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THE police court records of eastern college towns show that it is no unusual thing for the young men attending these schools to be convicted of "keeping liquor saloons under the guise of Greek letter societies," and of committing other acts of lawlessness and blackguardism.

WHEN a college makes it clear that no student is wanted who cannot submit to decent discipline, no matter how wealthy his parents may be, it takes itself outside the list of fashionable colleges and ranks itself among those which are honestly fulfilling the purposes of its endowments.

DURING the last decade there has been such a remarkable increase in immigration that the number annually added to the population from this source alone is stated to be 517,621, and in the ten years amounted to 33.08 per cent of the entire previous arrivals during the greater portion of the century.

WHEN the leaders of the Mormon party in Utah suddenly come forward and profess that they are ready to support suitable men for office without any regard to religious belief, and that they have no desire to exercise political control over the members of the Mormon church, it is time for the people of this country to "fear the Greeks bearing gifts."

STUDENTS seem to think that a bruised and shattered anatomy is indispensible to the acquisition of knowledge. Does a student with his kneecap kicked off and his nose spread out over his face acquire a knowledge of Latin and Greek more readily than the student who has not broken a bone in his hide? Does an unjointed hip or an assortment of shattered ribs help the student master the intricacies of the calculus.

THE Gentile element in Utah will make a fatal mistake if it gives up its organization or is tempted to weaken its ranks by listening to the seductive promises of the cunning Mormon heirarchy. Its conversion to decency is too swift and spontaneous to be accepted. This same hierarchy is working too industriously to secure converts and add to the Mormon population to make one believe the church has no desire to control politics.

WHEN the European finds that his government has laid a tax to keep him at home he will suspect that he is wanted for the performance of some disagreeable task, such as fighting, and he will imagine the prospects abroad to be better than he had ever supposed, and therefore will be all the more eager to leave. There is no danger that we will not get all the industrious and law-abiding immigrants we need in spite of any tax that European governments will venture to impose.

WHAT we need are educational institutions of a practical character. A school of industrial art, for example, would do more good than all the foreign or American made monuments which can be erected for some time. As long as skilled artisans for important industries have to be imported from abroad art monuments will be a sham in American cities. Let the American nation become a leader in industrial, practical art before the American cities attempt to become customers for sculptors.

THE American government is the product of centuries of evolution in politics, the result of the thought of all past ages. In our country, having now passed the critical period of its history, progress is pre-eminent. Chemistry may resolve the physical universe into its elements; but what magic art has analyzed a single human emotion? Biology may trace the descent of species and reveal a plausible evolution, but who has found the germ of being? Already the eyes of the work are upon the Anglo-Saxon. In him is recognized the exponent of liberty, the advocate of moral reform, the inaugurator of a true philanthropic spirit and the defender of the rights of Christendom.

ACCORDING to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat a fiend in human guise has invented an electrical alarm that will run for two hours after getting started unless its victim gets out of bed and turns it off. The old-fashioned alarm clock would run five minutes or so and then a man could turn over and go to sleep again. It allowed its owner to set it at night and then change his mind in the morning. But the new device is inexorable. The man who sets it must get up at the hour specified, unless he has previously died in his sleep. A well-known principle of ancient justice should be applied to its inventor. He should be compelled to have one of his own clocks setting at his bedside every night, set for 4 o'clock in the morning.

THERE are in round numbers 15,000 inmates of juvenile reformatories in the United States, and relatively small as our foreign born population is, statistics just published by the census office show that of the 9,578 whose birth place and parentage are known, the foreign population of the country contributes, directly or indirectly, in the persons of the foreign born or their immediate descendants 5,851.5 to the population of the juvenile reformatories, while the entire native population contributes only 3,726.5. Former bulletins relative to penitentiaries had shown that about one-third of the inmates of state prisons and penitentiaries belong to the foreign born element. In Illinois the showing is still more remarkable. The total number of inmates in the reformatory, located at Pontiac, is 383. Only one of these is reported as having native parents, while those with parents foreign born number 102, and 36 of these juveniles were themselves born abroad.

MICHIGAN IN GENERAL.

State Board of Equalization Opens the First Day at Lansing With Plenty of Business.

A Wild and Wooly Westerner Gets Anxious for a Wife and is Given a Good Big Experience.

A Well-Known Jackson County Crook Falls into the Toils and is "Put Away" for Eight Years.

The State Board of Equalization.

LANSING, Aug. 19.—The opening session of the state board of equalization was called to order Monday afternoon. The members present were; Lieutenant-Governor Strong, Secretary of State Soper, State Treasurer Bradsted, Auditor General Stone, and Land Commissioner Schaffer. The board was organized by the election of Lieutenant-Governor Strong as chairman, and George B. Caldwell, general state accountant secretary. The following was the order of business adopted: Receiving statements from the several boards of supervisors. Examination of tabular statements of the board of supervisors of each county. Equalizing the assessments between the counties. The principal hearing was from Bay county, which made an extensive argument for a reduction of its valuation. Alger, Allegan, Calhoun, Alcona and Ingham counties also asked for a reduction.

He's Still Single.

BELDING, Aug. 19.—Robert C. Wheeler, of Oklahoma, felt lonely and decided that he needed a wife to cheer him up and so advertised for one in a matrimonial paper. The advertisement met the eye of Mrs. Burkholder of this place, and a correspondence sprung up between them. Photos were exchanged, and everything was progressing lovely. Wheeler is a veteran and intended to attend the Detroit encampment and so came on about three weeks ago so as to have a visit with his intended wife. When he left for Detroit she advised him to leave his money with her for safe keeping, and he handed her $700. Since his return, it is alleged, she refuses to marry him or give up the money, and he has invoked the law to assist him.

He is Safe Enough Now.

JACKSON, August 19.—Dwight Wheaton, who has been sentenced to eight years in the Detroit house of correction, from Denver, Col., is a Jackson county boy who is very well known in this city. His father is a respected citizen living near Horton. When arrested, Wheaton was known as Charles Wilson, but his identity was discovered by a letter written to him by his cousin, a married woman, living near here. The epistle showed that she was desperately in love with the criminal, although she was living with her husband. At one time he was to be tried for the assassination of Engineer O'Neill of the Chicago & Alton. He turned state's evidence, told who the murderers were, and was dismissed.

A Shameless Wretch.

FLINT, Aug. 19.—Leroy Skinner was arrested here on a charge of eloping with a 16-year-old girl. The couple live at Greenville, where Skinner has an estimable wife and two children. The elopement occurred some two weeks ago, and since then the couple has been living in Flint, and have paid a visit of some duration to Detroit. Officer Rogers, of Greenville, took them home.

Burned to Death at Camp Meeting.

LINDEN, Aug. 19.—A family named Barker were attending a Free Methodist camp meeting here and living in a tent. While they were out a six year old girl who was alone began playing with matches and finally set fire to the tent and was burned to death before assistance could arrive.

Attacked By a Horse.

KALAMAZOO, Aug. 19.—Emer Monroe, of Almena, a young boy visiting here, met with a remarkably peculiar accident. While feeding a horse the animal knocked him down, kicked him and tramped one ear nearly off. Internal injuries make the case a possibly fatal one.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Comptroller Thompson, of West Bay City, has resigned.

Grapes are rotting badly in many Van Buren county vineyards.

More new buildings have been erected in Detroit this season than for the preceding five years.

Van Buren county G. A. R. will hold its annual reunion at Paw Paw, September 1, 2 and 3.

The state is being covered with beautiful paper advertising the Detroit exposition which opens August 25.

Henry Davis, of Park Lake, while splitting wood, ran a sliver in his leg from a wedge, and death resulted.

Cardinal Gibbons, who had been the guest of Bishop Foley, of Detroit, for several days, departed Tuesday.

Besides the residences of Hon. S. O. Fisher, there were six other burglaries in West Bay City one night last week.

The tunnel under St. Clair river at Port Huron, will be formally opened with appropriate ceremonies September 19.

The competitive examination for West Point is to be held in Adrian August 27, by direction of Congressman Gorman.

Albion people want the Michigan Central railroad magnates to improve and ornament their depot grounds in that city.

George May received a cruel and perhaps fatal blow from a pitchfork in the hands of Otto Burlock in a quarrel at Lyndon.

Nathaniel Cloe, of Davidson, a pioneer and well known citizen, was stricken with heart disease and died Monday. He was about 60 years old.

Reports come from Beaver island that a young man recently injured there is dead, and Prosecutor John G. Hill has gone to investigate the killing.

Gen. and Mrs. R. A. Alger, of Detroit, attended the services at the dedication of the Bennington battle monument, at Bennington, Vt., Wednesday.

A panic occurred in a Muskegon street car, caused by groundless fears that the car would collide with a railroad train, several being painfully hurt.

The Pontiac city council Tuesday decided to light the city by electricity and will erect 60 arc lights. Some of the Detroit towers will be used.

The government authorities have reconsidered their decision not to allow the Chicago & West Michigan railroad to build an elevator at Benton Harbor.

Decatur people are happy that the Michigan Central will buy the Lake Shore branch through that city and give direct communication with Paw Paw.

The Bay City Knights Templar have sailed from Liverpool for home and will arrive about September 1. It is proposed to give them a grand reception.

Prof. Geo. E. Paige has been tendered charge of the Downington schools and John Hand will act as principal at Sanilac Center through the coming term.

Edward White was drowned while bathing in Green's lake, near Holly, Tuesday night. His body has not been found. He was 20 years old, and his parents live at Clio.

The extensible car seat company of Kalamazoo, with a capital of $100,000, was the largest organized company in the state last week that filed articles with the secretary of state.

Thomas Scanlan, engineer on the fish tug Frank Edwards, of Grand Haven, while cleaning out the boiler Saturday morning slipped and fell into a vat of lye, badly scalding him. His recovery is doubtful.

Herbert J. Thomas, of Detroit, is in jail in Jackson, where he is held for Wayne county officials who want him for deserting a wife and two children. He has been living with a girl named Gibbs, in Jackson, for several weeks.

The Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad detectives did not have a shadow of a case against Martin Pierce, whom they arrested for complicity in the wreck, which occurred August 5 near Kalamazoo and released him after one day's confinement.

Rev. Caroline J. Bartlett was offered an opportunity to return to her charge, the Kalamazoo Unitarian church. She was in England when she received the offer and lost no time in accepting it, sending a telegram, and paying the rates on it, too.

It is not often that it costs a man $215 to wipe his noble brow on a hot day, but that is what it cost Thomas Cook, of Bay City. He jerked his pocket book out of his pocket at the same time he did his handkerchief, and has not seen it since.

Cornelius Bosch, a farmer from Laketown, a few miles south from Holland, was struck by a Chicago & West Michigan train, while attempted to cross the track and instantly killed Saturday afternoon. He was 50 years old and leaves a wife and six children.

Willis F. Gray, a Grand Rapids tailor, died a year ago in a Chicago private hospital while en route to Hot Springs. His half-brother promised to send the remains to Mrs. Gray, but never did so. Now she is having an awful time collecting the $2,000 insurance on his life.

Special Agent Perry, of the internal revenue department, was at Decaur last week investigating the bootleg liquor dispensers who ply their trade in the prohibition village. Considerable evidence has has already been secured, and the traffic will be effectually broken up.

James H. Stone, internal revenue collector at Detroit, has just figured out $2,009,485 18 as his total collections of internal revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891—the largest year's business in the history of the district, notwithstanding the reduced tax on tobacco.

John Campbell and his mother and sister put some money into a lottery ticket some time ago and drew $15,000. That money has become hopelessly mixed up and one of the sisters has brought suit against Campbell, who is the mayor of North Muskegon, for an accounting.

Rev. Asa Johnson, aged 80 years, died at his late home in Marshall Saturday. He was for upwards of 60 years a prominent minister of the Presbyterian denomination. His son, E. P. Johnson, formerly of Marshall, is now pastor of the old Reformed Church (Presbyterian) at Albany, N. Y.

Chas. B. Collins, of Little Falls, N. Y., was found dead in his bed at the residence of Mrs. M. E. Randall, his cousin, at Bay City. His age was 57. He came to Michigan to attend the grand army encampment, and then went to Bay City to visit relatives. He was a prominent oddfellow.

Olaf Johnson, who formerly kept the Hotel Du Nord in Meenominee, was found dead on a supply road about eight miles from Crystal Falls on Sunday, having fallen from sunstroke. The remains were given burial Tuesday. Johnston was aged about 40 years and leaves a wife and family in Menominee.

Hon. Orville D. Chapman, of Gregory, died after a brief illness of dropsy, aged 69 years. He studied medicine in his younger days and pronounced all except surgery a humbug. Being somewhat peculiar he refused medical attendance during his last illness. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

Over 1,500 men, women and children, comprising the employes of the Flint & Pere Marquette railroad shops and their families, boarded the twenty-five coaches of two special trains Saturday morning for their annual outing, this time making Bay Port their rendezvous, where they spent the day in games, athletic sports, boating, etc.

Half-a-dozen non-union foundry men, employed by the Union School furniture company, at Battle Creek, were attacked by over 2,000 sympathizers of the striking union molders, Saturday night. The police came to the mens' assistance and then the air was filled with sticks and stones, but no one was seriously injured.

Detroit's famous boulevard has been infested with highwaymen and foot pads for over a year, but it was not until Sunday night that they were apprehended. On this occasion they attacked a young man and lady who screamed lustily for help. The police heard the cry and gave chase, firing their revolvers. One of the robbers was fatally shot.

From letters of inquiry received by the state game warden it appears that there is a misunderstanding regarding the new game law. All deputy wardens were notified some time ago to give public notice that the law does not take effect until October 1, hence of woodcock season opens September 1, under the old law, and closes under the new law, December 15.

Sunday forenoon James Anderson, aged 74 years, an inmate of the soldiers' home, at Grand Rapids was walking along the double track which runs past the home to North park. A train came along behind him, and just as it was about to pass him he stepped in front of the locomotive and was crushed to death. He was a member of the Fourth Michigan Infantry, and had been at the home four years.

Two boys, Albert Walker and Daniel Grant, were arrested at Grand Rapids July 4, accused of stealing a watch and and chain from H. T. Sherman, and were bound over for trial and have been in jail. But Sherman's conscience troubled him so he visited the prosecuting attorney and acknowledged that he pawned the watch and accused the boys in order to draw witness fees. The boys were released.

An annual schabenfest was held near Grand Rapids Sunday and about 2,000 Swabians, Germans and Hollanders were there. Beer stands were plentiful and fights were the same. Deputies Vandermulen, Mehan, Murphy and McConnell attempted to make an arrest, and secured the prisoner with handcuffs. They were immediately assulted by a mob of drunken picnickers, beaten and the keys to the handcuffs taken from them. The prisoner was then released and the deputies chased off the grounds. Before aid could be summoned the "fest" broke up.

A. W. Wilcox owned a small farm in Waters, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Western, who had disagreed with her husband, lived with him and acted as housekeeper. For some time Western has been trying to heal the differences between himself and wife and had succeeded, much to chargrin of the old man who wanted to keep her. After he had exhausted every means to induce her to remain, and had failed, he went to the shed and securing an ax hit her on the back of the head killing her instantly. He then took a big dose of paris green and made death certain by shooting himself in the head.

The Continental Guards, of New Orleans, to the number of 24, are the guests of the Detroit Light Infantry. They were met at the Michigan Central depot by the two companies of the infantry in full uniform. H. B. Lothrop made a brief speech of welcome and Capt. Drown responded for the Guard. After this they broke ranks and were escorted to the Biddle house, where supper was served. The ladies accompanying the Guard were presented a beautiful bouquet. They were given a reception at the armory, to which all citizens were invited, and had a good time generally.

Grand Rapids now has a decided novelty in the shape of a man who claims to have been hypnotized. Charles Day has for some time been a patient at St. Mark's hospital, but was recently discharged. He now makes application for admission to the Kalamazoo insane asylum in hope, he says, of getting cured of a spell under which he suffers. He insists that he is under the influence of the will of some unknown man, and at times he is completely lost to himself, becoming flighty and acting under an uncontrollable impulse. He says that at times he is unable to move hand or foot, and has often laid abed all day because the strange power wouldn't let him get up. The physicians think him crazy and he and he may be sent to the asylum.

THE MOLITOR MURDER.

The Mysterious Murder of Sixteen Years Ago at Rogers City Being Cleared Up.

Citizens of Presque Isle County Fear More Murders if the Conspirators are not Convicted.

The Principal Doings and Happenings of the Week in the Peninsular State.

The Rogers City Murder.

ROGERS CITY, Aug. 19.—The examination of August Grossman, August Fuhrman, Charles Voegler, Henry Jacobs, Stephen Vieger and Andrew E. Banks, alleged principals in the conspiracy to murder Albert Molitor, 16 years ago, is completed. All but the last were bound over to the next term of the circuit court. Fritz and Ferdinand Bruder were discharged and Banks and those who had confessed were placed under $500 bonds to appear as witnesses in the circuit court. Much regret is felt at the failure to hold Banks, as other arrests may follow. There are lifesized rumors of other murders and conspiracies to murder, in which one or more of those arrested were engaged, which may result in unearthing others of the mysteries hidden in the forests of Presque Isle. Otto Goerick, county treasurer, son-in-law of John Bruder, was marked for destruction when he ran for his present office last fall, but saved by the veto of one man, it is said, out of those now held for the murder. "If the men get clear," says Geerick, "I would not care to live in the county." Fred. Mertz, son-in-law of Sorgenfrei, has threatened to make public facts which he has been learning from Sorgenfrei's family, and last December he received a letter in German said to be in Grossman's hand writing, telling him not to talk too much or he would die. It was signed "Vigilance Committee of Presque Isle County."

The latest phase in the case is one which seems to indicate that the prosecution intends to push vigorously the cases against all the men suspected, of being concerned in the killing, and that even those who turned state's evidence will not be accorded immuaity. Repke, the squealer, whose confessions first gave the officers information on which to proceed, and Andrew Banks have been arrested. Complaint has also been lodged against Hoeft, and others who turned state's evidence will be taken into custody.

Michigan at the World's Fair.

CHICAGO, August 17.—The Michigan world's fair commission met last week with the commissioners from Indiana and Wisconsin. Gov. Winans, of Michigan, presided. It was decided to let each state erect its own building. The Michigan commissions, accompanied by President Palmer, of the national commission, then visited Jackson park to examine sites. The lot set apart for Michigan was not satisfactory, and an effort will be made when the board of control meets to secure a change. At a later session $20,000 was appropriated for a building, and President Weston was authorized to secure plans to be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Burt was not present, and during the meeting Gov. Winans received a telegram from him resigning his place on the board. The committee on rules was not ready to report. Gov. Winans returned home, but the other members remained to look after the site matter.

Railroad Lands Sold.

GRAND RAPIDS, August 19.—Unoccupied lands belonging to the Detroit, Lansing & Northern railroad company, in the southern portion of the city, have been sold by Sheriff McQueen on an execution issued from the Wayne circuit court. This was to satisfy a judgement for $91,500 secured by McRae & Lally, the contractors who built the road from this city to Grand Ledge. The lands were bid in by Attorney W. L. Carpenter for Mr. Lally. The case has been appealed to the supreme court, and the validity of the sale will be determined by the decision in the case in that court. It is claimed that most of the lands bid in were condemned as necessary for the public use, and hence the execution would not stand against them. The roadbed of the company is in no wise affected by the sale.

Two Accidents at Ypsi.

YPSILANTI, Aug. 17.—Susan Lawrence, an old lady living in Augusta, was seriously injured last week. The harness broke, her horse ran away and she was thrown from the buggy. Her skull is injured, there is a gash in her cheek, and she has a sprained ankle.

Jonathan Mitchell and a boy named Geo. Dingman were coming to the city on a load of straw. Their team became frightened at a traction engine, ran away and the load was tipped over upon both of them. Mitchell's hip was broken and the boy was injured internally.

Money Scarce in Texas.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 17.—There is a great scarcity of money in all the lower Rio Grande section of this state. There has been no rain to speak of for eighteen months. The ranchmen are all in debt, and farmers have been unable to raise enough for their actual needs. The scarcity of money and the impossibility of obtaining it any quantity has been emphasized at Roma on the Rio Grande, where 278 fat and healthy sheep, capable of growing four pounds of wool annually, sold for 38 cents apiece.

'Twas a Success.

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—The Hon. C. B. Farwell has received a telegram from Prof. Dynerfurth in charge of the rain producing experiments provided for by the last congress now being conducted on the ranch of Nelson Morris, of this city, in Texas. The professor says the first experiment was made this week, powder being exploded high in air; that clouds soon after began to gather and that it rained heavily there.

A President's Widow Passes Away.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 17. — Mrs. James K. Polk, widow of the tenth president of the United States, died at her home in this city. Her age was 88 and the cause of her death was simply exhaustion from old age. Her death was deeply mourned by the entire city.

The Marcellus driving club will hold its first race meeting August 26-27.

Fire at Norfolk, Va., Saturday, destroyed several warehouses, causing a loss of $255,000, mostly insured.

Job Haas, a Philadelphia coal merchant, was found dead in his office with his skull crushed. Robbery was the motive.

Charles A. Trommer, aged 22, residing in Saginaw with his parents, committed suicide Tuesday by hanging himself in the barn at his home. He had been in poor health, and became despondent.

The funeral of Henry C. Platt, of Niles, was held in the Episcopal church at Niles Sunday. Mr. Platt was one of the foremost citizens of the city, and the church was packed to do honor to his memory.

Carey Caster, 20 years old, used a knife on Dick and Bunk Phares, cutting them to pieces and leaving them in a dying condition, near Shelbyville, Ind. He was arrested and placed in jail.

At San Antonio, Tex., Torribie Pastrango, a deputy sheriff, attempted to arrest Antonio Carrasci, a bandit who had already killed eight men. The arrest wasn't made but Antonio's string now numbers nine men, the deputy sheriff being the latest.

Ten Chinamen were arrested on Whidby Island, Wash., last week and taken before a United States commissioner, who ordered them returned to China. The raid was planned several weeks ago, numbers of Chinamen having appeared on the island recently, which caused the residents to complain. The Chinamen were found scattered about the island, working farms leased by Chinese farmers.

A STAR VANISHED.

James Russell Lowell, the Poet, Critic and Diplomat, is Dead.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—James Russell Lowell died at 2:10 Wednesday morning, at his home, "Elmwood," in Cambridge, where he was born Feb. 22, 1819.

James Russell Lowell, like Emerson, Longfellow and Holmes, was the son of a clergyman. The mother was of Scotch descent, a woman of passionate love of poetry, skilled in several languages, and a lover of all that was beautiful and refined. Of her five children, three boys and two girls, James Russell was the youngest. From his cradle he heard old ballads sung and books talked about. He entered Harvard college in his 16th year; here he took a thorough dislike for mathematics and became very fond of general reading rather than study from text books. He graduated in 1838, writing the class poem which he dedicated to his class. After this he took a course at a Boston law school. "Year's Alike" his first volume of poems was written when he was 22 years of age. In 1844 his second volume appeared. In 1851 Mr. Lowell and wife visited Europe, and three years later accepted the professorship of languages at Harvard. From 1863 to 1872 he edited the North American Review. In 1877 he was made minister to Spain and in 1880 was transferred to England. His more recent years have been spent on Deer Foot farm, Southborough, Mass., from whence emanated all his late literary work.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Mrs. Mary Bolt died in New Orleans Friday, of leprosy.

Last week there were 6,234 immigrants landed at New York.

Miss Ulricka Dahlgren, daughter of the late Admiral Dahlgren, is to marry Josiah Pierce, a New Englander.

Alexander Gordon, a prominent business man of Elizabeth, N. J., has been driven insane by the bite of a mosquito.

Rev. Edward Eggleston, author of the "Hoosier Schoolmaster," is to marry Miss Frances E. Goode, of Madison, Ind.

During an electric storm in Monticello, Ill., Saturday night several persons were killed and much property destroyed.

The treasury department's shipments of small notes to the west for use in moving the crops aggregates to tate $6,250,000.

Dr. J. E. Clemens is under arrest at Memphis, Tenn., charged with chloroforming and robbing R. D. Frayser, of that city.

The government of Portugal prohibits the importation of foreign wheat from September 1 until the native crop has been consumed.

Rev. John Jackson-Brown, L. L. D., professor of chemistry and physics in Syracuse, (N. Y.) university, died Saturday morning.

Dr. A. L. Moffatt, a young dentist and medical student of Cleveland, was drowned at Chautauqua, N. Y., Tuesday. His body was recovered.

Reports from the Chickasaw nation say the Byrd party were victorious in the recent election. The result means that the intruder must go.

John Bonte Sons' Co., rope and twine manufacturers of Cincinnati, O., have made an assignment. The liabilities are 100,000, with the assets about the same.

An aeronaut named Johnson fell from a balloon to the ground, a distance of about 2,000 feet and was frightfully crushed, at Tacoma, Wash., Saturday. He died instantly. It is said he was intoxicated.

In Illinois the sun has baked the ground until it is as hard as a rock. The corn is in the milk and the dry weather is shriveling up both the corn and the stocks. It is doubtful if there will be one quarter of a crop.

Edward Foster, a young man well known in Jersey City, about three years ago became a believer in faith cure and shortly after was attacked by a malicious malady and now is slowly dying, but will not allow a physician to call upon him.

A bill has been discussed in the Chilian congress to disown all acts of the revolutionists in order not only to lay the civil and criminal responsibility upon all those supporting the insurgents, but to warn the neighboring nations against dealing with them.

The whaleback barge No. 115 has been successfully launched at Ashland, Wis. Among the large number present was Secretary of Agriculture Rusk. No. 115 is of the regular size of the tow-barges, 285 feet in length, and designed to carry 3,000 tons on 16 feet draft.

E. B. Preston, a lumber merchant of North Ottawa, Kansas, shot and killed his wife Sunday afternoon and attempted to commit suicide. Mr. and Mrs. Preston separated some time ago during a quarrel over the attentions of a certain young man to their daughter.

The plans and specifications for the new revenue cutter Calumet, have been received from the treasury department at the Chicago custom house. They give promise of a craft of which the service can well feel proud. She will be of steel, 94 ft. 6 in. long, 20 ft. 6 in wide, and 10 ft. 8 in. deep.

There was a serious railway accident in Wales last week. A passenger train crashed into a volunteer special which was stationary on the track at a point between Pont-y-Pridd and Cardiff. Fifteen persons were injured, and some of them so seriously that they will probably die. The rear of the special train was completely wrecked.

Saturday morning at Attica station on Baltimore & Ohio railroad, sixteen miles east of Tiffin, O., a freight train collided with the rear end of a local standing at the depot. The depot was demolished, three cars being thrown through it. One engine and a dozen cars were wrecked. Fireman Murphy was seriously and several others slightly hurt.

Much has been said recently concerning the great number of foreigners who are alleged to be arriving in England, it being held by many that the reported influx was due to the exodus of Jews from Russia. An official report just issued on the immigration during the month of July shows that the number of foreigners entering England during that month amounted to 9,000.

Miss Annie Harkness, of Terre Haute, Ind., gave a balloon ascension at Coney Island, near Cincinnati Saturday. In the drop with a parachute the machine failed to open and the lady was dashed to the ground a mass of flesh, bones and blood. The force of the fall are so great that the legs were driven in the ground half way to her knees. She dropped about 500 feet.

The reports of the discovery of extensive anthracite coal fields in Sonora are confirmed by advices received by the bureau of American republics. Operations at the coal fields are being carried on about 40 miles from Ortiz, a town on the Senora railway between Hermosillo and Guyamas. The concession is owned by a Mexican company owning 4,000,000 acres.

The United States cutter Rush picked up seven men in a whaleboat from the whale Triton. They had been lost in the fog and drifted around 10 days before being picked up. They were in terrible condition when found, one having gone mad and four others are not expected to survive. Nearly all sealers have been notified to leave the Behring sea and have complied with the order.

C. F. Gunther's $10,000 portrait of Christopher Columbus recently purchased in London was placed on exhibition Saturday night at the Libby Prison war museum at Chicago for the first time in America and its opening was inaugurated by a press and artists' reception which was largely attended. This portrait was done in 1540 at the court of Spain by Sir Antonio Moro, one of the masters of his time, for Margaret, Governess of the Netherlands. Baron Yerkes, the railway magnate, offered 1,500 guineas for it six months ago, but was outbid by Gunther. The portrait will later be presented to the World's Columbian exposition association.

CHRISTIAN YOUNG MEN.

International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations of the World.

Fatal Railroad Accident Near Fort Wayne, Ind., in Which Two Men are Killed.

Union Pacific Railroad Deep in Debt. Powder Mill Explosion in Kentucky—Poor Crops in Texas.

Yellow Jack's Annual Visit.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The Ward line steamer City of Washington has arrived from Mexican ports and reports that when she left Vera Cruz, early in August the yellow fever was raging to an alarming extent in that city. The hospitals were filled to overflowing and all efforts of the health authorities to check the spread of the disease were unavailing. Many deaths have occurred during the last six weeks and it was a common sight, the officers of the vessel say, to see a string of funerals half a mile long, stretching from the gate of the city to the cemetery, each funeral party waiting patiently for a chance to bury its dead. Among the latest victims was T. J. Snowball, a well known merchant of this city. He arrived in the city in the morning and before night he, was dead.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 17.—The twelfth international convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of the lands has convened in this city. There are about 300 delegates in attendance. Late arrivals will increase the total number of delegates to about 500. There are 100 delegates representing the American associations, and nearly a hundred from Great Briton, with large delegations from Holland, Germany, Switzerland and France. Count Von Hogendor of the Hague was elected president. Richard C. Morse, reporting for the work in America, showed that one-third of the associations of the world were in America; that they owned three-fourths of the property owned by the associations, and employed double as many secretaries as were employed by all the remainder of the associations.

Two Killed, Two Injured.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 17.—Express train No 5, on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad, ran into a freight at Bryant siding. The engine, baggage and express cars of the passenger train were ditched. The engineer and fireman both jumped from the cab and were caught under the tender. Engineer Dick was crushed to death and Fireman Brown was fatally injured. The passengers escaped injury, but Porter DeCarl Wright, baggageman, and an express messenger were slightly hurt. Eight cars of the freight train were demolished, but the crew escaped injury. The accident was caused by the failure of the air brakes, of the passenger train to work and the failure of the freight crew to signal properly.

In Peace Prepare for War.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 17.—Col. Engleque, and Maj. Clark are enroute to British Columbia in connection with a scheme to settle 6,000 Highland Scotch crofters on the Vancouver Island. These crofters are all members of the royal naval reserves, and the reason of the British government's effort to settle them in British Columbia is to have them convenient in case of emergency on the Pacific coast. They are to be engaged in connection with a gigantic English syndicate which is being formed for the development of the deep sea fisheries on the west coast.

The Britons Had Revenge.

At Manipur, India, two of the leaders of the massacre of British officials in March last met their death at the gates of the capital. The men were members of the reigning family of Manipur, but the viceroy of India decided that the interests of Great Britain demanded that they should die. They were soldiers, yet they were not permitted to stand erect before a squad of soldiery and hear the fatal command of "Ready, Aim, Fire," but they were taken from their prison, led to a scaffold, and there hanged like ordinary murderers.

Gould's Road in Trouble.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—An important meeting of those interested in sustaining Gould's Union Pacific railroad was held last week. The road is heavily mortgaged. The company owes to the banks and other institutions in this city over $14,000,000. The rest of the floating debt, about $7,000,000, is held by western institutions. These latter are the ones which have been pressing the company. The New York banks have not been calling Union Pacific loans, and in the present conditions of our money market they are not liable to.

Powder Mill Explodes, Two Killed.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Aug. 17.—The powder mill at Central City, Ky., 12 miles from here, on the Newport News & Mississippi Valley railroad, blew up Friday morning. The explosion resulting in two deaths, that of J. W. Boles, of Huntington, W. Va., and Timothy Carney, of Central City. George Willis' skull was fractured by falling timbers, and a Mr. Justice was severely hurt. The building which was blown up contained about 14,000 pounds of powder. It is not known what caused the explosion.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.

CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 50	@	$5 00
HOGS	4 55	@	5 05
SHEEP	4 75	@	4 75
LAMBS	5 50	@	6 00
WHEAT—Red spot, No. 2	1 05	@	1 06¼
Red spot, No. 3	1 04¼	@	1 04½
White spot, No. 1	1 02	@	1 03
CORN—No. 2 spot	65	@	65
No. 2 yellow	69½	@	69½
OATS—No. 2 white, spot	35	@	35
CLOVER SEED	4 40	@	4 40
BARLEY	1 40	@	1 40
RYE	95	@	96
HAY—No. 2 per ton	9 50	@	10 50
STRAW—Per ton	5 50	@	6 00
POTATOES—Per bu	75	@	1 00
BEANS—Unpicked, per bu	1 25	@	1 75
City hand-picked	2 15	@	2 20
APPLES—per bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Evaporated	12½	@	13
BUTTER—Per lb	14	@	15
Creamery	18	@	20
EGGS—Per doz	14	@	15

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CATTLE—Prime	$5 00	@	$5 70
Common	3 45	@	5 55
SHEEP—Native	3 50	@	4 50
LAMBS	3 50	@	5 10
HOGS—Common	4 60	@	4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 07¼	@	1 07¼
No. 2 spring	1 07	@	1 07½
CORN—No. 2	64½	@	64½
OATS—No. 2	28¾	@	28¾
RYE	1 04	@	1 04
BARLEY	52	@	57
MESS PORK	10 25	@	10 25
LARD	6 65	@	6 65

New York.

CATTLE—Natives	$3 25	@	$6 00
HOGS	5 10	@	5 90
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 12½	@	5 45
LAMBS	5 12	@	7 06
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 10½	@	1 13¼
CORN—No. 2	76	@	78
OATS	34¼	@	34¼

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CATTLE—Steers	$3 00	@	$5 80
HOGS—All grades	2 75	@	5 25
SHEEP	6 50	@	7 00
LAMBS	5 30	@	5 75

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CATTLE	$5 35	@	$5 80
HOGS	5 70	@	5 80
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 50	@	4 85
LAMBS	5 75	@	6 00

A mob of Hungarians surrounded the residence of Father Martvony at Cleveland Saturday night, broke the windows and howled for blood. The police scattered the would-be assassins, but didn't kill any of them.

The name of the day foreman at the Bessemer, Ala., foundry, is William Douglass. He is a white man. The night watchman is Will Douglass, a negro. Yesterday they had a difficulty, the white man claiming that the negro drew his pay. This confusion of names is thus responsible for the death of the colored William Douglas who was promptly laid out by the white Douglass.

THE MOUJIK AND THE TIGER.

Stories to Illustrate Two Very Different Kinds of Courage.

Courage is of two kinds. A man may be brave through ignorance of his actual peril, or, although fully conscious that his life is endangered, the sense of duty, the principle of loyalty, or the power of love may keep him steadfast.

This last kind of courage is well illustrated by a familiar story of the civil war. During one of the fiercest and bloodiest battles of that sorrowful struggle, a regiment was awaiting orders to advance, and meantime the men sought such protection as was possible from a deadly cannonade by lying flat upon the ground. While in this position, a large rabbit, frightened out of its burrow by an instrusive cannon-ball, went leaping along the front of the line of outstretched soldiers, to any one of whom the next iron missive might mean death.

"Go it, cotton-tail," said a lieutenant, with ready wit. "If we had no more character to lose than you have, we'd run too."

A remarkable illustration of the other kind of courage occurred not long ago in Russia.

Pezon, the famous lion-tamer, was at Moscow with his menagerie, and had there taken into his employ a moujik, a fine specimen of a Cossack, to clean out the cages of the wild beasts. The Cossack did not understand a word of French, and the terms of the hiring were settled in dumbshow. By way of instructing him in his new duties Pezon went through a sort of pantomime with the broom, sponge, and water bucket. The moujik watched him closely, and appeared fully to understand the details of the lesson given.

Next morning, armed with a broom, a bucket, and a sponge, the Cossack opened the first cage he came to, and quietly stepped in, as he had seen his master on the previous day step into two cages of harmless brutes. But this particular cage happened to be tenanted by a splendid untamed tiger that lay stretched on the floor fast asleep. At the noise made by the opening and closing of the door the great creature raised his head, and turned its terrible green eyes, with a look of haughty inquiry, on the man, who, all unconscious of his peril, stood in the corner dipping his sponge into the bucket.

Just at that moment the lion-tamer came out of his caravan, and was struck dumb by the sight that met his gaze. What could he do to warn the man of his danger? A cry, a movement from him might enrage the striped monster, and hasten its attack on the defenceless Cossack. So Pezon thought it best to stand still and await the issue, in readiness to rush forward when the crisis came.

The moujik, dripping sponge in hand, coolly approached the tiger, and made ready to rub his Majesty down with the stolidity of a military servant polishing his captain's boots. The sudden application of cold water to its velvety hide evidently produced a very pleasant effect upon the tiger, for at once it began to purr, stretched out its paws, rolled over on its back, and complacently offered every part of its body to the vigorous treatment of the moujik, who went on scrubbing away with might and main.

While this was going on, the lion-tamer stood rooted to the spot and holding his breath in bewildered apprehension. He was the sole spectator of the extraordinary scene, but neither of the actors in it took the slightest notice of him. The Cossack was too much engrossed in his work, and the tiger evidently appreciated the refreshing douche of cold water too highly to have eyes for anything else.

At length the task seemed to be completed, and with a grunt of satisfaction the moujik deliberately gathered up his broom, bucket, and sponge, and let himself out of the cage, the tiger meanwhile watching him with a lazy look of good humor.

The moment the door was safely barred, Pezon, at last released from his statue-like stillness, sprang forward, and proceeded to rate the Cossack for his unprecedented temerity. But the poor fellow, understanding not a word that was being said to him, and gathering from his employer's manner and gestures that he had been at fault somehow, naturally enough assumed that he had not done his work with sufficient thoroughness, and it required a great deal of vigorous pantomime on the part of Pezon to convince him of his error, and to prevent him making another attempt.

It can be readily believed that a man of such iron nerve would be just the sort of servant to suit the lion-tamer after he had received a little instruction, and Pezon was very glad to make him a permanent addition to his staff.

And yet how surprised he would have been to receive praise for his courage! Such an idea probably never stirred his dull brain. He had simply obeyed orders, as he imagined, with no more thought of showing courage than of eating the tiger which his master so greatly feared would eat him.—Harper's Young People.

SHOOTING THE IZARD.

One Must Be a Good Marksman and Fire Quickly.

"Le voilà! Tirez, tirez!" and there, trotting along, casting a dark shadow on the white snow, was an izard, about 175 yards above me, writes Paul Van Dyke in Scribner's. I unslung my rifle and followed with the sight. He stopped for an instant. Crack! He whirled and trotted back again, stopped, crack! and, with a bound he disappeared among the rocks. We watched in vain for his reappearance and turned to mount, exchanging mutual condolences. Suddenly "Voila!" and there he was again on the other snow field at our right. Crack! went the Winchester, and then he seemed to understand for the first time where the trouble came from, for he was off like the wind, while I emptied the three remaining cartridges of my magazine at the flying clouds of snow. The miss was set down to the natural nervousness at the first izard, and it was not until some hours afterward that I noticed a derangement of the rifle sights which would have made it impossible to kill at twenty yards. It was the first piece of bad luck.

It Depends.

"Doesn't it fire your soul and fill your heart with enthusiasm to be on the old Virginia soil?" said the man who brims over with enthusiasm.

"Well, yes," replied the old settler, "I dunno but it does, although Virginia soil is pretty much like any other. It all depends on where yer farm is located."—Washington Post.

Hot Spring Under His Pillow

A railroad man who has spent some time in surveying in the Colorado desert was wakened one night while camping out by a sick feeling in the stomach. When he arose he found the tent filled with gas and under his pillow a hot spring that had evidently burst forth during the night.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY -OF- Whitehead & Mitchell

Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some fine bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. Anyone having an idea of purchasing a home in this village or a farm in Oakland county, should keep this column in view, as we shall from time to time offer bargains in this department that will make their hearts glad.

ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE, if no sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will always do our utmost to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 8 miles south of Pontiac and 2½ 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. 18.

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

Bargain No. 22.

We wish to call your attention to a most desirable bargain in real estate, which we are now able to offer on easy terms at a price so low that any one can see the possibility to

MAKE MONEY.

The property is known as the "Wilde Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of half a mile on each side of Saginaw avenue and about 40 rods on Cemetery avenue, all of which can be platted to great advantage and make desirable lots. With the water works and the prospects of electric lights and an electric railway to 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, a good new barn and a good well and cistern, [illegible] fruits and a sidewalk [illegible]. Price very reasonable. [illegible] Wooster.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well underdrained, 15 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up between the studding, a number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of as good water as ever was drank. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. Within ¼ mile of post-office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Such farms as this one are very seldom offered for sale, but the owner will part with it and asks only what it is worth. See here, 80 acres of choice land all under cultivation but about ten acres which is beautifully timbered, inside of two miles from Birmingham. Good house, horse and grain barns, with granary, detached, corn hog pen, a well and cistern that never fail, having running water for stock through the farm the whole year round. Any one meaning business and wanting above described property will be put in the way of getting full particulars by calling at the ECCENTRIC Real estate office at once.

BARGAIN NO. 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 mordern plan, well heated with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in abundance through the house, fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, plums, cherries and pears, raspberries and strawberries, 5 acres of land, have always kept 2 cows and one horse. Splendid lawn in fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will rent to right party on long term or will sell at a very low price, on long time with low rate of interest. This place is only 3 minutes walk from depot. Village water works to be complete this coming summer. Call or address M. K. Taber, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 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. 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.

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. 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.

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. 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. P. Zundel's, now occupied by J. C. Merrell. Mr. Zundel 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 85x233 feet. Beautiful graded lawn. This property can be had for what it is worth. Call on the owner or THE ECCENTRIC office for particulars.

Some fellows go to the mountains to catch speckled trout, and some go to the seashore to catch the "speckled beauties" there.—Yonkers Statesman.

Invalid Wife—"I'll have to die, George; good-by." Husband—"Oh, don't, Liza. Think of another woman to be brought in over your children!" Invalid Wife—"I'll get well if it kills me!"—Epoch.

Hunks—"I wonder that your son should be such a spendthrift." Closefist—"I can't understand it, either; send that boy away to spend the summer, and it wouldn't take him over a week."—Puck.