at the usual hour next morning and, receiving no response, she broke into the room, where the two lovers were found dead, the young man upon the bed and the girl on the floor, to which she had fallen in her agony. They had taken strychnine which they had hidden for the purpose, the deed having been long contemplated. The girl's father is wealthy and Foster is a farm hand, and, it is said, her parents opposed the union.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY
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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. 13.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 3 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. 8.

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. 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 new 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 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 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 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 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. 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 86x203 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. 45.

A fine farm of 85 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.

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AT DETROIT, MICH., At the close of business, Thursday, Feb. 26, 1891.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	$957,400 38
Bonds and mortgages	296,224 09
Cash in banks in reserve cities	213,069 93
Due from other banks and bankers	11,241 62
Overdrafts	866 63
Furniture and fixtures	1,241 30
Current expenses and taxes paid	9,116 79
Real estate	1,775 00
Exchanges for clearing house	6,630 05
Checks and cash items	1,773 81
Nickels and pennies	59 37
Gold	2,000 00
Silver	6,835 00
U. S. and National bank notes	48,781 00
	$1,557,024 57

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	64,000 00
Undivided profits	46,910 27
Savings deposits	393,245 66
Commercial deposits	559,193 16
Deposits of banks and bankers	291,375 48
Certified checks	2,300 00
	$1,557,024 57

State of Michigan, County of Wayne, ss:
I, Edwin F. Mack, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. EDWIN F. MACK, Cashier.

CORRECT—Attest:
CHRISTIAN MACK,
JAMES E. CLOUGH, } Directors.
LEM W. BOWEN,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1891.
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