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IT doesn't look as if the war on cigarettes had accomplished much when it appears that a profit of 17 per cent. on $25,000,000 is annually made out of the business of manufacturing them.

A DUE regard for reform should impel the new fish commissioner to see to it that the fish bite better hereafter. Sitting three hours on a muddy bank without a nibble is calculated to shake a man's confidence in free institutions.

THE estimate has been made that within the last twenty years P. T. Barnum expended upward of $3,000,000 in newspaper advertisements, and, notwithstanding this expenditure, he left behind a fortune of $5,000,000. Many other business men seek to make their fortunes without such expenditure. It is needless to add that they do not succeed.

THERE is ground for the criticism of the public schools that they often employ as instructors incompetents, dullards—men and women who ought never to have been certified to teach, and that they often make too ambitious attempts in the line of the higher instruction and give too little attention to thoroughness in the common branches.

THE rule of law which makes it imperative that a fair trial and the benefit of a reasonable doubt be given to all persons charged with offenses punishable by the law does not appear to apply to those unfortunates whose personal liberty is menaced through their indictments by a grand jury of acquaintances (sometimes friends, often enemies) on the charge of insanity.

IT is reported that a French chemist has discovered a new method of brewing beer, by which all the injurious elements of the amber beverage are entirely eliminated. If France will now impart the secret to Germany the kaiser would no doubt be willing, in return, to restore those conquered provinces and swear eternal amity.

IT would appear that, while it has been pretty thoroughly demonstrated that the Koch discovery is not a specific remedy for consumption, it will undoubtedly prove a valuable medicine when its qualities and effects upon the human system are thoroughly understood. This must necessarily be the fruit of long and patient experimenting.

WE have been encouraging an offensive, dangerous and alien class of immigrants. We have been using the sponge, absorbing everything good or bad, safe or dangerous, when we should have been using the sieve, to sift out the chaff and worthless stuff from the good grain. We have now not only to check the wholesale importation of paupers and criminals, but of all elements which do not assimilate with us.

THERE are men who are born with a genius for making money. By instinct, as it were, they see the ready adaptation of means to ends, recognize at a glance the workings of the law of supply and demand, are quick to discern the signs of the times and keen to scent the slightest change in the markets. The intuitions of men like these may be as fine and as sensitive in the economic world as are those of the poet in the realm of the beautiful.

THERE is a race of savages who believe that the strength of a wild animal passes into the man who fights with and kills it. Something of the kind is veritably true of the difficulties which men contend with and finally conquer. The force which they have broken down by vigorous antagonism passes into them and becomes part of them, enabling them to face new opponents with still greater power.

AMERICA has the reputation of being the country most eager to make money, most ready to spend it—judiciously or otherwise. America is young yet and has the faults of youth, chief among which is that of prodigality. Rich in luxuries and rich in opportunities, it remains to be seen whether she will have the wisdom to command and control them, or whether she will become the victim of her own unparalleled advantages.

IT is to be regretted that so little thought is given to the wise spending of money as compared to the zealous attention given to earning it. Parents take unwearied pains to fit their children for lucrative positions, and having educated them in that direction do all that is possible to secure valuable openings for them, as if this were the ultimatum. Little thought is given to the question of what the child's life should be, little thought as to the culture of individual tastes and asperations; the one idea seems to be to fit the child for making money, as if, succeeding in that, all else would follow.

SELFISHNESS, not money, is the root of all evil. All the great schemes for the improvement of mankind fail from ignoring the natural selfishness of all mankind. The theories of the nationalists sound beautiful, and their arguments are convincing until you take into consideration the humanity of man, and his humanity is selfishness. Both socialists and communists lose sight of this, and of anarchy, selfishness is the keystone. The successful man, the man who piles up his thousands long after he has acquired more than he can possibly enjoy, is but giving play to his selfish instincts to keep from the less fortunate all he can and make it his own. The man who acquires wealth may not be more selfish than other men, but he has with his selfishness the faculty of gratifying it to a greater extent than others. Turn whatever way he will, the theorist is confronted by the insurmountable wall of individual selfishness, and until the nature of man is changed his hopes must fall.

# WOLVERINE NEWS.

## A Climax Widow Found Dead in Her Home and Murder Is Suspected.

## A Sensational Incident of the Presbyterian Assembly in Detroit—A Delegate Drops Dead.

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

### Is It Another Murder?

KALAMAZOO, May 30.—Adeline P. Hawver, a widow 45 years old, was found on Thursday morning last lying dead on the sitting room floor of her home in Climax, where she lived alone. Her hands were tied with wool twine, which was also wound several times around her neck. The woman had not been seen since last Friday, and neighbors thought she had been visiting relations in Battle Creek. The body was in a condition indicating that she had been dead several days. A jury was summoned at once by the justice and viewed the remains. The body when found was lying on its left side, being badly discolored and bruised. Marks of violence were also found and one leg was drawn under the body indicating that a struggle had taken place. Dr. O. F. Seeley testified that the woman had died apparently of strangulation and had probably been dead several days. Henry Childs tried to demonstrate to the jury that one could tie the hands in a similar manner and could afterward bind a cord around his own neck. After looking over the house the jury adjourned pending further developments. The case is probably one of foul murder, though some persons hold the suicide theory.

### Died at the Assembly.

DETROIT, May 30.—An exciting and impressive incident occurred at the meeting of the Presbyterian general assembly at the Fort street Presbyterian church on Wednesday. The Hon. Samuel M. Breckinridge of St. Louis, Mo., was addressing the assembly upon the Briggs case and had just concluded his speech with the remark, "I feel that I have discharged my duty faithfully," when he fell back to the floor, apparently in a swoon. He was removed to an adjoining room and died in a very short time, apoplexy being the cause. A committee was appointed to accompany the remains of the distinguished jurist to Missouri, Gen. Alger having proffered his private car for the purpose, and appropriate action was taken on the sad event. A banquet which was to have been held in the evening was indefinitely postponed.

### Memorial Day Accident.

LANSING, June 2.—A feature of the Memorial day parade at this place was a float which was made by building a platform on one of the Grand Trunk trucks, and on this placing 43 women to represent the states of the union. Near the cemetery the platform gave way. William Hardy and the front end of the platform fell upon the horses' heels, frightening them into a run. The women hung screaming to the float until thrown off along two or three blocks. The last one fell off just as the cemetery was reached where the horses were stopped. When the wreckage was cleared it was found that Hardy had a badly smashed ankle and a lot of severe but not serious bruises and about 15 of the women were slightly bruised, none of them seriously.

### Fire at Battle Creek.

BATTLE CREEK, June 2.—The Good Health publishing house, with all its contents, burned at nine o'clock yesterday morning, at a loss of $40,000. It was a brick building of four stories and contained eight large boilers, five printing presses and a stock valued at $10,000. The fire started from spontaneous combustion, from greasy rags. The electric light plant which lighted the sanitarium and other buildings was located in the burned building and is a total wreck. The building was insured, but the insurance will not cover the loss. The Sanitarium food company's building caught fire, but it was extinguished without much loss. Crude oil was used for fuel under the boilers and helped to make the fire hard to contend with.

### Rain and Heat Needed.

Reports to the Michigan weather bureau indicate that the weather conditions of the past week have been too cold and dry for the favorable growth of the crops; the wheat and grass have made the most progress. Corn is coming up slowly, and the crop is about all planted now. Cut worms are vigorously attacking the corn in the extreme southern section. The frosts of the 27th made a deep cut into strawberries, beans, grapes and all early vegetables, but no reports of injured fruit trees have been received this week. More rain and warmer weather are much needed to bring the crops forward, as the continued cold, dry weather has retarded all crops to a considerable extent and prevented the average growth of the season.

### Banking Commissioner's Report.

The report of State Banking Commissioner Sherwood, about to be issued, will give the following figures concerning the 15 state banks in Detroit: The total resources are $31,947,306.09. The sum is divided as follows: Loans and discounts $12,861,255.58, stocks, bonds and mortgages $13,612,440.21, due from banks in reserve cities $3,357,723.31, cash on exchange for clearing houses $1,438,460.09. The savings deposits amount to $20,343,665.25, and the total deposits to $26,034,567.76. The deposits show a decided increase over those at the time the last report was made in December.

### Dr. Briggs Disapproved.

DETROIT, May 30.—The Presbyterian general assembly reached a vote today on the report of the committee on Dr. Briggs' appointment to a professorship at Union seminary. The report strongly disapproved of the appointment, and the assembly concurred in the report by a vote of 440 to 59.

### Another Pioneer Gone.

BATTLE CREEK, May 28.—Mrs. Mary Case, aged 91 years, died Tuesday. She was the mother of Thurlow W. Case and Constantius G. Case. She had lived here since 1840.

## AROUND THE STATE.

The Michigan Central will build a belt line at Jackson.

Sol Smith Russell, the actor, is fishing for bass in Berrien county.

The Muskegon supervisors want plans for a $100,000 court house.

A $10,000 match factory is a project now talked by Grand Haven men.

A grand jury has been called to find some illegal liquor business in Sanilac county.

The residents of Ewen, near Ontonagon, have fought fire for three days. No buildings were burned.

Bayport borers have struck oil, but will continue the boring until they have a 400 hole in the ground.

The Hanover women have organized an auxiliary G. A. R. relief corps, with Mrs. Ella Smead as presiding officer.

George W. Dougan of Niles was bitten by a big black bass and blood poison is now causing him very serious trouble.

Wm. Blackmore of Walton, who had his right leg cut off by the cars at Charlotte last week, died from his injuries.

The first load of wool sold this season at Holland brought only 22 cents and it was the best lot ever seen in the Dutch city.

The widow of Capt. James Stevens and the friends of W. P. Wolfe, two of the men drowned on the schooner Kimball, near Manitou island, have offered large rewards for the recovery of the bodies.

The good people of Dryden have raised $3,000 for a new church and will build it at once.

Geo. McPherson, a Detroit bartender, was shot dead by a policeman Monday evening, while obstructing the officer in making an arrest.

The Jackson police have not been able to locate the pal of Dick Mahon, the clever bogus check fakir, arrested last week. Mahon "peached" on his pal.

The Jackson canoe club has decided to hold a big regatta at Michigan Center lake, June 23, and intend to make it the most stupendous affair ever held by the club.

Henry H. Smith, journal clerk of the house of representatives at Washington, has been appointed a member of the board of visitors to the Annapolis naval academy.

There is good fishing at Sand Beach and in the waters near by, and the beachers have formed a large club to agree on the equally large stories told about the catch.

Johnny Welch, a 5 year old Bay City boy, set fire to his clothing while playing near a gasoline stove, Saturday, and was burned so badly that he died in a few hours.

They have a manual training branch in the Jackson school district No. 1, and it has proven so popular that a three days' display was necessary to accommodate the crowds.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw of Kingston, Sanilac county, were thrown from their buggy by the horse running away last week and badly injured. Mrs. Shaw may die of her injuries.

Alcona county streams are bristling with trout, the result of a planting four years ago. Cora Anthony of Kilmaster is so far the champion this season, having landed a speckled beauty which weighed 4 1-6 pounds.

John Roup, ex treasurer of Cedar Springs, has been held in $500 bonds for trial at the June term of the Kent county court for alleged crooked work while treasurer.

The Benton Harborites are hot because it is proposed to name the union St. Joseph. They held a mass meeting, denounced Senator Beers and sent a resolution to the legislature.

John Beal, seven years old of Dimondale, tried to catch on behind a wagon one day last week, when his foot caught in the wheel. He was so badly injured that he died Sunday.

"Jack the Kisser" has been finally caught. His name is W. R. Williams, and he operated at Three Rivers. He was given 90 days in the Centerville jail by Justice Lown.

Oscar Hunt of near Grand Haven is in jail because he plunged a knife several times into Bradley Taylor, a relative. They were having a family quarrel. Taylor is badly hurt.

Rev. Howard Duffield of Detroit preached the baccalaureate sermon to the Orchard Lake academy seniors Sunday. Tuesday the examinations were held and Wednesday a grand hop.

The weather bureau says that the cold weather of the past week has been very unfavorable for the crops. Corn is very slow and the small fruits suffered much from the amateur winter.

Edwin Mills of Battle Creek has been arrested and taken to Kalamazoo on suspicion of being concerned in the mysterious murder at Climax. Mills was engaged to marry the widow who was found dead.

Bay City lumbermen shipped 47,014,000 feet of lumber, 7,810,000 shingles and 2,613,000 lath during May. Saginaw shipped 17,790,000 feet of lumber and 1,700,000 shingles during the same time.

John G. Mason, the resident member of the board of control of the Adrian industrial home, wires Gov. Winans that the report roasting Miss Scott, the superintendent, is all right and in accordance with facts.

Rev. T. J. Giboney, pastor of the Big Rapids Presbyterian church, died of internal hemorrhages, superinduced by the grip, Sunday morning. Mr. Giboney was to be married in three weeks to an Indiana woman.

The Grand Rapids street car strike is still on, the men deciding to hang out forever, if necessary. They will try to establish a line of herdic coaches. There was a little rioting last night, one car being attacked and damaged.

Luke Cooney, who won $2,000 from Nehemiah Chase, a Kalamazoo capitalist, for malicious prosecution, has begun a second suit for a like amount, claiming Mr. Chase owes it to him as administrator of the M. B. Shaw estate.

A man supposed to be John Gable, from papers found on his person, died Monday under suspicious circumstances at St. Francis' hospital, Burlington, Ia. He was left there by unknown persons, and expired 20 minutes later.

Charles Sweeney of Grand Rapids was embracing his fiancee, and while he poured sweet nothings into her ear he sneaked her watch from her pocket. He will now not get married until he serves two years and a half in Ionia and gets another girl.

About 100,000,000 feet of logs have been bought in the upper peninsula by the Hall & Munson lumber company of Saginaw. The logs belonged to Alger, Smith & Co., are to be shipped by rail to Bay Mills, and cost $1,500,000. It will take five years to fill the contract.

A rich and inexhaustible deposit of blue sand stone has been found within the shadow of Jackson prison wall. About 40 men are at work enlarging the quarry and getting it in shape for a big business. S. H. Avery of Jackson is the leading man in the enterprise.

It has transpired that the peppery Miss Scott of the Adrian school, who will probably have some trouble with Winans, had a tilt with ex-Gov. Luce during his term of office and was bluntly told to be more moderate in her punishments or there would be trouble.

The Houghton mining school closed its spring term and annual examinations Saturday and the students given a vacation until June 29, when the field work and summer term opens. A large number of the boys found employment in the smelting works at Houghton.

C. L. Spitzer & Co. of Toledo and Boston own about $300,000 worth of Adrian, Ypsilanti, Battle Creek and other Michigan town bonds, and a Toledo assessor is after them for not paying taxes upon them. The assessor says they are not recorded, like Gov. Ashley's railroad bonds.

Samuel Carson, who is charged with violating pension laws in receiving $100 from an old Indian woman when it is said only $25 should have been charged, is on trial at Bay City. He secured a back pension of $2,600 for the woman Martha Shargarasso and the defendant, it is claimed, and two other men each got $100 from her.

The new and beautiful chapel just erected by the Michigan asylum at Kalamazoo was dedicated Sunday afternoon, over 600 of the inmates being present. The pastors of the city conducted the services, the addresses being by Revs. J. F. Loba and W. T. Coggshall. The city pastors will conduct the services from Sunday to Sunday.

### Wrecked 19 Vessels.

Lake Ilmen, in the government of Novgorod, Russia, has been the scene of a terrible hurricane. Nineteen timber vessels were wrecked in the hurricane and all of their crews were drowned.

### Our Treaty With Spain.

At a meeting of the cabinet of Spain, the queen regent presiding, Premier Canovas del Castillo announced that the commercial convention with the United States had been concluded.

The senate committee on finance and appropriations recently made a report very much averse to the management of the industrial school for girls at Adrian, alleging cruelty and improper care to the inmates. Miss Scott, the superintendent, denies the charges and asks for the fullest investigation.

# LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

## The Bill Appropriating $92,520 for the Normal School Passed by the Senate.

## The House Spends Much Time Discussing Measures of Very Little Importance.

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

LANSING, May 27.—SENATE—The day was spent in discussing bills of minor importance. HOUSE—Among the more important bills passed by the house today was one for the submission to the people of the question of a revision of the constitution. The bill for the organization of a company to clear out the Ontonagon river for the purpose of running logs and floating timber and sorting the same, was lost.

LANSING, May 28.—SENATE—Bills passed—To incorporate L'Anse, Baraga Co.; providing for action of ejectment against business corporation whose term of existence has expired; amending section 10 of chapter 216 of Howell, relating to deeds, conveyances, etc.; for the appointment of Detroit's city physicians by the poor commission; defining the powers and duties of a stenographer for the 31st judicial circuit; reorganizing the 11th and 13th judicial circuits; defining the powers and duties of a stenographer for the 22d judicial circuit; authorizing Fowlerville to erect a water works. Adjourned. HOUSE—Bills passed: Amending act of 1881 for the regulation of certain state institutions; authorizing cities and villages to construct, acquire or purchase plants for electric, gas and other lights; amending act of 1885 for the protection of the women, children and young persons employed at labor in any manufacturing establishment; for the incorporation of Great Hives of Women of the Order of the Macabees; amending act relating to the free schools of Detroit—for a vote on the free text book question. Lost: Amending the act annexing territory to Saginaw; for the protection of dealers in gravestones, monuments, etc.

LANSING, May 29.—SENATE—The senate passed the normal school appropriation at $92,520, and the bill conferring on towns the right to operate street railroads and illuminating plants. Senator Milnes was presented with a gold-headed cane, in honor of the completion of 47 years, Mr. Wisner making the presentation speech. The governor has approved the representative re-apportionment bill and the resolution relative to Stevens T. Mason's remains. HOUSE—The house spent a good share of the session in debate over the bill to organize the township of Lake in Montmorency county; it was referred to the committee of the whole. The bills authorizing Fremont to borrow money, providing for kindergarten instruction in the public schools and appropriating money for the asylum for criminal insane passed the house. In answer to the house resolution, the insurance commissioner has reported that he had made a very thorough examination into the Imperial life insurance company of Detroit, and asked that he be allowed to report its condition on April 30, instead of May 25. He said there has been no change in its affairs since April 30, except that $54,824 has been added to the capital.

LANSING, June 1.—SENATE — Twenty minutes was the duration of the senate session this evening. Petitions from the Eclectic medical and surgical society favoring the abolition of the state board of health and for the taxation of railroad property were read. Adjournment followed. HOUSE—But fifty-six members of the house assembled. An adjournment without the transaction of any business immediately followed the roll-call.

## THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

### It Was Organized in Washington Last Week.

The organization of the American University was affected last week in the parlors of the Arlington Hotel at Washington. Among the incorporators are Gov. R. E. Pattison of Pennsylvania, Senator McMillan of Michigan, Mark Hoyt of New York, Col. John A. Wright of Pennsylvania, Representative Springer of Illinois, Mrs. J. A. Logan of Washington, Dr. Charles W. Buoy of Pennsylvania, and Bishop John F. Hurst of Washington. Mark Hoyt was elected president of the board, and Bishop Hurst chancellor of the university. Rev. Chas. W. Baldwin was elected secretary and Rev. Albert Osborn registrar. Among the additional trustees were the following: Bishops Bowman, Newman, Vincent and Wilson, Secretary Proctor, Hon. Amos Shinkle of Kentucky, and Hon. J. H. Hibbs of Illinois. The President and Vice President of the United States, the chief justice of the supreme court and speaker of the house of representatives were elected ex-officio members. The Messrs. Baltzley Brothers made the first contribution toward the erection of the Epworth hall. A meeting at Washington of the leading educators of the country was arranged for to consult about plans for building and courses of study. The board of directors is broadly catholic in character being composed of representatives of the Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist and Methodist Episcopal churches of both branches. Bishop Hurst said: "It will be seen that in the selection of women as trustees the needs of the age are recognized in affording women an equal opportunity with men in all the advantages of the highest culture. In view of the great public interest in the university an appeal will shortly be made to the American people for $5,000,000 for the early commencement of the work of the institution.

### Husband Hanged Himself.

DETROIT, June 2.—Edward B. Douglass, formerly a railroad conductor, was married two years ago to Grace Hamlin, aged 17 years, at Bedford, O. They lived with the girl's parents until 10 weeks ago, when her father, C. N. Hamlin, removed to 547 Lincoln avenue, Detroit. Douglass and his wife went to Cleveland, but he could not find employment and sent his wife to her parents. Subsequently he followed her and stayed for two weeks. Then Mr. Hamlin turned him out. Last Friday evening Douglass returned and asked to see his wife, but his request was refused. Sunday morning Mr. Hamlin unlocked his woodshed door and found Douglass dead and dangling from the ceiling at the end of a clothes line. He had tied his feet together while sitting on a step-ladder, fastened his hands behind his back and then kicked the step-ladder over. Several letters of recommendation from railroad officials were found in the dead man's pocket, together with an incoherent letter for the newspapers. "Little did the folks think," says the writer, "that while they were playing cards in the room I was standing outside taking a last look at those who are most in my mind." The letter seems written in a revengeful spirit, and charges his wife with unfaithfulness. This charge her parents characterize as false. The deceased was 32 years old, and his parents reside at Coshocton, O.

Pennsylvania appropriates $300,000 to the world's fair.

W. J. Bent & Co., Boston, footwear manufacturers, need $150,000 to pay creditors.

Rev. Geo. W. Vancie has been arrested near Duquoin, Ill., for making counterfeit money.

The Council Bluffs real estate firm of Judd, Wells & Co., failed last week for $35,000.

John T. Farish, a New York millionaire who recently died, left $280,000 to charitable institutions.

Fire at McGregor, Ont., recently destroyed property to the amount of $20,000. Insurance, $6,000.

Joseph Newton, an Illinois counterfeiter, when captured in Union county drew a revolver and killed himself.

The Ohio farmers' union, in session at Columbus Wednesday, decided against a third party by a vote of 64 to 63.

## A DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

### Report of the Committee Which Investigated the Industrial Home.

LANSING, May 30.—The senate special committee consisting of Gilbert, Milnes, Mugford, Porter and Morrow has presented the report of their investigation into the alleged abuses at the industrial school at Adrian, where Miss Scott is superintendent, and state that the difference of opinion between Miss Scott and the local member of the board, John T. Mason, has caused a bad feeling in the school. The report continues:

"We find the management relating to punishment extremely cruel, unwarrantably unnecessary, and also the avowed policy of the superintendent. As for instance we found the case of two girls who were placed in a dark cellar for 30 consecutive days and nights with no furniture other than a bare plank and who were kept on a diet of bread and water. We find when girls become boisterous or violent in temper, they were, by order of the superintendent, treated with hypodermic injections of a fluid, the nature of which was unknown to the person administering the same. We found extreme negligence in the case of a girl who, after being an inmate of the home for six months and while undergoing a physical examination, as an epileptic, was discovered to be suffering from a loathsome disease. Questioning brought out the information that she had been under the treatment for this disease for but one month previous to this time and under the advice of the attending physician, who gave directions for treatment without knowledge of the other than as stated by the matron. It would seem to the committee that a disease of this nature and of as long duration would have excited a deep professional interest and great caution in the healment of this case instead of the negligence shown. We find extreme negligence in placing girls in homes, without proper application, or indorsement by county agents. For instance we found a girl returned to the home in an unfortunate and delicate condition and immediately replaced by another girl in the same home without further recommendation or indorsement. Among others an application was shown the committee as the authority and recommendation for placing a girl in a home in Lenawee county, on the back of which appeared the indorsement of the county agent, but upon the opening of this particular blank form there was found within nothing but the printed blank form used for filing applications at the home. Neither the name or location of the family, name of the girl or information of any kind was expressed therein."

The board winds up its report by advocating the dismissal of Miss Scott and the employment of a man and wife to run the school and call the attention of Gov. Winans to the report by sending him a copy.

Miss Scott, the superintendent, has demanded an immediate investigation of the affair.

### Vetoed the G. A. R. Bill.

LANSING, May 30.—Gov. Winans has vetoed the bill appropriating $30,000 for the entertainment of veterans attending the G. A. R. encampment at Detroit in August. His objections to the bill are based on the ground of "public policy and justice to the tax-payers." He says: "The bill proposed to take money earned by the hard hand of labor and saved by the economy of patient wives and mothers and use it for a social entertainment and a general good time. Not one in a hundred of the people who are forced to contribute will participate in the pleasures of the occasion. A political convention or the Presbyterian general assembly, now gathered in Detroit, would be equally entitled to state aid. On no principle of right or justice can this use of the people's money be defended. We are here as the servants of the people and I am fully convinced that if the proposition to vote this money had been submitted to them 20 votes would have been cast against it to one for it. No public purpose is to be subserved by the expenditure. The money is taxed from the hard earnings of the people, already justly complaining of oppressive taxation, any measure which unnecessarily adds a feather weight to this burden is a great wrong, and more especially when done by those whom the people trusted and who promised to relieve and protect their interests by more economical legislation. * * * The sum appropriated, if saved to the treasury, will defray the total cost of this legislature for 30 days or more. In a former communication I expressed to you my belief that our fidelity to the interests and rights of the people will be the measure of our success, and that every request for public aid should be sternly denied unless needed for a public purpose. In behalf of the taxpayers of this state I earnestly and respectfully urge that you reconsider your action in this matter." Judge Miner has had the veto referred to the house judiciary and state affairs committee and it will be sprung as soon as there is a full house.

## BRIEFLY TOLD.

Cardinal Alimonda, archbishop of Turin, is dead.

David Brooks, a well-known electrician, is dead at Philadelphia.

Recent heavy rains in Minnesota and the Dakotas assure a large crop yield.

The New York and Brooklyn bridge was made free to foot passengers at midnight Sunday.

Sherman Catton, a Chicago mail clerk, is under arrest at Cleveland for robbing the mails.

President Harrison has determined not to appoint the nine new circuit judges until next September.

Nineteen timber vessels were recently wrecked on Lake Ilmenn, Russia, during a gale, and their crews drowned.

The English house of commons has refused to legalize the election of women as members of the county councils.

At Norfolk, Va., Sunday, Otto Kohler and John Kelly, brothers-in-law, quarreled and Kohler was probably fatally shot.

Robert Algiers has been found murdered at Peoria, Ill., and A. J. Gardner, with whom he quarreled, is under arrest on suspicion.

M. Dublan, minister of Mexico's finances, is dead. His death will cause no change in the financial policy of the government.

Robert Rathborn, known to the police as "The Gorilla," has been arrested at Canton, O., for the robbery of a Chicago bank a year ago.

The Victoria sealers have sent a protest to Sir Charles Tupper against the passage of the bill in the English house to close Behring sea for a year.

Four Baltic steamers have been engaged by the Jewish emigration society of Moscow, for the purpose of carrying away Jews who are forced to emigrate.

The Hamburg-American steamship, Fuerst Bismarck, has broken the record for an eastern ocean trip by making it in six days 14 hours and 30 minutes.

N. S. Eager, a young Englishman who went to Manitoba about three years ago, has mysteriously disappeared. He is thought to have committed suicide.

At the annual meeting of the Jackson farmers' club in Jackson Wednesday, R. D. M. Edwards was elected president, W. F. Raven, secretary and J. S. Flint, treasurer.

The anti-Call members of the Florida legislature have petitioned Gov. Fleming to withhold Mr. Call's certificate of election. They give several reasons for the protest.

The body of P. Mulford, editor of the White Cross Library, a monthly publication, has been found in a canoe in Sheepshead Bay creek, near New York city. The cause of death is not known.

The visible supply of wheat Saturday, as compared by the New York produce exchange, was 18,291,735 bushels, a decrease of 951,407 bushels; and of corn 4,493,585 bushels, an increase of 1,018,740 bushels.

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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, 20 in timber. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin now offers for sale at a very low price and on reasonable terms her very desirable home on the north side of Maple avenue, containing nearly one acre of land, good large house, barn with shed and plenty small fruit; live running water in the house, good cistern and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 18.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have had placed in our hands by Edmund James six valuable lots formerly owned by the late Mason I. James, whose property consisted of one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale, four fronting on Martin street at $250 each, and two fronting on Merrill street at $400. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get a lot before they are gone.

Bargain No. 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 "Wilde Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of half a mile on each side of Saginaw avenue and about 40 rods on Cemetery avenue, all of which can be platted to great advantage and make desirable lots. With the water works and the prospects of electric lights and an electric railway in the village in the near future, and in view of other improvements already made, we think it worthy of the consideration of speculators. Any further information will be gladly furnished. Address EXCHANGE BANK, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 24.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Birmingham? If so, read this and act wisely. We can offer you for only $1,500 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, 31x36, containing 12 nicely finished rooms; a fine barn, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and a good lot of land, which, to our idea, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple avenue, close to the business portion of Birmingham, consisting of a house and three lots, owned by E. Spencer Wooster. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, plenty small fruits and a sidewalk that will last for years. Price very reasonable. Call on us or E. S. Wooster.

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in another part of the state, I offer for sale or 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 33.

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 sub-division of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English's property on Saginaw street. Call on Caleb Jackson or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well underdrained, 15 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between the studding, a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ½ mile of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Such farms as this one are very seldom 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. 46.

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

Bargain No. 45.

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

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

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

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Bargain No. 47.

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

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. 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.

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.

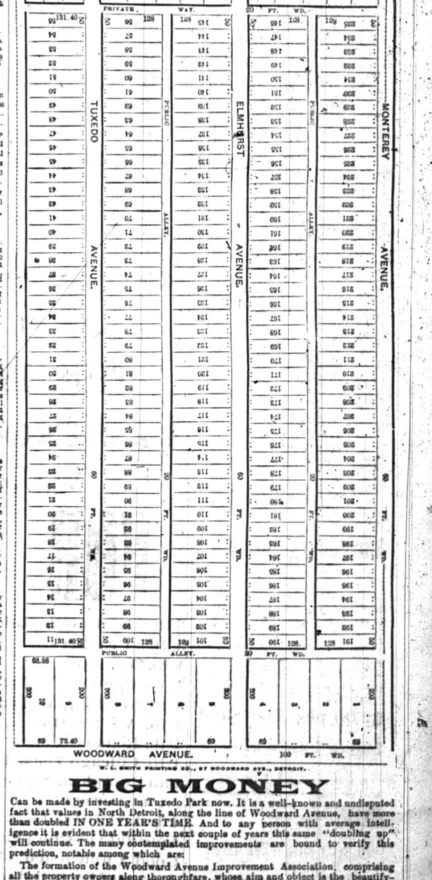
J. O. BEATTIE.

# 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,




# 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.