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THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY.

The Working People, in Accordance With the Annual Custom, Take a Day of Recreation.

Excursions, Processions, Speeches, Games, Races and Fireworks Constitute the Programme.

The Weather and Crop Reports for the Past Week as Reported by the State Agricultural Bureau.

SAGINAW, Sept. 3.—The labor day parade this year was certainly the largest demonstration of the kind ever held in this place and it was the most successful ever held by all the branches of the central labor union, circle and other societies, besides city and county officials and many honored visitors, bands of music being met at every turn. After marching through the principal avenues on both sides of the river, the procession brought up at Union park, where addresses were made by Mayor Weadock and Hon. Rowland Connor, the rest of the afternoon was taken up with games of all kinds, horse racing, bicycling, foot races, etc., concluding with a ball game. This evening another procession formed and paraded to Arbeiter park, where a great concert was held and later a grand ball, in which many participated.

KALAMAZOO, Sept. 3.—Labor day was the most successful affair of the kind ever held here. The city was profusely decorated, and martial music and strains from numerous brass bands added to the enthusiasm on all sides. Nearly the whole of the second regiment, Michigan state troops, turned out with Col. Irish in command. The parade was the grand feature, Capt. Rufus B. Hardy being grand marshal. The industrial display was especially interesting, and nearly every factory in the city was represented. The exercises in Bronson park were witnessed by a large crowd. Very Rev. Frank A. Dwyer was chaplain of the day and Hon. W. G. Howard presided. The oration by Judge George M. Buck was eloquent and timely.

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 9.—Labor day was observed very quietly here with a parade of about 1,000 men. The parade had the celebration here and the remainder of the day was spent in visiting the various suburban resorts. The formal exercises were held at Ottawa Beach. James E. McBride delivered an oration and was followed by games and an exhibition by the life saving crew.

JACKSON, Sept. 9.—One of the largest labor demonstrations ever held in Central Michigan took place in this city. A labor parade took place, in which fully forty organizations of laboring men and farmers took part. The parade was two and one-half miles long, several unions from Battle Creek participated.

MUSKEGON, Sept. 9.—Not a wheel turned in o'the mills or factories in Muskegon, the labor day celebration being general and complete. In the afternoon there was a mammoth procession of the trade unions and in the afternoon speeches and games at Lake Michigan park.

OWOSSO, Sept. 9.—Ten divisions of labor organizations, state troops and K. of P. uniformed rank participated in the parade. The exercises consisted of speaking, prize drills, bicycle races and fireworks in the evening. Gov. Winans was present with other distinguished guests. This is the largest crowd here since the great G. A. R. reunion five years ago.

BAY CITY, Sept. 9.—Labor day was observed by the St. Andrew's society at Athletic park, where a program of Caledonian games was carried out. The Longshoremen's union and members of other organizations went to Saginaw.

The day was observed throughout the state in some way; games, exercises, speeches and fireworks being the most popular ways.

The United Friends.

DETROIT, Sept. 7.—The installation of the following officers closed the session of the United Friends of Michigan, which met last week: Supreme commander, W. H. Andrews, Grand Rapids; supreme assistant commander, Dr. J. Kerangan, Detroit; supreme vice-commander, E. P. Guild, Saginaw; supreme secretary, E. P. Lamb, Flint; supreme treasurer, Charles Weisman, Detroit; supreme medical director, F. W. Edelmann, Saginaw, E. S.; supreme legal adviser, Thomas Hislop, Saginaw; supreme chaplain, Lucia Willur; supreme marshal, D. E. Adams, Otisville; supreme warden, Charles Williams, Bay City; supreme sentinel, S. L. Brigham, West Bay City; supreme sentry, J. H. Durling, Milford; supreme trustees, Charles Williams, Bay City, chairman, J. W. Koch, Detroit; H. C. Benton, Mt. Clemens; Anthony Seifert and J. Dorman, Detroit. Past Supreme Commander Dr. G. A. Kirker of this city, the original founder of the order in the state, was presented with a handsome purse of gold bags.

The Pestiferous Worm.

FOWLERVILLE, Sept. 7.—A peculiar kind of worm is working upon the trees in the woods of Mr. Adam Zahn, in the township of Cohoctah, this county, stripping the trees entirely of their foliage and leaving them as bare as a mid-winter. There seems to be millions of them, and they are already spreading upon other farms. They are about an inch long and not quite as large in diameter as a straw, and are green and white in color.

WILLIAMSTON, Sept. 7.—The army worm is severly injuring the foliage on white oak trees in the eastern part of this township and in the vicinity of Middleville. People afraid a tree until nothing but the skeleton of the leaves remain and then pass to another in regular systematic order. People jarring the limbs are often covered by the falling worms.

State Weather and Crop Report.

The reports indicate that the weather conditions of the past week have been too cool for corn, but the other crops are making slow progress. Two weeks of warm weather are needed now and the corn crop will be much improved. Much crops have been materially improved during the week by the copious rainfall in all sections. The ground is now well supplied with moisture, and in fair shape for the fall seeding, which will be general next week. The weather of the past week has been favorable to securing the late oats from the field, and in Saginaw county some are damaged from the rain, which fell in the shock. If the frosts hold off for ten days corn will be secured in good shape, and will be better than was anticipated.

Shot His Uncle.

ALPENA, Mich., Sept. 8.—Fred Bratten of this city was shot in the right eye Monday afternoon by John Carr, his 21-year-old cousin. The boys had been out with revolver loaded with buckshot. Bratten may live, but it is doubtful, the physicians think the shot reaching the brain. Carr was arrested and is in jail. Both Bratten and Carr have lived with Carr's widowed mother, who is Bratten's aunt, and jealousies has been in the habit of kicking and abusing young Carr. Both were drunk Monday and got into a row which resulted some wood. Bratten choked Carr, and a neighbor interfered and parted them. Carr then went into the house, got his revolver and came out and shot Bratten. Carr is a rather tough youngster and had a fight with another man an hour before he shot his uncle.

Hon. E. P. Allen, of Ypsilanti, will go to Ohio, Oct. 8, to assist the republicans of the state. From there he goes to Massachusetts on a lake errand.

Militia and Ball Players Fight.

GALVESTON, Sept. 9.—Quite a serious fight occurred on the fair grounds Monday afternoon between those ball players and their friends and the militia, which took part in the labor day celebration. The wheel works team was playing a game of ball with the Pelz team, when the militia marched on to the field to drill. They broke up the game and in the melee several players were cut. Captain Dawes was clubbed across the neck with a sabre and a number of others were injured. The ball players claim to have had permission to use the grounds and the militia claim the ball is improper while troops are in the

SABBATH NOT SACRED.

Death of a Respected Citizen.

GRAND RAPIDS, Sept. 7.—W. W. Chalmers, superintendent of schools, has received a telegram notifying him of the death of his father, Andrew Chalmers, at Columbus. He was 62 years old, for 27 years a resident of Kent county, and was respected by a large circle of friends throughout the state. He leaves a widow, four daughters and a large and powerful family of sons, Prof. James Chalmers and Rev. Thomas Chalmers, of Columbus, Rev. Andrew Chalmers, of Greenville, Prof. W. W. Chalmers, of this city, all holding excellent positions, the aggregate salaries. But a few years ago this remarkable family was sheltered by the roof of a little farm house in Sparta.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

London is building a new town hall.

Marcellus has voted against water works.

The Rivers dispensaries are on a strike.

The new town hall and opera house at the village of Burr is finished.

The cornerstone of the First Presbyterian church at Vassar has been laid.

Battle Creek women are making a hard fight to elect female school inspectors.

During the past week a car of cucumbers has been shipped from Ionia county.

Messrs. Eveland, Kaickerbocker & Co., of Mayville, will establish a bank at Manchester.

Oscar Sanborn, of Rockwood, was run over and killed by a freight train at Attica last week.

Jackson will secure the Ceresco manufacturing company, which makes the Dandelion harvester.

A new town hall, having a second story for occupancy by the Foresters, will be constructed at Amadore.

There is good demand for experienced women at Saginaw; wages offered are from $22 @ $26 per month.

The Masonic bodies of Bay City are making preparations for a fair to be given the week before Christmas.

Rev. Father Duling, chaplain of St. Joseph's retreat at Dearborn, died at Jackson, Saturday, of pneumonia.

Sanilac county received 592,000 pounds of milk during August, from which 26 tons of cheese were manufactured.

Williams & Chapman, of Perrysburg, O., are trying to induce a Spaniard for their butter dish and bowl factory.

Leroy S. Upton, of Big Rapids, who graduated from West Point this year, has been ordered to Sidney, Neb., for duty.

N. Whitely, a popular citizen of near Marlette, suffered a stroke of paralysis on the 3rd inst., from which he cannot recover.

By mistake O. J. Williams, of Van Buren county, filled a lamp with gasoline. It exploded, badly burning himself and wife.

R. R. Wakefield, of Fowlerville, has thrashed 574 bushels of oats from eight acres, an average of seventy-two bushels per acre.

A photographic counterfeit of a new $5 bill was presented at the First national bank, of Bay City, Saturday. It is supposed to be of local origin.

An organization similar to that to the Epworth League, has been formed under the name of the Christian Endeavor union of the Huron Baptist association.

Commander-in-Chief John Palmer, of the G. A. R., has appointed Colonel Grant senior aide-de-camp and D. U. Quint, of Brooklyn, N. Y., assistant adjutant-general.

The board of managers visited the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids last week, and expressed themselves as pleased with the manner in which things are being conducted.

Peter W. Walter, a tailor, of Kalamazoo, who has been addicted to drink, ended his life Saturday morning by taking the contents of a box of rough on rats. He was 58 years old and leaves four children.

The fruit evaporator at Coldwater was burned Sunday with all its contents. Loss $1,800, with no insurance on contents. The fire originated in one of the dryers, and was beyond control when discovered.

The second union fair by the Sanilac county and Croswell agricultural societies will be held at Lexington September 25 and 26. A race meeting, at which liberal purses will be offered, will be conducted in connection with the fair.

The body of a man probably a sailor, wasaned ashore about five miles north of Lexington Saturday morning. It had evidently been in the water a long time, and was badly decomposed. The remains were buried in the Burlington cemetery.

The report of the state salt inspector shows that 448,953 barrels of salt were inspected during the month of August, by counties as follows: Saginaw, 133,849; Saginaw, 100,506; Bay, 90,438; Mason, 56,953; St. Clair, 31,630; Iosco, 31,478; Huron, 6,662; Midland, 3,634.

Geo. G. Cooke, for more than twenty years purchasing agent for the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad company will retire Sept. 15 when a successor will be required. It is understood the place will be filled by a classmate of General Manager Baldwin.

Herbert Cook, John Stange, A. Swanson and Ira Warren have been arrested at Manistee for cashing forged and altered time checks at the auditor's office of the Manistee & Grand Rapids railroad. Cook was timekeeper and made out the checks which the others passed in.

Supt. C. F. Newkirk, of the state public school at Coldwater, has accepted a lucrative position as superintendent of the Houghton, Mifflin publishing company, with headquarters at Chicago. Mr. Newkirk is an Indiana man, and a graduate. He has made an excellent record at the school except in the Nellie Griffin matter.

Albert Emerick, aged 30 years, who disappeared from his home near Ionia Sunday about three years ago, and who was supposed to have been murdered, his brother identifying some remains found near Ionia as belonging to the missing man, was found recently in an Indiana insane asylum, and brought back home. He has been insane ever since.

Gen. M. B. Cutchous, of Manistee, has moved to Grand Rapids with his family. A delegation of several political citizens of Manistee called upon the family before their departure to wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home. A dress was made by Major Wheeler, who also presented in behalf of the citizens a set of resolutions of regret.

While Abe Sinquist, a marine diver, was working at Muskegon Saturday the air tube in connection with the air pump broke. He was hoisted immediately to the line, but he managed to crawl to the surface by the aid of a ladder. His head and shoulders without his diving dress, opened and blood was gushing from his eyes, ears and nose. He now lies in a critical condition.

Andrew Thompson, a sailor on the schooner Trowbridge, was drowned at Chicago by the capsizing of the yawl while returning to the schooner Friday night in heavy weather. Thompson slipped from Chicago, was 20 years old, and single. The mate clung to the bottom of the boat, drifted ashore on Lighthouse Point, and found his way to the lighthouse keeper's residence about dawn exhaustion.

Aaron Welch has a farm near Seville, Lenawee county, on which Carr was hired in his barn, and sold "lemonade" to the guests. The boys and girls patronized the refreshment stand with money which they was surprising, and their antics after quaffing the pale liquid were still more surprising. A free fight occurred one night. Welch has been arrested at the instance of the United States collector of internal revenue, and will have a hard time in proving his innocence.

C. H. Tanner's mill at Oceola has gone into decay for want of business, and he is being shipped to Mississippi, where Mr. Tanner will erect a mill, having purchased a large track of timber there.

IN LOVE OR INSANE.

An Illinois Man Kills His Betrothed and Then Shoots.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Sept. 9.—Dr. Chas. E. Ballard, of Saybrook, Ill., and Miss Martha Irene Jones, late of Baker City, Or., daughter of the late Judge Luther B. Jones, of the latter place, were the parties of a sensational tragedy Monday night in this city. Dr. Ballard came to the city and secured a license to marry Miss Jones, who came from Chicago, where she had been a year ago to attend college. All day Saturday Ballard engaged in attempts to get Miss Jones to elope with him and Sunday she was her frequently and begged her to become his wife. She thought much of him, but urged him to postpone the event until after her education was completed. Ballard took his leave, bidding her a last adieu, saying he would go to Chicago, never to return to bother her. Monday, however, he appeared at her house and asked to see Miss Jean just for a moment. The interview was granted, and while in the parlor Ballard suddenly produced a revolver and shot her twice, once in the temple and once through the breast, killing her instantly. Turning the smoking revolver still in his hand he rushed wildly to the stable in the rear of the house and there shot himself twice through the head, one of the four times in the region of the heart. He died in a few minutes.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

A king of the cyprides was born recently near Boston.

The nation's bonded debt was decreased $1,091,216 in August.

In a railroad collision near Medina del Campo 48 people were injured.

Senator Squires, of Washington, will not accept the Italian mission.

The island of Trinidad has decided to take part in the world's fair in 1893.

The Ohio Southern railroad will build a branch line from Springfield to Lima, O.

Hon. W. L. Scott, of Erie, Pa., who is dangerously ill, has been taken to Newport.

Work near is beginning to arrive at Leadville, Mina., at the rate of 50 to 75 cars a day.

William Wilson, of Elizabethtown, Col., was gored to death by a mad Jersey bull, Saturday.

The Russian minister of finance has made two issues of 25,000,000 roubles of paper money.

The union cabinetmakers, of Chicago, numbering nearly 1,000, struck Tuesday for an eight hour day.

The New York prohibitionists have nominated a full ticket headed by Wm. J. W. Bruce, a retired farmer, for governor.

Maj. John J. Safely, of Silvenwood, Ind., prominently known in mining and political circles, died Tuesday.

Khedive Pet, a registered Jersey cow, owned by Charles H. Smith, of Greenville, Miss., recently gave birth to four healthy calves.

Charles White, the American manager of the London Illustrated News, was married Monday to Mrs. Emma Nagel at Chicago, Ill.

The freight brakemen and conductors on the Lake Erie and Western railroad have struck again because the new schedule did not prove satisfactory to them.

The Mississippi valley lumbermen's association has been organized at Minneapolis, Minn. The chief object of the association is to raise the price of lumber.

C. P. Huntington, the railroad magnate, has purchased the Astoria & South Coast railroad in Oregon, for $74,000. It will be connected with the Southern Pacific system.

Hon. Dr. Lorimer, in dedicating a baptist church at Chicago Sunday, said that Sunday should not be considered a sacred day, but rather as a day of rest and amusement.

Mrs. Mary Salisbury died at Bellingham, Minn., Monday night, aged 102 years. She was blind for many years and, in old age, dying. The couple had been married 80 years.

Opponents of the Catholic parochial schools in North Dakota are trying to have them closed because the sisters who teach in them have no certificates from the state authorities.

George Ott, aged 22, fatally stabbed his brother John, aged 19, at Allegheny, Pa., Monday night. The boys, being driven into John's left lung near the heart. George was arrested.

"Sister Beatrice," the bogus nun, who as Mrs. Cleveland, and the late Senator Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, for breach of promise, has been arrested in New York as a vagrant.

Mr. Gladstone, in writing against the formation of a British labor party, says that "if every class of the community extended to form a party, we should have a queer parliament."

The trustees of the New York life insurance company have dismissed Theodore M. Banta, the cashier, who made the charges of mismanagement against the president and trustees of the company four years ago.

Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton's "All a Mistake" company has disbanded at Shamokin, Pa., because of lack of patronage. The members of the company objected to continuing the tour unless salaries were paid.

William Foyer, prisoner in the Denver jail, was convicted of a petty offense by a jury of his peers and subjected to 50 lashes on the bare back. The prison authorities saw the outrage and didn't interfere.

James McHugh, night watchman, and Walter Corey, aged 14, were frightfully mangled by the explosion of gas in the water supply house of Bass Bros.' glass factory at Muncil, Ind, Saturday, neither can recover.

The pope's concession to Russia in allowing transports with convicts to pass through the Dardanelles does not effect existing treaties. The vessels must obtain the consent of the porte, through the Russian embassy.

Private advices state that Senator Hawley, of Connecticut, has been offered the place of minister to Germany, between him and that Gen. Hawley has been at Cape May recuperating with President Harrison about the matter.

Writs of habeas corpus have been sworn out at New York in the cases of the Russian Jews who have been released at the barge office, and Acting Superintendent of Immigration O'Beirne will have to show cause why they should not be permitted to land.

James R. Garfield, son of the late president, was a candidate for the Ohio senate from the Cleveland district, but at the convention Tuesday he was moved from the ticket by Col. F. L. Lampson, a Foraker adherent. Young Garfield is a Sherman partisan.

Charles H. Ege and E. L. Maguire, formerly trial judge clerks at the court house in Keystone bank, Philadelphia, have been arrested charged with making false entries in the ledgers, and with making false statements as would tend to deceive the bank examiners.

The authorities at all places which the German emperor will pass on his way to the Schwarzman maneuvers have been notified to prepare for the waving of flags and the throwing of flowers, as it is feared that demonstrations are likely to frighten the emperor's horse and endanger his recently injured knee.

The Pennsylvania democratic convention last week nominated Robt. E. Wright for auditor-general, and A. L. Tilden for state treasurer. The platform arraigns and condemns the republican party for its extravagant and reckless legislation. It also declares that gold and silver should be coined in such quantities as to be legal tender on a parity.

Hon. Benjamin Hall died at Auburn, N. Y., Sunday, aged 77. He was appointed chief justice of Colorado in 1861. A decision made by him, declaring that the writ of habeas corpus could be suspended in cases of armed rebellion, went far to defeat the scheme of the secessionists to capture the territory during the civil war.

THE JUNTA RECOGNIZED.

The German Government Instructed Their Minister in Chili to Recognize the New Government.

United States Minister Egan's Action Approved by the State Department at Washington.

Robbers Attempt to Hold up a Train in Colorado, but Meet With a Very Warm Reception.

The Junta is Recognized.

VALPARAISO, Sept. 9.—The German minister to Chili asked the admiral commanding the German war ships in harbor here to surrender Vicuna and some other political refugees on board the Sophie. The admiral refused, and on Friday cabled Emperor William for instructions.

The German government notified the late minister of foreign affairs, Aug. 12 that the congressionalists would be recognized as belligerents by the Germans. The state department at Washington has approved the action of Minister Egan in endeavoring to bring about a cessation of hostilities. The minister was instructed to recognize the junta as the government of Chili.

Stopped the Wrong Train.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—The Los Angeles express was held up by two masked men a few miles south of Modena Thursday night. The robbers boarded the train at Ceres and compelled Engineer Neff and Fireman Hall to assist them in the headlight and fill the boiler with water. They then made them get down and go to the express car, which they ordered opened. Conductor Roche and Brakeman Fox were in the front car and had locked themselves in the baggage room. The conductor's lantern was a signal for a shot from the robbers which caused the trainmen to open the door. Detectives Harris and Lawson happened to be on the train and at once started toward the robbers, who soon saw they could not get the car door and a boom was exploded which made an opening for the robbers to crawl through, but they evidently thought it risky business and they took to their horses without securing any booty. Officers are after them.

Serious Phase of L. E. & W. Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 7.—The Lake Erie and Western strike is now more serious. Not a freight wheel has been turned on either the Lafayette or Indianapolis division. Sheriff Morris of Tipton, Woods has issued a restraining order against the strikers to protect the company buildings and property. The men are on strike. At Peru Thursday night a train was manned and ready to start, but was stopped down upon by the strikers and sidetracked. The men on the Sandusky division are out temporarily awaiting the decree of the brotherhood of locomotive engineers, which is to decide whether or not they will be scabs if they remain on duty. They will be ordered down upon by the strikers if the scab class they will remain out. General Manager Bradbury has declared that there is no conference between the road officials and the strikers.

A New Atlantic Cable.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—An important announcement has just been made by Gov. Ambrose Shea, of the Bahama islands, now visiting here, that arrangements have been fully made for the laying of a cable from Jupiter inlet to the Florida coast of the United States, which, if, as it is hoped, the contract provides that the same shall be in working order by Dec. 20 of this year, will be accomplished. He has come with the United States government land wires to Jacksonville, Fla.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.	
CATTLE—Good to choice...	$2 50 @ $3 00
Medium...	2 00 @ 2 25
Common...	1 50 @ 1 75
SHEEP...	4 15 @ 5 00
LAMBS...	4 50 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 1 red...	94 @ 95
Red spot. No. 2...	97 @ 97
Wheat spot. No. 2...	97 @ 97½
CORN—No. 2 spot...	56 @ 56
No. 2 yellow...	56 @ 56
Corn—No. 2 white, spot...	57 @ 57
OATS—No. 2 white...	31 @ 31
Oats—No. 2 white, spot...	31 @ 31
RYE...	84 @ 84
BARLEY...	1 00 @ 1 00
BEANS—Per bushel...	1 90 @ 2 00
HAY—Per ton...	8 50 @ 9 00
PEAS—Per bushel...	60 @ 60
POTATOES—Per bu...	25 @ 30
BRAN—Per ton, car lots...	75 @ 80
Chop feed—Per cwt...	1 10 @ 1 15
FLOUR—Per bbl...	2 50 @ 3 25
BUTTER—Per lb...	15 @ 16
CHEESE...	8 @ 8½
EGGS—Per doz...	16 @ 16½
Chicago.	
CATTLE—Prime...	$5 75 @ $6 25
Common...	3 50 @ 5 50
HOGS—Mixed...	5 00 @ 5 40
Choice...	5 75 @ 5 90
LAMBS—Common...	4 00 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red...	92½ @ 92½
No. 3 spring...	87½ @ 87½
CORN—No. 2 white...	57½ @ 57½
OATS—No. 2...	29 @ 29
No. 2 white...	31 @ 31
BARLEY...	64 @ 64
HAM PORK...	10 75 @ 10 75
LARD...	6 50 @ 6 50
St. Louis.	
CATTLE—Native...	$3 35 @ $5 00
HOGS...	5 50 @ 5 15
BEEF—Good to choice...	4 75 @ 5 15
LAMBS...	3 75 @ 7 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red...	1 01½ @ 1 02½
CORN—No. 2...	57 @ 57½
OATS...	25½ @ 25
Buffalo.	
CATTLE—Steers...	$3 25 @ $5 60
Cows—All grades...	1 00 @ 3 00
SHEEP...	4 00 @ 5 75
LAMBS...	5 25 @ 6 75
Boston.	
CATTLE...	$3 25 @ $5 40
HOGS...	5 20 @ 5 40
SHEEP...	4 00 @ 4 75
LAMBS...	5 25 @ 5 75

Weekly Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Business improves in all sections of the country, but because of injury to the cotton crop, the country's hopes are not so high as when that crop is out of danger and of enormous, undoubtedly the largest ever grown, and movings with unprecedented speed. The crop has been saved and is very large in most of the spring producing states, and even within the range of recent frosts appears to have escaped injury to any extent. The monetary situation is also decidedly clearer and more favorable. Foreign needs appear less urgent and other nations have shown less inclination to American demands for gold diminished. The reaction in the prices of cotton from American pork imports promises a largely increased demand for important products of cotton, and the prospect of large grain exports for the year. Operations in speculative markets have been more active and wheat has declined 4½c on sales of 48,890,000 bushels, as compared with 38,000,000 last week. Corn has declined 2c, and pork $1.50 per bbl. Cotton has advanced notably more than half a cent. Oats have fallen 2½c and coffee ¼c, but no other product has shown a change. Iron is strengthened by the new German decree, in stocks there has been a remarkable advance, broken on Thursday by some reactions on rumors of frosts. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number 217, as compared with a total of 179 last week, and the corresponding week of last year the figures were 183.

A negro murderer named Wm. Allen was shot by a mob at Gayton, Ga., chained to a tree and shot to death. The mob had killed Marshal Meyers a few days before.

The business of the Louisiana lottery is so reduced that although a $300,000 capital prize is advertised, it is impossible to draw the full prize, so no more than half of any ticket is sold.

The Missouri Pacific railroad has adopted that all smoking be abolished on the road in Arkansas and Louisiana. The men intended to make the point of those states sick of the separate-car-for-negroes law.

CAMP HORROR.

An Incident of the Indian Wars of Twenty-Five Years Ago.

You will wonder, of course, why a soldier's camp should have received such a name, says M. Quad, in the New York World, but it is on the military record, and no man will ever attempt to explain it to you without grieving over the recollections aroused thereby.

It was out in the Indian country, on the Kansas frontier, when the red men were making such a fight against the troops sent out after the close of the rebellion. They had swooped down upon the Smoky Hill stage route and scalped and slaughtered right and left, and our command had been hurried forward to protect such settlers as might have escaped and to open the route again. Day after day the red men hovered on our flanks, and night after night they crept upon us like serpents and sent their silent arrows into camp to find living targets.

One night, when the day had been full of excitement and it seemed as if the Sioux had determined to retreat no further, the sentinels were warned to be on their guard. We knew that peril menaced us, and we who stood sentry after midnight peered into the darkness with bated breath and were ready to fire upon the first suspicious sound. At 1 o'clock I thought I heard a light footstep on the grass. It was a dark night, with now and then a flash of lightning, and I was lonesome sound, and I could not be sure I heard aright.

I waited, with finger on the trigger, and presently I heard the light footstep again, but it did not come to me. Scarcely ten minutes had passed when the sentinel on my right, who was only thirty feet away, fired into the darkness. The report of his carbine had not died away when a loud, wild scream rang out upon the night, and the sentinel who fired it knew that it was uttered by a woman.

It is a good many years back to that night, but I remember every incident as well as if it had happened yesterday. Now and then I have dreamed of it, and that scream has aroused me and taken all my nerve. As soon as we could investigate we found an amazing thing—a woman lying dead on the grass with a year-old baby in her arms! The sentinel had shot her dead as he heard her fall, and the baby was still asleep with one of her arms hugging it to her breast. We looked and looked, and it was hard to believe we saw what we saw. The mother's wife, as we afterward known, who had escaped a massacre more than forty miles away. She had wandered about for five days suffering from hunger and thirst, and had no doubt become crazed with anxiety and exhaustion.

There were none but old veterans in that camp, and there was not a dry eye when that poor dead body was brought into camp and when the wakened baby cried with fright and hunger and thirst. It was the baby of the very trooper who had fired upon the mother. No one blamed him in the least, but he blamed himself. When he realized what had done he turned away from us without a word and walked away as men walk in their sleep. We had washed the mother's life-blood from the house in which Colonel himself was feeding it with the cruel hastily prepared, when there came another shot and another alarm. The Sioux had struck just without the lines and fired a bullet into his own heart. Remorse had driven him to it.

Somewhere in the west that boy baby, now grown to manhood, still lives, but the two graves we dug next morning were years ago leveled and obliterated from all trace. Even that of Gen. Custer the last great day he will awaken the lust of their dead.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

How Francis Joseph Prepared a Dramatic Scene for Mme. Sans Gene.

When Francis Joseph II. was crowned King of Hungary at Pesth in 1867 (June 8), he required an area of point in the ceremony to slide to the summit of a mound in the principal square of the city and, with the Hungarian crown on his head, strike with his sword in each of the quarters of the heavens to indicate that he would defend all enemies from the cardinal points of the universe.

The mound was composed of earth brought from all the provinces of Hungary, says the Saturday Evening Post, and 300,000 people were looking at the empressing as he rode up the incline and drew his sword as he neared the top. On reaching the summit the horse reared and poised himself on his hind feet.

There was breathless suspense in the vast multitude lest the rider should be unhorsed or the crown be thrown from his head. Every day occurrence would have been of the greatest moment, but it could not fail to be regarded as an ill omen for the monarchy, and sure to be followed by national disaster.

The horse knew what was proposed as the Emperor made the required strokes with the sword. As the weapon returned for the second time the animal dropped gracefully to the ground, and there was a sigh of relief when the multitude caught its breath again.

The horse had been "training in the general excitement," said an one-looker who narrated the incident, "although I knew that for three months Renz, the great riding master of Vienna, and one of the best horse trainers of Europe, had been training that horse on a similar mound of earth in the yard of the Imperial stables, and that every day for the previous week or more the Emperor had himself ridden the animal and rehearsed the performance until the horse knew exactly what he was to do and did it according to his teachings."

Little Curious Things.

When the Japanese hitch a horse in the street they do so by tying his four legs together. Hitching posts are never used in Japan or Corea, except by foreigners.

The importance of microbes to the growth of plants has been practically demonstrated by M. Laurent of France, who obtained only one-fourth as much buckwheat from sterilized mold as he did from the soil swarming with bacteria.

In the hippopotamus the eyes, ears and nostrils are set exactly on the same plane. This enables the animal to sink its body entirely below the surface of the water and yet be able to perceive the approach of foes by hearing, sight and scent.

The Sioux Indians of burnished tin, 20 inches in height and 12 in diameter, on the top of Mount Katahdin, placed there by the Appachian Club of Boston, Mass., by means of a rope from which the summit of the peak may be seen.—St. Louis Republic.

Salvation Army on Bicycles.

A cycling corps has been added to the equipment of the salvation army. Fifty young men have been requested to volunteer for three years to travel on wheels.

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Below we offer a few bargains in real estate in this village and the surrounding country. We have more than 100 other bargains in our home in this village or a farm in Oakland county. We can suit you in a home or farm. Now is the time to make other bargains in the real estate line. Now is the time to buy a home. Now is the time to make a bargain. ANYONE having a house and lot for sale can find a purchaser if it is listed with us. No sale is made. We make contracts with the city of Detroit to furnish parties who want to make a home and benefit our patrons.

Bargain No. 13.

Farm in Oakland county, Mich., 3 miles south of Pontiac and 24 miles north of Detroit, 80 acres, 60 acres improved, well fenced land, two orchards, small fruits, house, barn, 10 acres of timber, 2 miles to school. The land is excellent for raising all kinds of grain and potatoes. Price $4,000, on easy terms to one this farm. Price $4,000, on easy terms. Address Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 17.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, miles from Pontiac, 24 from Rochester, on good road, 80 acres, 60 improved, good house, buildings, two orchards, two barns, 10 acres, 20 lightwood. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin baldwin offers her house and lot in Birmingham village at a very low price and on reasonable terms. Very desirable home on the corner of Maple and Pierce streets, containing more than one acre of land, good large house, barn with hay loft, chicken house, well, cistern, pump in the house, good cellars and all in convenient shape for comfort.

Bargain No. 18.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as you want to see in this village, and we have had placed in our hands by Edwin Baldwin, of Birmingham village, the lots on the lake Mason I. James, whose property overlooks the lake, and we offer the 12 lots in one lot for sale, four fronting on Martin street, four on Pierce street and four on the lake, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 30.

Anyone wishing to build, herein offers a lot before they are gone.

Bargain No. 24.

Ass you looking for the best and cheapest farm in Oakland? If so, come to this and see wisely. We can offer you for only $1,600, a farm of 80 acres, 60 improved, well fenced into 10 acres, compactly new, 32x36, substantial barn, 40 x 60 with hay loft, 20 x 30 feet, good well and cistern, six apple bearing trees and 2 acres of orchard, 2 miles to Pontiac, makes it the best bargain yet offered in real estate.

Bargain No. 31.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple street, in the business part of the Birmingham, containing a house and three lots, 75 feet wide, 150 deep, house, 16 x 24 feet, good large roomy, good new barn and a good well and cistern, 1 acre of land, and a side walk the entire 3 years. Price very reasonable. Cash or easy terms.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm of 80 acres, situated in Ira, Mich., consisting of 40 acres of choice farming land, 40 acres well cleared, 12 acres of good timber and the balance fine meadow. Good house, banked up between the studding, number one cellar and good out-buildings. Good barn and two good wells and cisterns, and good water in ever way drank. A good orchard bearing every year and plenty of small fruits. within six miles of post-office, churches and schools. Price very reasonable. Terms easy. For particulars call on or address, James S. Higham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

Such farms as this one are very seldom offered for sale, but as the owner will part with it and asks only what it cost him, it is worth, to the man who can appreciate and all under cultivation but about ten acres which is covered with timber, 2 miles from the village of Birmingham. Good house, horse and grain barn, good cellar, Four lots go with this place all high, dry and near the school house, beautiful shade trees, plenty of 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 on or address Whitehead & Mitchell's Real Estate Agency.

Bargain No. 42.

Two is the choice of a side lots for platting in this village and. Two and one-half acres, on the west side of Pierce street, owned by Alexander Hutchinson, only a few rods south of the depot and five minutes walk of the business portion of the village. Excellent land, level and under a fine state of cultivation. Inquire at this office.

Bargain No. 44.

A fine residence, comparatively new, with all modern improvements, barn, office, closets, etc., and a large, convenient barn. The house is rented for $20 a month, being located on 5th avenue, Detroit, and is in one of the best residence sections of the city. Price $3,500 or $4,000 or exchange for a good farm in this county.

Bargain No. 45.

A fine farm of 80 acres, with a splendid state of cultivation, 24 miles east of the pleasant and prosperous village of Birmingham, Mich., and growing suburban village, is miles from Detroit, on the line of the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad.

Farm has a large and modern expensive, excellent frame, no waste land, good two-story brick house, with all modern forms and all the conveniences ordinarily found in city houses. Good barn and all the outbuildings necessary for a farm. Price $4,000.

Will sell for cash or will exchange for house and lot in a favorable location in Detroit. For full particulars call on or address Whitehead & Mitchell, or John Wild, or

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Bargain No. 47.

A big chance for investors in Royal Oak farm property! 1st chance to buy farms in Royal Oak can be had very cheap. Forty acres heavy timber, 2 miles from Royal Oak, 2 miles south, good large frame house, 2 large barns with cellars, 2 wells, 2 cisterns, 2 orchards, 1 (a dandy), fine cellar under the house and a good cistern in it, 3 acres of peaches, plenty of cherries, pears, peaches, etc. All fenced and cross fenced. Price $3,000. Royal Oak, Terms easy to suit purchaser. For full particulars call on or address Whitehead & Mitchell, the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak, Mich.

Bargain No. 46.

Brick house for sale in Birmingham. Very convenient for a family of farmers, 1 mile from Detroit or a business man to live. A handsome brick house, 2 stories, 8 rooms, 1 mile west from depot. Right side of the street, handsomely shaded with evergreens, lot 100 feet in front by 150 deep. Lot is occupied by J. C. Tomlinson, who owns the house, and he offers this property for sale. The house is brick, 2 stories, 8 rooms, well and cistern and pump complete, has double parlors on ground floor, large kitchen, pantry, cellar, large cellar, large wood shed, good well, cistern, and also cistern in the house, good barn, large lot, fine shade, plenty of small fruits. Lot 100 feet front by 150 deep. Price $2,500. Terms easy. For further particulars call on or address Whitehead & Mitchell, the owner, Sherman Williams, Royal Oak, Mich.

Bargain No. 48.

Of course everyone is wanting some strawberries next spring, and we can offer them a bargain in this line this week. The house and lot on Hamilton street, in Birmingham, will be sold at a ridi