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THE question that most concern humanity is not how long this earth will last, but what can we do to make it better while it lasts.

SELF-RESPECTING newspapers should not encourage the use of their columns in the interest of indecency and should refuse to pay attention to such libels upon art and amusement as are the shows of the dance-hall order and their advertising schemes.

"TWO-THIRDS of the church members of this country are women," the infidel sneeringly remarks. Is there anything about that to be ashamed of? Here is another fact: Out of 45,000 convicts in our state prisons more than 43,000 are men.

REMEMBER that it matters but little what great thing we undertake. Our glory is in what we accomplish. Nobody in the world cares for what we mean to do; but everybody will open their eyes by and by and see what men and women and little children have done.

THE most marked social change wrought in our time is the extraordinary increase in the number of educated women who voluntarily earn their living by work. As history shall look back and weigh our time it will pretty surely regard this change as the happiest of all that we have made.

IF American citizens would content themselves with moderate wealth and divide their time and energy between their personal affairs and public affairs, it would be vastly better for themselves and for the nation as a whole, but this they are not doing; and this is, therefore, a great national peril.

A HEALTHY woman is under no more actual restraint in the pursuit of laudable purposes of travel or other wholesome enjoyment than a man is if she only makes up her mind to consider herself primarily as a free-born human being and secondarily as a woman, instead of reversing the order as women usually do. A woman has only to make up her mind that it is perfectly "proper" for her to do any innocent thing that she has a mind to do in order to bring all harmless "good times" as completely within her horizon as they are within her brother's.

ONE seeming result of the decline of the old-time observance of the national holiday is that the rising generation of Americans are supposed to be losing one of the incentives to love of country through their loss of the imposing exhibitions of patriotism which were so generally made on each recurring Fourth of July by the authorities and by private citizens. We do not fully agree with this pessimistic view. Those who cherish it forget the millions of daily newspapers which in these days reproduce on Independence day the glorious history of the past and thus revive the patriotism of young and old.

GOOD ventilation, clean clothes and pure air, should be provided for. Great care should be taken to so arrange for the light of the school room that the pupils' eyes shall not be ruined either by insufficient or by improperly arranged light. School children of this country, because of inattention to this matter of proper light, become the victims of myopia oftener than any other class. They are forced, often, to strain their eyes, the light being bad—insufficient, falling upon their books from the wrong direction; and myopia shortsightedness—becomes almost universal among a large per cent of school children. This is too serious a matter to be treated indifferently by the custodians of our public schools.

IT is true that there is much to be said in favor of great institutions of learning—that is, institutions that are attended by great numbers of students provided they are adequately endowed. They can have larger and better libraries and cabinets and scientific apparatus, and they can generally command the best talent in their faculties. But, while this is true, it is also true that there are some drawbacks about numerously attended institutions, while the smaller ones offer some important advantages. The student in the former comes in personal contact with the really superior minds of the faculties only to a limited extent. The most of the recitations, for the first two years at least, are made to tutors, and the student sees but little of the professors. The tutors are almost invariably scholarly and bright young men, it is true, but it can hardly be said that they are always the equals of the professors in the smaller institutions who come in daily contact with the students during the greater part of their course.

THE mother who compels her children to wait for a second table or to eat with the servant or servants whenever she has company, simply because those children do not know how to behave before company, is not only doing them a grave injustice, but is casting a serious reflection on her own knowledge of the amenities and proprieties of life. She denies them the opportunity to learn by observation and convinces her guests if they think about the situation at all that her children are ill behaved. Every-day manners at any table ought always to be company manners. Let the child be fully instructed as the proper way to eat and made to eat that way when the family is alone and there need be no fear of embarrassment when guests are assembled about the board. A keen observer once remarked: "I can tell almost exactly what the home life of a family is if I can have the children with me for an afternoon and during a meal. They may try to keep up company manners, but evidences of the real life will slip out the best they can do." Let the parents set a good example every day at the table and and the children will naturally follow that example.

A BELEAGURED CITY.

Detroit in the Hands of the Grand Army of the Republic.—The Citizens Satisfied.

The Old Soldiers Find Everything Ready for Their Reception and Entertainment.

Items of Interest From All Parts of the State Gathered by Wire and by Mail.

Detroit Invaded.

DETROIT, August 4.—From Saturday night until this morning every train arriving in this city has brought hundreds of members of the G. A. R. and visitors to the twenty-fifth annual reunion now being held here. The city is thronged with the blue-coated veterans and their friends, and the martial spirit is abroad in the streets. The citizens of Detroit have thrown open their homes and have gone into the business of receiving and entertaining the visitors in a wholesale and hearty manner. Her streets are gaily decorated, the business blocks on Woodward avenue being literally covered with a mass of pictures, flags and bunting. Several magnificent arches have been erected in various parts of the city and all the houses are decked in holiday attire. Excellent provisions were made for the accommodation of visiting posts, and every train bringing the old soldiers to the city has been met by members of the reception committee and the visitors taken in charge and escorted to the quarters to which they had been assigned. Camp Sherman, the exposition building, is giving comfortable shelter to upwards of 15,000 visitors, while other large buildings about the city are utilized in a similar manner. Many posts brought tenting outfits with them and are camped on lawns and vacant lots. From all parts of Michigan and adjoining states excursionists are today arriving by the thousands to witness the grand parade. Detroit never before saw such a crowd within her gates, and her citizens are proud of the acknowledgement heard on all hands that the silver encampment surpasses any other in the history of the Grand Army.

A Youthful Mother.

GRAND RAPIDS, Aug. 3.—Albert Elshop, aged 19, has been arrested here upon a charge of felonious assault upon the person of Jane Goverheis, a 12 year old girl of Byron township. Elshop used to work upon the farm of Goverheis, and he was quite intimate with the girl. The parents often came to the city and left them alone together, and it was upon one of these occasions that the crime was committed, Sept. 13, 1890. About a month ago the little girl gave birth to a baby, which is said to have since died. The young man worked at the farm for five days after the birth and then came to this city to work. He admits his guilt, but says the girl was not guiltless. He says he offered to marry her several months ago, but the parents refused consent.

World's Fair Commissioners.

LANSING, Aug. 5.—Governor Winans has appointed the following members of the world's fair commission to represent Michigan: Isaac M. Weston, Grand Rapids; Wellington R. Burt, Saginaw; James W. Flynn, Detroit; Eugene H. Belden, Jackson; Mrs. Julius H. Valestine, Lansing; Mrs. Julia A. Pond, Hillsdale.

After Many Years.

KALAMAZOO, Aug. 3.—W. W. Foster was captured in a swamp near Allegan last week for stealing a span of horses and a tin peddler's wagon of C. Hollestelle, of this city, twelve years ago. He had been in New York state most of the time since he committed the theft. He has served one term for horse stealing.

AROUND THE STATE.

Kalamazoo hopes that a corset manufactory will come there and stay.

Rev. Albertus Pieters and wife left Holland last week on their journey to Japan.

Thomas Evans, a railroad workman, has been arrested at Muskegon for an indecent assault upon a young lady.

Rev. J. F. Loba was given a farewell luncheon at Kalamazoo Tuesday. He will soon leave for mission work in France.

Bay City people have appointed a committee to confer with the Ohio men who proposes to build a railroad to Port Huron.

Burglars stole $25 and a pair of trousers from the residence of A. R. Palmer, agent of the Lake Shore road, at Brooklyn, Wednesday night.

Stephen Miller, who was employed at the new city hall in Bay City, was badly injured Monday by a large stone falling upon and crushing his leg.

An unknown man was killed by a railway train at Schoolcraft last week. He was mangled beyond recognition, but is supposed to have been a tramp.

The farm residence of Isaac Walker in the township of Burton was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Nothing was saved except a sewing machine.

George Robischung, the Kalamazoo man who was shot by a policeman, who was being attacked by a crowd of which Robischung was one, is likely to recover.

The Marlette voters, who met Monday to decide the question of building a new school house, thought the old one plenty good enough and voted down the measure.

The Croswell brick company, which at present has the capacity for an output of 2,000,000 a year will enlarge its plant to accommodate its largely increased business.

The state fair directors are not going to have any of that free pass monkey business this year and have decided not to issue any tickets, a half-dollar in the slot being necessary for admission.

While Mrs. L. S. Coleman, of Bay City, was away from home for a short time Thursday, thieves raided the house and stole about $100. They missed valuable jewelry that lay right near the money.

Flora Greenall, 18 years of age, recently said "No" to John Bargo's proposal of marriage. Now Flora is very sick, and John is in jail on a charge of giving her poison in his taffy. All this at Ironwood.

Ex-Mayor Escott, of Big Rapids, is dangerously ill, the consultation of physicians called on the case deciding that his only chance of life was in an operation. He is at present too weak to stand the operation.

A natural park, containing over 1,300 acres, on a plateau overlooking the straits of Mackinac at Escanaba, has been platted for summer resort purposes and a boom will be started this season to get it ready for next year.

Track laying on the extension of the Chicago & West Michigan railroad began near Traverse City Tuesday. A 40 foot bridge has been swung across the Boardman river and work is being pushed with the utmost speed.

Joseph K. Ritter, an old and honored resident of Cassopolis, died in that village Thursday night at the age of 62. He has been in the mercantile business for 25 years and was president of the First National bank of Cassopolis.

The Grand Rapids police are all stirred up over the rumor of a prize fight that is reported to have taken place in the alley in the rear of the municipal building. No one knows who the fighters were or anything about it, in fact.

The disappearance of Veterinary Surgeon Yonkerman causes a commotion at Kalamazoo, but his friends, whose name is legion, all claim he will be back in good time, and it is nobody's business if he don't, as he has left his family well provided for.

A venturesome miner, clad in a complete suit of diver's armor, went into the burning Republic mine Friday. He fought the flames with small hose sufficiently to make his way into the mine for some distance. He found that the fire was burning down to the sixth level. The damage so far done will reach nearly a quarter of a million, and no limit can be set to what may yet be done.

[...] brakes on some ore cars and let them run down a steep grade. One of the cars jumped the track and smashed a cottage. For this Abraham Richards, a colored boy, goes to the reform school.

Merritt Williams, the 10 years old grandson of the proprietor of the American house, Mason, was instantly killed, by the cars one day last week while trying to see who would be the last of a lot of boys to cross the track in front of an approaching train. He was last.

Albert Hicks, of Big Rapids, was caught in a whirling shaft Tuesday and given a great shaking up. He luckily escaped with a broken leg, when everybody who saw him whirling around that shaft expected to see him killed outright.

A piece of machinery in Seeley's mill, Colfax township, Mecosta county, became loose Tuesday and took upon itself wings, flying across the mill. In its flight it struck Proprietor James Seeley on the arm, breaking that member.

The U. S. Grant post, of Bay City, has chartered a special train to take the members to the Detroit encampment, and will decorate that train so that nothing but flying decorations can be seen. The Flint & Pere Marquette railroad line will be used.

W. W. Foster was arrested near Kalamazoo one day last week, charged with stealing a horse and tin peddler's outfit from C. Hollestelle about 12 years ago. Foster has been in New York state most of the time since and had no sooner struck the town than he was arrested.

While Hermann Steggmann, of Bay City, was on his way home one night last week two highwaymen attacked him and choking his wind off robbed him of all the cash he had. The police were notified and have caught one man. The other will have to hustle, as the police are on his track.

George Schmidt, a Tittabawassee farmer, hired a fellow named Henry Cook to work for him and soon learned that Cook had stolen $10 in money from the house. Schmidt chased Cook four miles, and had the satisfaction of catching him and getting the $10 back and seeing Cook sent up for two months.

A Bay City ordinance requiring every person soliciting a license as a peddler to pay $10 for the first day and $5 for each subsequent day that he travelled on foot, and if he travelled with a horse, $20 for the first day and $15 for each subsequent day, has been declared invalid by the supreme court of the state.

Walter Fletcher and one Goddell, of Manistique, fought about a girl and Fletcher was rapidly getting the best of it when Goodell hit him over the head with a cross-cut saw. Fletcher was badly hurt and lost one ear by the operation, but perhaps it is just as well, as Goodell has skipped the country.

The official board of the Annapolis academy has made the following appointments for Michigan: Ray King, of the ninth district; James Halsey from the tenth district; H. C. Winter, alternate, and B. E. Elder from the third. These lucky young fellows will report in September for final examinations.

The supreme court has decided that a local law fixing the weight of loaves of bread for public consumption and prohibiting the sale of under-weight loaves, is perfectly legal. The case was brought by a number of Detroit bakers who had been fined for selling bread in lighter loaves than required by a city ordinance.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Adeline Houver, a middle-aged widow lady who lived alone in the township of Climax, was found dead upon the floor of her kitchen, strangled by a cord that had been twisted about her neck. The authorities of Kalamazoo county have now offered a reward of $500 for the detection and conviction of her destroyer.

Harry Lindsey, of Detroit, 14 years old, was visiting his relatives near Cambria, Hillsdale county, Wednesday, and with other boys was shooting fish with a Flobert rifle. The log on which he was standing rolled a little and in endeavoring to save himself the gun caught and sent its charge into his breast, inflicting a wound that is likely to cause death.

The striking molders at Battle Creek are not content with staying away from work, but congregate nights at the school furniture works and hoot at the men at work. Public sympathy, which was with them on the start, has gone the other way because of these methods and the police have been called out several times. Should an open riot take place the strikers will be promptly landed in jail, as the police are tired of their work.

A pair of horses belonging to T. F. Donohue, of Ishpeming, ran away the other day without paying the least attention to the gentle bovine that was hitched to the hind axle of the wagon. They ran two blocks with the cow on a lively hustle and then brought up by smashing the cart on a tree. It made the bovine so mad that she tried to hook the horses the instant they stopped. The people on the street had no end of fun watching her.

State Oil Inspector Platt, in his final report shows that the fees received amounted to $17,749, while the expenses of the office were but $11,427. Out of the total of 136,585 barrels inspected 216 were rejected. A queer feature of the new law is that while Michigan was going from its safety flash test to the fire test and following the stupid example of Wisconsin, that state had tired of the same law and was passing the old Michigan law of flash test.

On the 8th of July Petrolia Stover, of Otisville, who had passed her 25th birthday and owned up to that number of years, caught a husband in the person of William H. Tibbils, of Columbiaville, who is only 24 years old. Just three weeks of married bliss passed and now William is out with a card saying that he won't pay any more bills that Petrolia contracts in his name. Petrolia counters by saying that three weeks of William's society is all any girl can stand, never mind how anxious she is to have a husband.

An Unseen Assassin.

HOUGHTON, August 5.—Chirst Alsbach, of Lake Linden, was shot in the breast bone Sunday noon while out hunting. The man who fired at him was not seen. The bullet lodged deeply, but the surgeons hope to extract it.

Mrs. Martha Washington died at Denison, Tex., last week. The associated press says that as she was the wife of a grandson of the father of his country she was the most direct descendant of that illustrious person. Not lineal, of course; sort of interlineal. The fact that Washington never had a grandson, nor even a child, doesn't stop the show as far as the story goes.

Arrangements have been made by cable for bringing the team of amateur cricketers from England, to be captained by Lord Hawke. The team will sail on the City of New York on September 16, and will come as the guests of the Germantown club. The first match against All Philadelphia will be played on Friday, Saturday and Monday, September 25, 26 and 28, and the second on Sept. 30, and October 1 and 2.

Lee Bin Nam, a noted Chinese pugilist, reached Baltimore, Md., last week. He is on his way to New York from San Francisco. Lee is stopping with Yong Moar, the boss Chinese mason of Baltimore, and is being shown the town by Wong Chin Foo, the New York newspaper man who is visiting Yong Moar. The Herald in an interview with Lee Bin Nam says that the pugilist celestial will in all probability challenge John L. Sullivan to fight.

The shoe factory of John E. Drake, at Quincy, Mass., is shut down and 200 hands are thrown out of employment in consequence. The trouble arose over a treer being requested to instruct a boy. He refused to do so and left. The other treers then followed.

D. B. Fisk, one of the wealthiest merchants in Chicago, died Wednesday at his Calumet residence after two weeks' illness. He was the senior member of D. B. Fisk & Co., said to be the largest wholesale millinery firm in the United States. Mr. Fisk was 74 years old. He was born at Upham, Mass.

JEWISH SORROWS.

The Czar of All the Russias Still Finds Pleasure in Harrassing His Hebrew Subjects.

His Soldiers Allowed to Pillage and Distroy Their Houses and Maltreat Their Persons.

If a Victim Protests He is Killed or Banished to Siberia Which is Just as Bad.

The Czar's Cruelty.

BOSTON, Aug. 5.—A party of Russian Jews arrived here last week and the stories they tell of the czar's cruelty are almost heartrending. One lad who refused to give his name for fear of being apprehended and returned, said he came from Slabotey. The Jews of his town, he says, were ordered to vacate their houses and betake themselves away, no matter where, inside of three days. The much-harassed and maddened Jews set fire to all their property and burned it, rather than have it fall into the hands of their enemies. The Russians, enraged at this, set upon the refugees and maltreated them by every means in their power. One man was suspended by his wrists from a telegraph post, where he hung for two hours. All the families who had burned their houses were arrested and convicted and sentenced to Siberia. The young man and his father and brother were among the victims, but as they were being marched through the street the narrator managed to slip his hands through the handcuffs and escape. He succeeded in reaching a friend in another province, who gave him money to come to America. Others told harrowing stories of the general atrocities practiced upon their race by the Russian soldiery and of the extremely unjust laws in force against the Jews. Any Russian Christian, it was stated, who wished to possess himself of the property of a Jewish neighbor, can obtain it by paying one-tenth of its value to the mayor or government representative, who will thereupon give him authority to expel the Jewish owner and install himself as proprietor. It is quite an ordinary occurrence for Jews' houses to be burned over their heads, or for a Jew to be stoned on the streets, and it has become a common saying in parts of Russia, "Kill a Jew and pay twenty roubles" (10 dollars). No other punishment is ever inflicted for are murder of a Jew, and even this fine is seldom imposed. The Jews in the Russian army are, it is said, compelled to do the greatest drudgery and the most degrading work. One of the immigrants said that the day before he left some Jewish soldiers in the Russian army, among them a son of the narrator, wanted to rebel because their families were maltreated by the Russian soldiers. The Jewish soldiers were all placed under arrest and to purchase his son's release, the immigrant sold his house and all his furniture.

Mortgage Indebtedness.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The count of the farm and home transcripts made in accordance with the mortgage collection clause of the census act has been completed by the census office. The figures are subject to slight modifications. There were returned by the enumerators 2,491,930 farms and homes occupied by owners which are incumbered by mortgages. This number includes some farms and homes about which the enumerators made no report, and which belong partly to the class of hired and partly to the class of owned free, as well as partly to the class of owned incumbered. Until this unknown quantity, due to the failure of the enumerators is eliminated, it may be regarded as approximately true that 2,250,000 families of the 12,500,000 families of the United States occupy and own incumbered farms and homes and that 10,250,000 families occupy farms and homes that are either hired or owned free. The preliminary results indicate that the average debt for a farm in Iowa is $1,283, home $719; average for farm and home $1,140. If these averages hold good for the union the incumbrance on the farms and homes of the United States occupied by owners is about $2,565,000,000. The success of this investigation, Superintendent Porter says, has been far beyond the anticipations of the most experienced statisticians, and the result will be of immense interest and value to the nation.

Fined for Plowing Sunday.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 5.—E. S. Hammond, district United States judge, has handed down his decision in the now famous case of R. M. King, the seventh-day adventist. King was convicted a year ago of Sabbath breaking by plowing on Sunday in Obson county. He appealed to the Supreme Court and the sentence was affirmed. Then the adventists and the National Secular Association took up the case. Don M. Dickinson of Detroit, was engaged as council, and the case was taken to the federal court last November on a writ of habeas corpus. The application was argued several months ago, and Judge Hammond has had it under advisement ever since. By his decision the defendant is remanded back to the custody of the sheriff to pay the fine or serve the sentence. The decision is based not so much on the constitutionality of Sabbath laws as upon the fact that King was convicted under due process of Tenessee law, and it is not in the province of the federal court to review the case. Judge Hammond rules, however, that if a man has set Sunday apart in due form by his law for rest, it must be obeyed as man's law, if not as God's law.

A Set-Back to Reciprocity.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 5.—The long continued debate on the tariff changes, proposed in the budget speech which was delivered in the house of commons on June 23 by Minister of Finance Foster, came to an end at 4 o'clock Wednesday morning when a vote was taken on Sir Richard Cartwright's amendment to go to the committee to consider the resolutions containing the tariff changes. The amendment, which set forth "that the government should forthwith reduce all duties on articles of prime necessity, and more particularly on those most generally consumed by artizans, miners, fishermen and farmers; and further, that the negotiations which the house has been informed are to be opened in Washington in October next, should be conducted on the basis of the most extended reciprocal trade between Canada and the United States in manufactured as well as natural products," was rejected, the vote standing 88 yeas, 114 nays.

An Entire Family Killed.

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Aug. 5.—In Wayne county, W. Va., Friday night, a Mr. Bromfield, his wife and five children were murdered by a party of Italian railroad laborers. The Italians were employed on the Norfolk & Western. Friday night about fifty of them got drunk. Going to the home of Bromfield, who was reported to have much money, they demanded admittance. With rails and clubs they began an attack. Bromfield and his two half grown sons made a brave defense but had no arms, so their assailants broke into the doors and windows and put Bromfield and the boys to death with clubs. They then cut their throats and stabbed them repeatedly, then they seized the wife and two younger children and put them to death. After searching the place for valuables they burned the house to the ground. It is said that the enemies of Bromfield incited the Italians to the murder.

Prisoners in County Jails.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—The census office has issued a bulletin on the subject of prisoners in county jails. It shows that the total number of prisoners in county jails on June 1, 1890, was 19,538; the number reported in 1880 was 12,691, an increase in ten years of 6,857, or at the rate of 53.95 per cent. The increase in the total population was 24.86 per cent. In 1880 the ratio of prisoners in county jails to the population was 253 in each million; in 1890 it was 312. The increase, therefore, has been 59 to the million. The largest increase has been in the North Atlantic division, where it was 95 to the million.

The Mystery of the Molitor Murder May be Cleared Up.

About sixteen years ago all Michigan was aroused by an atrocious murder at Rogers City, Presque Isle county. Albert Molitor, a merchant, was shot dead while sitting at his office desk one night, and his clerk, a young man named Sullivan, was killed while attempting to defend him. A heavy reward was offered for the apprehension of the murderer or murderers, but what effort was made in that direction is not recalled now, and, while the matter has practically been forgotten by the outside world in the lapse of sixteen years, yet disconnected rumors and criminations could be heard at most any time in Presque Isle county, brought about by occasional local quarrels and troubles. After all these years of silence light has at last been thrown on the mystery. Last week one William Repke, a farmer residing in Molke township, Presque Isle county, appeared before the prosecuting attorney and made a full confession, and turned state's evidence. He stated that his troubled conscience was unbearable to him, and he could stand the remorse and secret no longer. His statement is that 17 citizens of Presque Isle county, including himself, entered into an oath-bound compact to assassinate Albert Molitor and Frederick Denny Larke. For some reason Larke was not seen on the fatal evening, and he states that the killing of the clerk, Sullivan, was a mistake. The shot he received was intended as a second one for Molitor. The list of the seventeen conspirators contains the names of many prominent men of the county, who are still residing there. A dispatch from Alpena says the accessories implicated in Repke's confession are Albert Grossman, Carl Vogler, Gottlieb Lombert, Chas. Weissengert, Fred. Jahn, and Ferdinand Bruder, Henry Jacobs, Herman Menze, August Foigenbrier and August Furman, nearly all of whom now live at or near Rogers City, and warrants have been issued for their arrest.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

The imports of British goods into Brazil for the first four months of 1891 show a general increase.

Sam Jones, the revivalist, was pelted with rotten eggs while holding a meeting at Houston, Tex., Wednesday night.

A woman has been arrested at Orange, N. Y., for making violent love to a clergyman. It is thought she is demented.

A dispatch from Naples says the volcano Vesuvius has again burst forth into a state of eruption and is doing great damage.

Bud Berry, of Ripley, O., was shot and killed by Wm. Garrett Tuesday. Jealousy about a woman was the cause of the affair.

Joseph Anstett, of Grand Forks, N. D., aged 10 years, fatally wounded himself with a revolver Monday. Didn't know it was loaded.

Lightning struck a tree at Warren, O., Tuesday, under which Ed Caldwell, colored, and John Tumason were standing, killing them both.

The republican editors of Illinois have formed a combination for better or for worse, and will stick together on all things political hereafter.

Honorable Thomas F. Morgan, the commissioner of Indian affairs, left New York Saturday for a trip to Europe for the benefit of his health.

An asylum inmate at Logansport, Ind., named Kasch, killed Dr. Reed, another inmate, with a club which he wrenched from his bed springs Thursday.

It has been discovered that about $30,000 is due Indians on the old war claims and some very remarkable frauds have been found in connection with it.

Many thousand bales of cotton have been destroyed by a fire which broke out in Liverpool Friday. It is estimated that the damage done will amount to $250,000.

The attorneys for W. J. Elliott, found guilty of murder in the second degree in the killing of A. C. Osborn, at Columbus, O., have filed a motion for a new trial.

The large subscription book houses of R. S. Peale & Co. and the People's Publishing Company, of Chicago, have consolidated, with a capital stock of $1,000,000.

A bicycle thief has been arrested at Rochester, N. Y. He is wanted at Buffalo, Syracuse, New Haven, Springfield and other cities on the same charge.

A number of ranch houses and other property in the vicinity of Sonora, Cal., have been destroyed by forest fires which threaten to wipe out the town of Columbia.

The closing of the lobster canning factories in Newfoundland has worked great distress among the employes, many of them being in an actual starving condition.

Two freight trains collided near Salem, O., Tuesday, demolishing both engines and 11 cars. An engineer, fireman and conductor were seriously but not fatally injured.

At Cynthia, Ky., Tuesday Mrs. Ann Milner Woods died, aged 98. She was one of the original followers of Alexander Campbell in founding the Church of the Disciples.

The president has accepted the resignation of Joel B. Erhardt as collector of the port of New York and has designated J. Sloan Fassett, of Elmira, N. Y., as his successor.

The motion of Sir Henry Parks in favor of granting the right of suffrage to women in New South Wales has been rejected by a vote of 57 to 34 by the legislative assembly.

In endeavoring to arrest 26 officers suspected of being nihilists at St. Petersburg, recently, the police killed seven of them and seven escaped. The fight lasted two hours.

John Hennigan, the highwayman, who held up and robbed a man in Reed City a short time ago, was captured in Chase Wednesday, and is now behind the bars in the Hersey jail.

Rev. John Hopkins Worcester, of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, of Chicago, has been elected to the chair of systematic theology in the Union Theological Seminary, of New York.

The statement of arrivals and tonnage at the port of Quebec from sea shows a decrease of 91 vessels and 75,492 tons from last year. There are also thirty ocean steamships and 34,092 tons less.

The democrats of Maryland met in state convention at Baltimore on Thursday and nominated Frank Brown, a farmer, for governor. The convention indorsed Arthur P. Gorman for re-election to the United States senate.

While Mrs. Huston, her daughter, Mrs. Smith, and the latter's child were driving at Xenia, O., Tuesday, a dog bit the horse and it ran away, throwing the three out. It is feared Mrs. Smith and child will not recover.

The will of William P. Hazelton, of Greenburg, N. Y., has been filed and shows an $800,000 estate divided between his widow, children, nephews and nieces, and to the city of Stockton, Cal., $75,000 is given, as Hazelton got his first start there.

It is estimated at the treasury department that there has been an increase of $4,500,000 in the treasury cash available for the payment of the public debt during July. Under the old form of debt statement this would be slated as a reduction of the debt.

During a heavy thunder storm near Dry Run, Franklin Co., Friday night, the barn of Philip Skinner was struck by lightning and totally destroyed by fire. Two children of Mr. Skinner, aged 12 and 15, were playing in the barn at the time and both were killed instantly.

The president has pardoned Capt. Geo. J. Armes, a retired army officer, who was sentenced to remain within 50 miles of the District of Columbia for three years for tweaking the nose of Gov. Beaver, of Pennsylvania, for some fancied slight from Pennsylvania officials.

Cholera is killing off large numbers of hogs in Indiana.

AN UNHAPPY BRIDE.

How Mary Bailey, a Washington "Summer Girl," Was Courted and Wed in Two Days.

And How the Bridegroom Turned Out to be a Scamp Who Robbed and Deserted Her.

Reciprocity and Free Trade Propositions Voted Down by the Canadian Parliament.

This One a Failure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—A few days ago Miss Marie Bailey, a pretty girl of this city, and Francis E. Dent, of Georgetown, met at Colonial Beach, fell in love, were betrothed and were married all within two days. When the girl's parents heard of the step their daughter had taken they were shocked, but as it was too late to be prevented they intended to make the best of it. Their son-in-law came to the house and his picture was put in the album, facing one of his better half. The bride evidently thought that her husband was a man of means, for she so stated to her father, although it was, no doubt, a genuine case of love at first sight. Their honeymoon was a short one, for the groom, suddenly disappeared, and since his departure it had been discovered that the bride's gold watch, two diamond rings and an umbrella are missing. The whereabouts of the groom is unknown, but the young bride is safe in her father's home. Dent is a young scapegrace, who belongs to one of the old and wealthy families of Georgetown, but he has been practically driven from his home for several years and was not known to be in this vicinity till his marriage to Miss Bailey was announced in the public prints.

Woman Burglars.

A dispatch from Milwaukee, Wis., says: Mrs. Jennie Payne, wife of a wealthy south side tin can manufacturer, and Mrs. Maggie Gregg, sister of Mrs. Payne, and wife of the oldest passenger engineer on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, both of them mothers of young children, broke into the residence of Mrs. Josephine Robinson, a wealthy widow residing at No. 112 Sixth street. They stole $95 and some articles of minor value. As Mrs. Robinson and her servants were absent at the time, the women got safely away from the house. Detectives arrested both women next morning and after some time the prisoners confessed that they had entered into a compact to do a certain number of burglaries during the season, the proceeds to be divided in equal shares on October 1. Out of sympathy for the families of the women Mrs. Robinson declined to prosecute on the charge of burglary. The partners in the new field of female endeavor were let off with light fines on charges of petit larceny. As the husbands of both women were out of town Mrs. Robinson paid the fines herself.

Dying With the Grip.

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 5.—A correspondent at Blanc Sablone, on the coast of Labrador, writes that the grip has been very prevalent throughout the coast and that numerous deaths have resulted. At Blanc Sablone alone there were six deaths. At Longue Pointe, west of Blanc Sablone, there were two deaths, and at L'Anse a Loupe and St. Modeste six or seven. The people living along the coast suffered proportionately more than the Newfoundland fisherman, probably because they were in destitute circumstances. From L'Anse a Loupe East to Red Bay the people were in a pitiable condition. The outlook for these poor people just now is deplorable. Fish is scarce and what little there is the people are unable to get, owing to the extreme weakness consequent upon the grip.

Extra Session in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 5.—The extra session of the forty-seventh general assembly will convene at noon, Aug. 17. The call will include: Amending the election laws; a world's fair appropriation; to include Sequatchie county in a congressional district; the reapportionment of the state; to give the governor more power over the military; the removal of the penitentiary and to investigate the lease system; to amend the assessment and appropriation bill so as to include the expenses of the extra session and the Briceville troubles.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.			
CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 75	@	$5 25
HOGS	4 75	@	5 50
SHEEP	4 00	@	5 00
LAMBS	5 50	@	6 00
WHEAT—Red spot No. 2	91½	@	91¾
Red spot No. 3	89	@	89
White spot No. 1	92	@	92½
CORN—No. 2 spot	64	@	64
No. 2 yellow	65	@	65½
OATS—No. 2 white, spot	40	@	40
CLOVER SEED	3 85	@	4 10
BARLEY	1 40	@	1 40
RYE	72	@	72
HAY—No. 2 per ton	9 50	@	10 50
STRAW—Per ton	5 50	@	6 00
POTATOES—Per bu	1 50	@	1 75
BEANS—Unpicked, per bu	1 25	@	1 75
City hand-picked	2 15	@	2 20
APPLES—per bbl	3 00	@	4 00
Evaporated	12½	@	14
BUTTER—Per lb	15	@	16
Creamery	18	@	20
EGGS—Per doz	16	@	16½
Chicago.			
CATTLE—Prime	$5 75	@	$6 00
Common	4 75	@	5 50
SHEEP—Native	3 50	@	4 85
LAMBS	3 75	@	5 60
HOGS—Common	4 75	@	5 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red	88	@	88
No. 2 spring	88	@	88
CORN—No. 2	60	@	61
OATS—No. 2	27¼	@	27¾
RYE	72	@	72
BARLEY	62	@	62
MESS PORK	11 50	@	11 30
LARD	6 60	@	6 60
New York.			
CATTLE—Natives	$3 50	@	$5 97½
HOGS	5 30	@	6 00
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 25	@	5 25
LAMBS	5 50	@	5 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	98	@	99¾
CORN—No. 2	70	@	71
OATS	42	@	45
Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Steers	$3 00	@	$5 95
HOGS—All grades	4 50	@	5 50
SHEEP	6 50	@	7 00
LAMBS	5 30	@	5 75
Buffalo.			
CATTLE	$5 25	@	$5 80
HOGS	5 70	@	5 75
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 65	@	5 00
LAMBS	5 25	@	6 00

Dun's Trade Review.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade for week ending Aug. 1, says: Business continues dragging and dull. In commercial circles there seems to be very general and growing confidence that the business of the fall will be large and profitable, and some improvement is seen, but not enough as yet to justify sanguine views. Chicago reports receipts of wheat seven times last year's; of rye, cured meats, lard and wool double last year's; of dressed beef a third larger, with some increase in cheese and butter. Dry goods sales are slightly larger, and good orders are seen for clothing and shoes. At Omaha trade is fair and at Milwaukee satisfactory, and increasing activity is noted at St. Paul. Throughout the northwest the prospect of crops is exceedingly good, but at Kansas City wet weather interferes with harvesting. The distribution of goods is on a larger scale, and at southern points business is dull and only fair, though curiously improved at one or two localities because of injury to cotton by heavy rains. The failures occurring throughout the country during last seven days number 217 as compared with a total of 254 last week. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 189.

Frederick C. Havemeyer, founder of the Havemeyer sugar firm, died at Throggs Neck, N. Y., aged 85 years.

The prince of Naples is the latest royal guest in England.

Col. S. C. Reynolds, the millionaire grain merchant of Toledo, has just returned from England where he has succeeded in organizing a company with a capital of $2,500,000 to operate a line of steamers direct from Toledo and other Lake Erie ports to Liverpool. A branch line will run between New Orleans and Liverpool in the cotton carrying trade. The Lake Erie steamers will carry flour and grain. The management of the Toledo flouring mills has made arrangements to ship to Liverpool by water two-thirds of its output of 5,000 barrels a day. Col Reynolds is president of the new steamship company.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY
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Whitehead & Mitchell
Birmingham, Mich.

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

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

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 8 miles south of Pontiac and 3½ miles northwest of Birmingham. Twelve acres good timbered land, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair. Farm well watered. The land is excellent for raising all kinds of crops. Call at this office and we will go with you to see this farm. Price $4,500; one half down balance on long time if desired.

BARGAIN NO. 8.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 7 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 25 in timber. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

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

Bargain No. 15.

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

Bargain No. 23.

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

MAKE MONEY.

The property is known as the "Wilde Farm," is just on the outskirts of the village, has a frontage of half a mile on each side of Saginaw avenue and about 40 rods on Cemetery avenue, all of which can be platted to great advantage and make desirable lots. With the water works and the prospects of electric lights and an electric railway in the village in the near future, and in view of other improvements already made, we think it worthy of the consideration of speculators. Any further information will be gladly furnished. Address EXCHANGE BANK, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 24.

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

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple avenue, close to the business portion of Birmingham, consisting of a house and three lots, owned by [illegible] Wooster. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, plenty small fruits and a sidewalk that goes [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 rent my very desirable new brick dwelling house, carriage house and lands situated in Birmingham, Mich. The house is built on the most improved and modern plan, well heated with hot water, splendid bath room, hot and cold water in abundance through the house, fine garden and vineyard. Eight varieties of grapes, plums, cherries and pears, raspberries and strawberries, 5 acres of land, have always kept 2 cows and one horse. Splendid lawn in fact everything complete. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will rent to right party on long term or will sell at a very low price, on long time with low rate of interest. This place is only 3 minutes walk from depot. Village water works to be complete this coming summer. Call or address M. K. T[illegible], 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. 43.

This is the chance of a life time for platting into village lots. Two and one-half acres on the west side of Pierce street, owned by Alexander Hutchinson, within ten minutes walk of the depot and five minutes walk of the business portion of the village. Excellent land, lying level and under a fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 44.

A fine residence, comparatively new, with eight goods rooms, bath room, china closets, etc., and a large, convenient barn. The house rents readily for $25 a month, being located on 14th avenue, Detroit, and is in one of the best residence portions of the city. Will sell for $4,000 or exchange for a good farm in this county.

Bargain No. 45.

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

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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. 46.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient to the depot. Just the place for a Detroit or a business man to live. A handsome home on Maple avenue. One minute's walk from depot. Right side of the street, handsomely shaded with evergreens. Whose place is it? J. F. Rundel's, now occupied by J. C. Merrell. Mr. Rundel has decided to sell and offers this property for sale. The house is brick; newly painted throughout, in fine order and complete, has double parlors on ground floor, two bedrooms, sitting and dining room, large wood shed, good well, cistern, and also connected with water works. Good horse barn with sheds, plenty of small fruits. Lot 80x233 feet. Beautiful graded lawn. This property can be had for what it is worth. Call on the owner or THE ECCENTRIC office for particulars.

Bargain No. 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.

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!"—Epock.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	$957,409 38
Bonds and mortgages	296,224 69
Cash in banks in reserve cities	213,663 93
Due from other banks and bankers	11,241 62
Overdrafts	866 63
Furniture and fixtures	7,241 30
Current expenses and taxes paid	9,116 79
Real estate	1,775 00
Exchanges for clearing house	6,630 06
Checks and cash items	1,773 81
Nickels and pennies	59 37
Gold	2,000 00
Silver	6,[illegible]05 00
U. S. and National bank notes	48,781 00
	$1,557,024 57

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	64,000 00
Undivided profits	46,910 27
Savings deposits	393,243 68
Commercial deposits	559,193 16
Deposits of banks and bankers	291,375 48
Certified checks	2,300 00
	$1,557,024 57

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

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1891.
FRANK F. TILLOTSON,
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Deposits Feb. 26, 91, $1,243,814 39

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