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MICHIGAN IN GENERAL

THE American people is recognizing more and more that its free schools and not the church schools are its strongest bulwark against the enemy of religious liberty and will come to regard all diversion of American educational energies from free schools to church schools as one of the greatest mistakes of which sectarian zeal has ever been guilty.

Is the ideal future a sentinel will stand at the gate of the temple of literature and will admit no one who has not a mission—something to say that the world should hear, and the capacity to say this in the form in which the world should have it. Then there will be less starveling penny-a-liners, less trash books and a higher standard of public taste and criticism.

THERE is probably no business in which one's plans can be more easily thwarted than in the business of farming. It is a constant revelation to those engaged in it. Never a season passes which is not more or less filled with surprises for those who have even most carefully mapped out the work before them, and posted themselves as to the possibilities connected therewith.

WOMEN in the past have been disposed to take little exercise. The routine of housework was thought sufficient—as if the treadmill round of duties could be a substitute for inviting recreation. The fallacy of this was seen in the pale faces and frail physique of American women. One of the most hopeful signs for the future is that our women are now given to walking, riding, boating, swimming and even bicycling.

LOCAL strikes, local disasters, international complications, and business uncertainties without number, all bear upon the farmer's industry, and all have more or less to do with the maintenance of the markets and the establishment of values. These things render it necessary for the farmer, above everybody else, to be a man of thought and study. Even with the best information available he often finds himself at fault in his judgment, all of which makes it the more necessary that he avail himself of every possible help within his reach.

WHEN any government owning the force of international obligation undertakes to reduce several millions of its subjects to a choice between starvation and flight, the countries likely to become the asylum of multitudes of men, women and children crushed to the condition of hunted-beasts have not only the right but the duty of vigorous protest. Owing rather to ignorance of the precise character of Russian policy in this matter than to a lack of sympathy with the people of the United States we have so far failed to express the sentiments which it naturally evokes.

IN London the honest and hard-working poor have a constant objection to living in the large tenement houses, so many of which have lately been erected. They very much prefer to occupy a part of a small dwelling house. It seems that the large tenement house or "block," as it is called in London, tends to become a pandemonium, no regulations or public instructions being of much avail, and no resident superintendent having nerve and devotion enough to stem, single-handed, the dirt, noise and quarrels; consequently, the tidier tenants speedily depart and only the rampant remain.

YEAR by year it becomes more manifest that there is wisdom in the old system of general instruction in general institutions up to a certain point, and special instruction in special institutions after passing that point. It is impracticable for any one university to teach in all their nicety the many varied departments of learning, and equally impracticable to concentrate the requisite number of specialist colleges under one general educational guidance. The correct principle seems to be, first teach the student that which all must know and then perfect him in that which he particularly desires to learn.

DURING the eighteenth century France lost the great domain of Canada and she was driven out of India after a long and bloody war. Ten years ago France was insignificant as a colonial power. Now she easily ranks next to England. Germany's new departure as a continental land grabber received its first incentive from the great activity of France. While Germany has become a colonial power of considerable consequence and possesses large areas in Africa, a considerable part of New Guinea, and a few of the Polynesian Archipelagoes, her possessions are insignificant compared with those of the national rivalry at her feet just twenty years ago. France has a foothold on every grand division of the earth, and as a mistress of the isles of the sea she yields precedence only to Great Britain.

CAPT. ADAMS, the whaler who has made some praiseworthy contributions to Arctic exploration, suggested several years ago that in the interests of humanity the Etah or Smith Sound natives should be removed to South Greenland. There is no doubt, he says, that the hardships of their lives are gradually exterminating them, and that if left in their far northern homes, they will utterly perish within the next two or three generations. They seem to be approaching the fate which apparently overtook the earlier representatives of their race who lived far north of the present Eskimo habitat. It is probable that the same causes which are operating to-day to drive back the race from its northern vantage ground, are those which in the past have turned southward or destroyed the northern van-guard, leaving only scattered relics to tell the story of their struggle against destiny.

An Ionia Man Who Left Home in 1872 to be Away a Year has Just Returned.

The Michigan Dental Association in Session at the Soo Having a Splendid Time.

A Brother and Sister Meet After Being Separated Fifteen Years. The Boy Was Stolen by Gypsies.

Michigan's World's Fair Commission.

LANSING, Aug. 26.—The Michigan board of world's fair commissioners in session here this week appointed a committee on plans for a building, two of which were adopted. It was decided that the building will be constructed at some convenient shipping point in Michigan by Michigan labor and of Michigan products, and shipped to the exposition grounds and erected. Vice-President Belden was authorized to visit the leading fairs of 1893 to create an interest in the agricultural exhibit. The 917 classifications of exhibits were approved by the board, and the commissioners appointed as follows: President Weston, forestry, lumber, woodworking machinery, printing, paper, leather, educational—common school to university, professional schools, schools for defective classes—deaf, dumb, blind, and charitable institutions. Vice-President Belden, agriculture and farm products and live stock. Treasurer Flynn, mines and mining products, farm machinery and transportation. Mrs. Pond, the arts—painting, decorations, carving and statuary, music, musical instruments and the drama. Mrs. Valentine, floriculture, manufactured cloth and yarns, silks, furs, laces and embroideries, clothing and customes, fancy work, bark work, artificial flowers, church work, moral training, school discipline and industrial training for girls, physical development. Mr. Burts successor, mines, manufactures and machinery of transport, and the North American Indian. Auxillary committees of three persons from each county and one for each 10,000 inhabitants will be appointed. Next meeting Oct. 6.

A Michigan Enoch Arden.

IONIA, Aug. 26.—In the spring of 1872 Alpheus C. Johnson, then a young man, left his parents in Orange township, this county, decided to take a trip abroad. He arranged his business before leaving, which consisted of two good farms in Orange and some Ionia city property, placing them in the hands of trustees. He made a will good-bye, telling her that he was going away for a year. Until last week he never was again heard from, and the wife supposing him dead had the estate probated, and it was decided to their only child, a daughter, the business making a good investment. In due time the supposed widow married again. Things ran along smoothly until last week, when a man called in appearance but Alpheus C. Johnson, the supposed dead husband. Johnson has been sojourning in foreign lands, and returned penniless, supposing he would find everything as he left it. A sadly complicated state of affairs was found. The property is mostly gone and in other hands, and his wife is now another's. Johnson will give no account of his absence, nor the cause which so long detained him from his wife and home.

The Weather and the Crops.

The reports indicate that the weather conditions of last week have been very favorable to corn, potatoes, beans and buckwheat. The rainfall, which has been abundant in most all sections of the state, has greatly improved the condition of corn and potatoes, but some fear that the late rains have made them pretty well burned up before the rainfall occurred. There is no doubt that corn and potatoes have been injured by the unusual drought, which was broken during the week. The rainfall will place the ground in excellent condition for fall seeding, and plowing for fall wheat is now in progress in the southern section. On account of the long continued drought, considerable more rain would be very beneficial for all growing crops.

The Tooth Pullers in Convention.

SAULT STE MARIE, Aug. 24.—The annual convention of the Michigan dental association opened in the second floor today, with an address of welcome by the mayor and invocation by Rev. F. T. Rowe, President Lathrop of the association responded to the mayor. The attendance is quite large and the delegates seem inclined to mingle considerable business and pleasure. All of the more prominent dentists of the state, Detroit, Petoskey, Grand Rapids, Saginaw and other principal cities being well represented. Drs. Conway and Williamson, had charge of the local arrangements, and so perfected arrangements that the delegates are being nicely accomodated in spite of the crush of summer visitors.

Fell on Top.

GRAND RAPIDS, Aug. 24.—The city recently purchased a 50-acre addition to the John Ball park. In the center of the track is a half-acre owned by Jim Fell, the well-known pugilist. Fell is in the west negotiating to have the option expired for purchase of his property. Repiring, he says he has heard of the action taken and thinks the half-acre spot is worth a lot more garden, and that it would make an excellent site. He asks $6,000 for the property.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Owosso's new K. of P. hall will be dedicated September 7.

The Western associated press was in session at Detroit during the week.

Bay City Oddfellows will break ground next week for a $10,000 hall building.

Aid. William Davis, of West Bay City, dropped dead while unharnessing a horse.

John McMann and wife, of Mosherville, have separated after 43 years of wedded life.

The Genesee county union pioneer picnic will be held at Long Lake, Fenton, on the 27th.

John Fleugel is the name of the stranger who was burned to death in W. L. Smith's barn near Cooper.

Lumber rates from Saginaw to Pittsburg will be reduced to 14 cents per hundred September 1.

H. M. Lowry has been appointed postmaster of Ransdville, Iron County, vice W. W. Best, resigned.

Robert Pursel, 93 years of age, died at Schoolcraft on Wednesday. He had been a Mason for 71 years.

The Old Settlers' organization of Newaygo county held a reunion in the town of Newaygo last week.

H. O. Rose's stave mill near Petoskey was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The loss was about $150.

Edward Ganger, the alleged highway man who was shot on the Boulevard at Detroit, Monday night, died Wednesday night.

The Michigan Foresters met in convention at Grand Rapids this week. High Chief Ranger Fred Dunn, of Lansing presided.

The Saginaw county protective game association was organized last week with 50 members and propose to bring pot hunters to justice.

R. Rapp, of the firm of Rapp & Lapres, clothing merchants, Cheboygan, and a prominent citizen, died Wednesday morning of erysipelas.

A colored convict named William Smith escaped from the state prison by scaling the wall with a pole. He had only 40 more days to serve.

The first prize at the upper peninsula firemens' tourney for hose cart racing was won by Shipensing after a dispute in which Ironwood was the contestant.

August 31 the electors of Ludington will vote upon the proposition to issue bonds to the amount of $100,000 for the purchase of the water supply company's plant.

Fred Goodenough, a Greenville hotel keeper, has a queer name for one who is to be tried on the charge of having committed upon one of his diningroom girls.

The largest reported wheat yield in southeastern Michigan is that of Robert Wiley, a farmer residing near Ann Arbor, 47 bushels per acre from a 10 acre field.

Mr. Moore, the Ithaca hustler in agricultural implements, has fitted up a building for an electric light plant, and will soon have the light-bearing wires strung.

While in a fit of despondency over the loss of a small sum of money, Frank Wilson, an unmarried laborer, 27 years of age, shot himself in the mouth tonight and cannot live.

Joseph Bader, the Big Rapids tough, who was arrested for drunkenness and set free to the jail to escape, is now charged with arson. He is in jail, as no one will go his bail bond.

Albert Salisbury, a Jackson milk vender, left his home the other morning to do his milking chores. He has not been seen since, although vigorous search has been made for him. Foul play is suspected.

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 its doors to do honor to his memory.

It is officially announced at the executive office that Supt. Cooper, of the Calumet and Hecla mine, will be tendered a place on the board with a view of meeting the vacancy caused by the declination of Hon. W. R. Burt.

Cassopolis indulged in a mad dog scare Saturday, as a result of a pup being killed by Gretzinger, a grocer, and a boy named Rose. It is not believed that the dog was mad, but his victims went to Chicago the same day for treatment.

T. R. Waters, of Monroe has been appointed assistant superintendent of the state reform school, succeeding Mr. Banks, and entered upon his duties Wednesday. He formerly occupied the position and his wife that of matron.

Mrs. S. P. Evans, of Battle Creek, was riding her bicycle in Main street, Monday, when a big dog owned by William Dowland attacked her and bit a large piece out of the calf of the leg. The dog was shot and Mrs. Evans will recover.

John O. Jeffreys, a prisoner confined in Kalamazoo county jail, escaped Sunday. He was captured in Iowa last week and returned to a cell in the Ingham county jail at Mason. Handcuffed he fellow who escaped at the same time, is still at large.

W. H. Smallwood, who went with Deputy Sheriff Cook to Saginaw in search of his abducted daughter, returned without the child. It is thought that Mrs. Smallwood hired Houine Hensley to carry the child out and hide the prosecutor.

Miley McNair, 7 years old, son of John McNair, a merchant of Prattsville, was playing in the wheat bin at the railway elevator when he was suddenly down and buried under 500 bushels of wheat. He had suffocated before help could reach him.

A. B. Taylor, of Morton township, Mecosta county, has been bound over for trial on the charge preferred by his 16-year-old daughter-in-law that he assaulted her with intent to kill. She alleges that he threatened her life, lay in wait and threw stones at her.

Mrs. Harry Bedell, of Grand Rapids, has applied for a divorce, alleging infidelity. She is a granddaughter of ex-Congressman C. C. Comstock and A. B. Turner, and Bedell was a well-known society man when the marriage took place a short time ago.

An enormous mastiff was taken up in a balloon at Reed lake, near Grand Rapids, and dropped in a parachute from a height of 2,000 feet. The dog fell beyond the lake, but was unhurt. The humane society threatens to prevent similar exhibitions in the future.

The steam yacht Cruiser, with the lighthouse New York Brainard party, was driven upon Chapel beach, near the Manistique rocks, Lake Superior, in the storm was so fierce that rescuers could not reach them. Provisions were sent to them from Manistique through the surf.

Margaret Burke of AuSable, had a stroke of hard luck last week. She had saved eighty dollars, when two more entered the house, stole money and threw her into the bayou near bridge. She was fished out and will prosecute the robbers if they are caught.

The body of a man was found lying beside the Grand Rapids & Indiana track six miles from Grand Rapids Monday morning. His skull was cracked and he had bled from on his face but none on his body. He is supposed to have been killed by a train. No clue to his identity and no money in his pockets.

Three girls attended the Spiritualist camp meeting at Pine lake last week, went rowing and the boat was upset. Mary McCurdy was saved, but Ida Smith, 19-year-old daughter of Joseph Smith, living near Trowbridge, and Pearl Schoonover, 17-year-old daughter of Charles M. Schooley, of Lansing, were drowned. The bodies were recovered.

Sexton Frank Raisen, of Ottisville, who removed one body from a grave to make room for another and then told a fairy story about it, was given a jolt by Charles Snover's body being found to gain circulation, has pleaded guilty to the charge and has been sentenced to two years imprisonment or a fine of $300.

Frank Wyman, who escaped from jail at Grand Rapids last week, has returned and surrendered. He said he did not know then what he was wanted for, but seeing by the papers that it was for murder, he at once decided to give himself up. He says he has not been in Ionia for 12 years. The officers wired Ionia, but have not yet received a reply.

Gov. Winans has, upon recommendation of the board of pardons, pardoned Lewis Wilson, a colored man who was sentenced to the state prison for life from Ionia for manslaughter, from Cass county, in 1888. The victim was the Mrs. John Aiken, who disappeared, and it was thought was subsequently found in the lake. The evidence against Wilson was purely circumstantial and he has long been believed to be the victim of circumstances.

A farmer 15 miles south of Marquette, in crossing Masey's Creek, discovered the body of a man hanging to a tree by the left leg, while tied to the right wrist was a bottle containing a paper. The body was in such a horrible state of decomposition that it was unrecognizable, and he could not approach near enough to get the paper. The bottle was left hanging at least settlement. Wm. Fred, who had across the body, went to the city and reported the case, and the keeper of the Marquette prison sent out a party to ascertain if it was not one of the convicts who escaped Wednesday. There is no one else in the vicinity missing.

Quite a novelty in the way of a balloon ascension occurred at Reed lake, near Grand Rapids, last week. Charles Godfrey, proprietor of a lake hotel, owns a big mastiff, weighing 150 pounds, and has always evinced a great interest in balloon ascensions, and a double parachute was arranged, with the dog between the two parachutes. Both went up and when at an altitude of about 3,000 feet, the dog was swung off. His parachute was slow in opening, but came around all right and he fell in the middle of the lake, from whence he was rescued by a steamboat. He howled but was not hurt, and dog ascensions will be a feature hereafter. The humane society threatens prosecution.

A cloudburst at Pottsville, Pa., Sunday flooded the streets and drove 400 families into the upper stories of their houses.

N. K. Fairbank, one of the most prominent of Chicago business men for nearly half a century, has retired from active business.

The members of the Saladin temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Grand Rapids went in a transcontinental special train Tuesday where they were entertained and had the pleasure of conducting a class of weary northerners into the mysteries of Islam. About 100 hundred of Grand Rapids' most prominent men were in the party.

MURDEROUS BEASTS.

OVER 6,000 KILLED

The Final Battle for Supremacy in Chili.

The Firemen on an Atlantic Steamer Drawn Into Action by the Vessel's Danger.

The Leader of the Mutiny Attempts to Assault the Captain, but is Shot Down.

All Hands Arrested and the Captain Gives Himself up for Murder and is Released on Bail.

Mutiny on the High Seas.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The steamer Obdam, Capt. Van Schaick, left this port July 18 for Rotterdam, with 300 passengers. After 48 hours at sea reports were circulated that a mutiny was about to mutiny. The captain went below and finding the fires drawn asked what was the trouble. Peter Dunn, an ringleader, said he had grown tired of that life and had decided to take matters into his own hands and have a good time. The captain said he would have to do away with him first. At this the fellow stuck toward the captain with a bar of iron, but before he could strike he received a ball from a navy revolver in his chest. The captain then called the mate and had the dead at his feet. This had the effect of quelling the mutiny very effectually. On reaching port all hands were arrested and the captain gave himself up for murder, but was released on bail. Duzer was a Kollander by birth and numerous. The 300 passengers who were on board the vessel were greatly excited. All expected that the mutiny would get possession of the craft. The matter will be fully settled on the return of the craft to the other side. Shipping men were informed that Capt. Baker will be honorably acquitted.

Held Prisoner in a Filthy Room.

DULUTH, Aug. 26.—Officers went to the house of James Lindberg, demanded admittance and asked for the wife. Mrs. Lindberg led the way through a lamentably filthy house, and in one corner, in a room five by seven feet, the officers found a man heavily ironed and locked, they found Andrew Spanberg, said to be 31 years old, literally reeking with vermin. Bundles of rags and vermin were found at the gleaks of the light which one of the party carried, danced in swarms over the poor old man, who was a wreck of humanity. On a hard bed, not two feet wide, he tossed and chattered incoherently and almost beyond hope of his fellow man. He was wrapped in quilts and removed to one of the hospitals. Inquiry developed the fact that he had been a prisoner in the room for years, his reason slowly ebbing away. He came to America, leaving his wife in Sweden, twenty years ago. He acquired considerable property and when demanded of him by his wife he denied all knowledge of Spanberg, and it is believed that a deliberate attempt has been made to hasten the old man's death.

Carried Her Dead Baby.

BAY CITY, Aug. 26.—A strange occurrence was witnessed at the Michigan Central depot here. A short time before the time for the Mackinaw train left a woman entered the depot carrying a baby in her arms. Taking a seat she remained quiet until the Mackinaw passenger train, when she arose and moved toward the door. As she passed the gate keeper he noticed, to his astonishment, that the baby was dead, and so informed the the mother. The woman appeared stunned by the discovery, but turned around and walked out of the depot the way she had come. Nothing was learned of her except that she came from West Bay City and was going to Standish.

Over 300 People Killed by the Storm.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—The full details of the terrible storm which swept over Martinique, an island in the West Indies, last week are now known. It is officially stated that the number of killed is 300, and of the injured 1,900. About 500 bodies have already been found on the coast towns and the interior has not been heard from. At Ducos only four houses remain standing. Eighteen more were blown down. At Lamentin 34 were killed. At Morne Rouine 28, at Fondu St. Denis, 7, at Precheurs 6, at Carbe 4, at St. Joseph 12, at Gros Morne 10, at Lamentin 26, Francois 22, Robert 28, Riviere Pilote 7, miscellaneous, 18. The sugar crop is ruined. The cocoa crop is Property is destroyed and roads blockaded.

Made Counterfeit Money in Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Frank Beal, professional burglar and all around crook, who has been out of prison only four months, is now in the county jail. The last time he was in San Quentin prison he set up a counterfeiting plant there with the aid of his pal, Charles Hawkins, who bogus half-dollars. Beal's outfit consisted of a plaster of paris die, a crucible and an alcohol lamp, and he made the coins from scraps of lead and tinfoil that he picked up in the prison shops and yard. He will and tell where he got his tools and he was punished by the privation of all his credits. During his four months of freedom Beal has committed 20 burglaries.

A New Military Scheme.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 24.—There is a scheme on foot by which the militia of all states will be put under national pay and supervisions. It was started by Major Rice, a regular army at the encampment of the state militia at Camp Wickham, Mo., last week and circulars and petitions are now circulating in nine out-lying thick and fast about the country. It is the most radical plan to change the existing system of the country that has arisen since the war. The officers, Lieut. Robert E. Evans, of the Twenty-first Infantry, Lieut. Joseph B. Batchelor, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, gave a resume of the plan in the encampment.

Some Big 'Uns in a Smashup.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 24.—A smashup occurred on the Santa Fe road at the Street depot Friday, in which Gov. Markham and other state officials, United States Senator Felton, Congressman Bowers and others were badly shaken up and a few slightly injured. A special car containing the governor and staff officers was attached to the regular train from San Diego, which was an hour late. A box car had been left on the track and the train ran into it. The shock was a violent one and many of the passengers were bruised. The engine crushed the obstruction into splinters.

Locked the Babies in a Chest.

INGSTON, O., Aug. 24.—A terrible occurrence here last week has almost driven the parents to insanity and made the village sensation and his wife went visiting, leaving their three children, Nettie, Edith and Emma, aged eight, four and two years respectively. On returning the children were missing. After a lengthy search the parents found their little darlings lying in an old tool chest, where they had died from suffocation. The mother is almost insane and the stick fastened in the staple of the chest indicates murder and the police are investigating the case.

The Treves Case.

TRAVES, Aug. 24.—Since the opening of the exhibit of the "Holy Coat" the town has been thronged with pilgrims and visitors. The streets are crowded constantly with sacred processions bearing lights and banners. The cathedral is also crowded by pilgrims and curious people. Among the pilgrims are seen aged cripples and others afflicted with irremediable diseases and people from every country on the globe.

Old Hutch's Big Stake.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Among the many men who have profited by the present rise in wheat is that eccentric gentleman, Benjamin F. Hutchinson, of Chicago. He has been a bull on this cereal for some time, and it will be remembered that he talked of "dollar wheat" when he came into the market with his corners. It is believed his faith in wheat has stood him in good stead, for his profits during the week just ended amount to over $600,000. He has dealt principally through a New street broker firm.

WILL BE TUNNEL NO. 2.

The Premers of the St. Clair River Tunnel Say Another Will be Built Soon.

Chicago Woman Horsewhips a Millionaire and His Lawyer in a Court Room.

A Clever Western Crook Outwits the Jailor by Making Counterfeit Money in Prison.

A special from Valparaiso, Chili, gives the following: President Balmaceda and the Junta de Gubierno are clinched in the final battle for supremacy in the mastery of the republic of Chili. The chosen battle ground is in full view of the city of Valparaiso, where thousands of anxious eyes are watching from every point of vantage the battle which is to decide the fate of the country. The battle begins on Friday, the first meeting being at the mouth of the Aconagua in which the government was defeated. The battle ended on the last test of strength. About 8,000 rebels landed in Quintero bay, taking Balmaceda by surprise, who was able to muster or only half of his troops. The rebels attempted to cross the river under cover of the guns of six warships anchored in Cosion bay, when the troops of Balmaceda gave battle and the engagement lasted almost all day, but the rebels had to retire. The beach of Vina del Mar, the eastern shore of Valparaiso bay, was chosen by the government as a second line of defense, and the general in command leaving a small force to cope with the insurgent force in the north, hurried to where the battle is now raging at its highest. Balmaceda has 13,000 men engaged while the rebels have only 8,000 and the warships in the bay, which are unable to get in close range on account of the shoals, are helping the rebels. The town of the city is a grand one and the hills all around are full of anxious witnesses of the fray. The number lost on each side as far as can be estimated now is about 3,000 killed.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, is improving.

Frosts in Nebraska Sunday morning.

Harry George Powlett, duke of Cleveland, is dead, aged 88.

Hon. P. M. Adams, a prominent Ohio democrat, died at Tiffin, O.,

Almy, the Hanover, N. H., murderer, is identified as George H. Abbott, a noted criminal.

John Fruth struck Jacob Stokesbury at Ada, O., Saturday, with a stone, crushing his skull and killing him.

The dedication of Minnesota's monument in commemoration of the Sioux massacre of 1862 took place at New Ulm, Minn., last week.

The name of Ida M. Bittenbender has been placed upon the prohibition ticket of Nebraska as a candidate for judge of the supreme court.

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

The Ionia district fair will be held, September 22-25. Premium lists are now ready and may be obtained by addressing Secretary Frank Jones, Ionia.

A terrific hail storm at Deer Creek, Minn., Monday night, destroyed about 2,000 acres of grain. Stacked wheat was blown about and damaged.

During a fit of temporary insanity Friday, Mrs. Barnhower, of Helvetia, W. Va., drowned her baby, brained a year old child with a hatchet and attempted suicide.

A frightful explosion of gas in the West Fairmont shaft, near Wheeling, W. Va., Sunday morning killed Bayles, aged 14 years, and terribly burned Alex. Robinson, a miner.

One thousand feet of the Wabash railroad track paralleling the Missouri river, at Kenosha, Mo., fell into the river Thursday night, the water having undermined the grade.

The British steamer Dehomyer, which had been reported consumed by fire, was completely shattered by an explosion. She was beached at Vigo where she was burned, but her cargo was saved.

The wine growers in the champagne districts of France are having a fine large time fighting phylloxera, mildew, black rot and the combined forces of capitalists are trying to get control of the entire growth.

J. F. McElroy and T. H. Swope are Kansas City millionaires. They quarreled in a hotel and Swope was felled to the floor by a blow on the head. Then both drew revolvers, but friends separated them.

The gross assets of the American Wheel company, of Chicago, for which a receiver was appointed are $4,074,353, and the liabilities $1,800,000, of which $1,000,000 is in the form of promissory notes and accepted drafts.

Marshal Brice, of Shelbyville, Ind., tried to stop a fight at that place and was shot down by Charles Hawkins, who was arrested. The "best people" of the town took Hawkins from jail and hanged him to the nearest tree.

Three alarms were given in quick succession Tuesday afternoon for a fire in a six story brick building occupied by Putnam & Co., manufacturers of spring beds. The building was gutted. Loss on building and stock $80,000, fully insured.

The Pocock can factory, an extensive establishment in St. Louis, was burned to fire Tuesday morning and two or three other smaller adjoining concerns were gutted. The total loss of about $100,000 falls on The Pocock loss is about $100,000 with insurance of $75,000. The other property was well insured.

Warrants on James Roberts, arrested at New Washington for the Columbus Grove, Ohio, robbery and murder has been received. Roberts and Walter Mills, alias Crawford, the hardware dealer, who sold him two revolvers, and five other residents of Columbus Grove who saw him at the time of the tragedy. He was taken to Ottawa where he was placed in jail.

It is reported from Caldwell, Kas., that a desperate fight has occurred in the Indian territory between the Dalton gang, who held up and robbed a Santa Fe train about two months ago, and a posse under United States Marshal Sloan. The particulars are meager, but it is known that the marshal and one of Dalton's gang were killed. The remainder have been pursuing the Dalton gang for some time.

A band of armed negroes entered the grocery store of Henry Joel, four miles south of Ashley, Ill., about 8 o'clock Saturday night, and after robbing him of money and watch, tied him to a post and beat him to death with a club. The motive was undoubtedly robbery. Joel made the attempt but was so confused that he forgot the combination of his safe, and the same could not be opened by his head. Joel made the attempt but was so confused that he forgot the combination and gave up. Pleading threatened he found the brutes shot him through the head.

Chas. King, a mild mannered patient at the insane asylum at Columbus, O., secured possession of a knife and cut his mother, Mrs. Hattie King, at Circleville, and while she was preparing a meal, slipped up behind her and cut her throat from ear to ear almost instantly. He then tried to shoot a neighbor, Mrs. Davenport, but failed in his aim and fastened himself in the delusion that his mother caused his incarceration in the asylum.

George J. Osborne, superintendent of the Minneapolis company's office in Minneapolis, mysteriously disappeared a short time ago, and no clue has been obtained as to his fate or whereabouts. His sudden disappearance naturally aroused suspicions, and an investigat.on of his affairs ensued. Last week a body was found in the river near St. Paul, and laid in the morgue two days before it was identified as Mr. Osborne. It was a case of suicide.

A special from Finlay, O., says the strike on the Lake Erie & Western is as bad as ever. Not a single train or freight car on any one of the divisions has turned since Monday night of last week. By order of General Manager Brazington all the clerks in the freight houses along the line have been laid off, there being no work for them at any point. No move has been made in this vicinity to take out or receive freight trains with other than the old forces. A dispatch from Lima, O., reports the situation there unchanged.

A number of cottages at Ocean Spray, near Lincoln, Neb., were burned Friday. Two men who were asleep in a shake which was destroyed were burned to death.

THE EPWORTH CHILDREN.

Their Mother "Was Wise Beyond the Age in Which She Lived.

Mrs. Susanna Wesley was very much in advance of her age in one particular and that was in waiting until her little ones were five years old before teaching them to read. Many babies in those days were taught the alphabet at two, and could read quite fluently at three, while of a noted Scotch divine his biographer says that at three he had acquired the Greek as well as the English alphabet, and at five was travelling with the Greek Testament. Now was this consideration of babies or stings, wise, or was Margaret Sangster in Harper's Young People. So Mrs. Wesley displayed independence as well as discretion by waiting till the fifth birthday had passed before her tiny men and women were brought into the school-room.

The way of teaching was this: The day before a child began to learn, the house was set in order, and a charge given that none should come into the room from nine till twelve, or from two till five, where our school hours were. One day was allowed the child wherein to learn all its letters, and each of them did in that time know all its letters, built and the proper sounds. Molly and Nancy, who were a day and a half before they knew them perfectly, for which I then thought them very dull; but the second day they knew all them as so was because the rest learned them so readily; and your brother Samuel, who was the first child I ever taught, saying they were dull in a few hours. He was five years old the 10th of February. The next day he began to learn, and as soon as he knew the letters, began the first chapter of Genesis. He was taught to spell the first verse, then to read it over and over till he could read it off-hand without spelling, and then to go on with the second, till he took ten verses for a lesson, which he quickly did.

Easter fell late that year, and by Whitsuntide he could read a chapter very well; for he read continually, and had such a prodigious memory that I do not remember ever to have told him the same word twice. What was yet stranger, he would be half a quarter of his lesson he knew wherever he saw it, either in his Bible or any other book; by which means he learned very much of the Scriptures with another hand.

The same method was observed with them all. As soon as they knew the letters they were first put to spell and read one syllable; but if any opposed, never leaving till they were perfect in their lesson, were it shorter or longer. So one or other continued reading at school till they were able to read a chapter, and before we left school each child read what he had learned that morning; and ere we parted in the afternoon, what he had learned that day.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY

—OF—

Whitehead & Mitchell

Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some fine bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. Parties desiring to buy should call at our office in this village or at farm in Oakland county. We have a large number of farms for sale from time to time offer bargains in this department. Call and see us if you want a bargain.

ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can find a purchaser by calling at our office if the sale is made. We make contracts to this effect and will guarantee our ability to make a sale and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 3 miles south of Pontiac and 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham, 75 acres of this land is improved land, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Good buildings, well fenced, and well watered. The land is excellent for raising all kinds of farm crops. Price, $4,500 cash, or will exchange for a good house and lot.

BARGAIN NO. 3.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 7 miles from Rochester, 1½ miles from good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 115 acres, 3 miles to village. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin must sell her farm at a very low figure and on reasonable terms her very desirable home on the village plat, 2 acres, good house, barn, nearly one acre of land, good large house, barn with stable, well fenced, 2 acres, good orchard, well in the house, road cistern and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 13.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as are seldom offered. Call and see us, we have had placed in our hands by Edmund Smith, of Detroit, the following lots in the Main Main I. Amos, whose property contained the Sanitarium, 50 feet of these lots are for sale, four fronting off Martin street at $200 each, and two fronting off Brand street at $150. Anyone wishing to build, here's a chance. Get a lot before they are taken.

Bargain No. 23.

We wish to call your attention to a most desirable home in Birmingham village, which we are 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 "Willie Farm," it is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of 3 rods on the north side of Saginaw street and about 3 rods on Cemetery street, all of which can be platted to great advantage. Price, $1,500 for the lot. With hot water and steam and the prospects of electric lights and an electric road through the village in the near future, in view of other improvements already made, this property will be a remunerative investment. Any further information will be gladly given by Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 31.

Are you looking for the best and cheapest home in Birmingham? If so, read this and see us at once. We have for sale a very desirable, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, Birmingham village, with outbuildings, finely finished rooms, a fine barn, good well and cistern, and about 1 acre of land, a good lot of land, which, by our idea, makes it the best bargain yet offered in Birmingham.

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Woodward avenue, Birmingham village, in Birmingham, consisting of a house and three lots, 50 feet front, price, $1,500 cash. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and well and cistern. This is a very desirable sidewalk property, and we think it a very reasonable offer.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 80 acres, 60 acres of which are in a good state of cultivation, the balance partly cleared, 15 acres of good timber and the balance fine pasture. Good house, banked up by stone, with 3 rooms, good barn, good stable and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good flowing wells of ice cold water as ever was drunk, one of which is near every door and plenty of small fruits. Within ¼ mile of post office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable, only $3,000. Call at our office or address, J. and 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 if we can find a buyer. It is a fine farm, 80 acres of choice land all under cultivation but about 15 acres of timber, 1,000 rods fenced, inside of two miles from Birmingham. Good house, 2 barns, good well and cistern, well watered, every foot of land tillable, fine orchard, plenty of small fruit. Within a mile of post office, stores, churches and schools. Price very reasonable, only $3,000. Call at our office or address, J. and S. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

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BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in another part of the state, I offer for sale one of best city lots in Detroit, new brick dwelling, house, carriage house and stable, on Woodward avenue, Birmingham village, Mich. The house is built on the most approved plan, and is finished throughout with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in the second story, with the finest fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, and a variety of other fruit, such as peach and strawberries, 5 acres of land, have always been used for a market garden. Splendid lawn, fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will sell for $4,000 cash, or on terms to suit. Will sell at very low price, on long time, or will exchange for a farm. This place is only 3 minutes walk from depot. Village water works, gas and electric light. Call at office or address M. K. Taber, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham village, I offer for sale my lot, 100 by 220 each, lots 7 and 8 of Blakeslee's subdivision of Park lot, 3 of Hunter's subdivision of Mrs. English property on Saginaw street. Call on Chas. Salsbury, or Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 41.

We can now offer for sale Geo. H. Toms' comfortable and commodious home situated on corner of Chester and Merrill streets in this village. Lot 100 feet front and 200 feet deep, 10 rooms, large cistern in cellar, good cellar. Good barn and well and cistern. Within ½ mile of school house and plentifully supplied with small fruit and shade trees. Price, $2,500 cash. Owner of this property has been offered for sale and at the conversation price, but is willing to compromise. For full particulars call at Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

Bargain No. 42.

Lot 5 in the closed 4 acre tone for planting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the west side of Chester street, adjoining Edward Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot and of the village. This is the choicest portion of the village. Lovely level and under good state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 43.

A fine residence, comparatively new, with eight good rooms, bath, furnace, china closets, etc., and well and cistern in kitchen. The premises readily for sale a month, being located on Hill avenue, Birmingham village, one of the best residence portions of the city. Will sell for cash or exchange for a good farm in this county