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It is generally safe to be suspicious of the suspicious man. The person who has a doubt may be wrong, but he is at least justified in holding the opinion that the suspicious individual judges others by himself.

BAD luck, as a rule, is simply a man with his hands in his pockets spending his days hanging around a joint or hugging a street corner. Good luck is a man of pluck to meet the difficulties, his sleeves rolled up, working to make it come out all right.

ABOUT this matter of confining all the cranks it will be well for folks to exercise self-control until it is authoritatively decided what constitutes a crank. It must be remembered a man may become a crank on the subject of confining cranks.

PRIDE often miscalculates and more often misconceives. The proud man places himself at a distance from other men. Seen through that distance others perhaps appear little to him. But he forgets that this very distance causes him also to appear equally little to others.

IT is a low standard of civilization, a corrupt and debasing criterion of human nature, that ever commands any member of the human family for obeying laws that are not even divine. It surely ought not to be considered in any decent man marvelous or entirely admirable or commendable, or commen*dation in politics, in society, or in any plane of life that he did not fail in duties the performance of which is the greatest happiness of the vast mass of mankind.

AN EDISON is in his way as imaginative as a Tennyson or as a Keats. Indeed it would not be a misuse of words and it would hardly be an exaggeration, to call our great inventor the Milton of applied science. He sees things in their connections—in their possible as well as in their actual connections; and, as from the scattered suggestions of life an imaginative author composes a consistent work of fiction, he brings the occult forces of nature to work together in the solution of mechanical problems. He, at least, can never dispense with plot.

THERE has been some discussion recently as to the practical value of imagination. A proper definition of that function of the mind removes all doubt as to its necessary use in science. Taken literally, the term signifies simply image-making; but the products of the imagination, as distinguished from those of the fancy, can always be discarded," as Dr. Hickok remarks, "by some law of order, and all the parts are made to subserve the general bearing of the whole intention." A creative or original imagination is not needed to enable the student to become a geometer or an astronomer; but his success, nevertheless, depends upon his ability to connect in an essential unity the details of the science to which he devotes himself.

NOBODY knows when Columbus was born, nor where he was born, nor exactly what he looked like, nor what his real name was. As many cities fight over the honor of his nativity as have disputed over blind Homer. There are in existence ten portraits of Columbus, each alleged to be a true likeness, and yet no two of these pictures at all resemble each other. As for his name, Columbus like Shakespeare, has suffered the privilege of genius, and spelled it according to his changing frame of mind. When he was sick he spelled it one way; when he got better he spelled it another; when he was successful he changed it in that way was unlucky, depressed or momentarily humble he chose another variation of his name; after he had been in a fight or had said his prayers he had still another sort of a signature. So that no one now really knows what his true name was.

WHY in the world, in the name of all that is going on to-day, do not the press and the pulpit begin to sound the alarm that it behooves every wise man to be quite as much afraid of what he calls his virtues as of his vices. They assume no pretentious aims and do not pat him on the back and tell him what a noble fellow he is when he tells a lie or gets intoxicated. But what he calls his virtues, whether intellectual, moral or of the affections, are forever doing this! Ah, intellect! you cannot have too much of it. And so he goes on analyzing and refining till his heart becomes dry as dust and his will nerveless. Ah, devotion to those you love! you cannot have too much of it. And so he becomes selfishly indifferent to everything outside his own family, and ready to sacrifice every claim of public duty or of fidelity to sacred trusts to this one absorbing passion.

SOME contend that a man's imagination can make his life happier, and, if not better worth living, at all events more tolerable. There is no reference here to the enjoyment or the distraction afforded by works of fiction, but rather, we think, to the solace of personal and private existence in the dwelling. Mr. Micawber represents a genuine type. An individual of his class argues that amid the innumerable changes of life, something must eventually turn up for his benefit. He reminds himself that truth is stranger than fiction, and that it is the unexpected which happens. Of course, there are two sides to the question under discussion. There is such a thing as an evil imagination. We do not mean a sicked imagination, but an imagination which conjures up misfortune. Everyone is familiar with the story of the young woman who slept because some day she might be married, and some day she might have a son, and some day that son might fall into the water and be drowned.

THROUGH NORTH MICHIGAN.

The Doings and Happening in Our Two Peninsulas Which are of General Importance.

Indeterminate Sentence Prisoners go Free—Full Pardon Following the Bride at a Wedding.

The Investigations by the Committee on Prisons—Other Saginaw Show the Clerk Guilty.

Our Home at the World's Fair.

The executive committee of the Michigan World's Fair commission have adopted the amended plans submitted by Mortimer L. Smith & Son, of Detroit, for the state building at the fair. The plans adopted call for a building 80 by 120 feet, three stories high, the easterly portion adorned with a number of turreted corners, gables and a tower 110 feet high. On the ground floor main hall will be 40 by 90 feet from the ground, is a balcony capable of accommodating from 400 to 500 people. The building is surrounded by a veranda 400 feet in length and having an average width of 12 feet. Above this, surrounding the second story, is a balcony of the same width, and the easterly portion will be devoted to suits of rooms, sitting room, bedroom and bath, for the officials, and lodging apartment for the janitor and help.

Interminate Sentences Invalid.

The supreme court has denied the application of the attorney-general for a mandamus to compel Circuit Judge Dabell, of Saginaw county, to enter a decree by which he released Wilson from the Jackson prison. Wilson was sentenced under the indeterminate law and immediately after the law was declared unconstitutional habeas corpus proceedings were begun and carried to Judge Dabell went to Jackson upon invitation and sat upon the case. He rendered an elaborate opinion holding that every state official was in order to fully test the case asked the supreme court for the mandamus to compel the judge to enter the decree. By the refusal of the court to act not only Wilson, but also a number of other criminals sentenced under the indeterminate law are entitled to their liberty.

Saginaw's Clerk is Guilty.

The city of Saginaw is without a clerk, the supreme court having affirmed Judge C. Mathews upon conviction of malfeasance and misfeasance in his office. The trial attracted great attention from all classes of citizens. The charges embraced eight counts, each of which accused the respondent of receiving a bribe. The money belonging to the city, paid to him in his official capacity. The municipality was represented by Guy, Lamb, Lauer, Lauer, Despane and during the wedding festivities Sparks says Henry entered the room in an intoxicated condition, and, approaching the bride, whereupon Sparks knocked him senseless. Sparks did all he could to remove Henry and helped to bed in boarding house, but the injured man died soon after. The young bride is prostrated by the tragedy and much sympathy is felt for the groom, who is an estimable young man.

Thai Mortgage Tax Law.

The supreme court has ordered a rehearing upon the new mortgage tax law. In the order the court holds that no authority has hinted that this law, or the bill that preceded it, was never passed by both houses of the legislature. It is for the court to ascertain what the legislative journal shows upon this point, and other changes regarding the legislative proceedings in regard to it will be fully investigated.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Petroleum has been struck at the Kilmaster oil well.

Foresters have 140 courts in Michigan and a reserve fund of $400,000.

County Clerk Smith, of Marquette county, gave naturalization papers to 446 aliens in one day.

Fire damaged the Wertzman manufacturing company's plant in Benton Harbor fully $1,000 worth.

Coulter, the Chippewa county parricide, has been sentenced to imprisonment at Marquette for the remainder of his natural life.

Evangelist Harry Date has been conducting meetings in Owosso the past two weeks and reports 150 conversions.

A new boiler weighing 50 tons and costing $25,000 was put in at Hancock for the Calumet & Hecla mine.

The Toledo, Ann Arbor & Northern railroad has ordered 800 new freight cars and needs them all for its increased freight traffic.

Ex-Representative Minor T. Cole, of Palmyra, has taken 900 bushels of corn and 2,000 bundles of stalks from 65 acres of ground.

The Morning Press, of Grand Rapids, announces that it is not for sale; that "the News" Matters is passed, and a new press is coming.

Four boys who attended a school in Franklin township, Jackson county, are under arrest charged with arson, in charge of the Coldwater state public school.

L. F. Jedkins' store and two unoccupied buildings owned by Wm. Scranton and Mahlon Waters were burned at Paris, Mecosta county. Loss, $1,800; no insurance.

All save one shaft of the Centennial mine near Houghton have been closed. About 150 men were discharged and, as it came as a surprise, their families may suffer.

A horse owned by J. A. Gibney, of Kalamazoo, and valued at $300, broke away from thieves while 6Sft it from M. Welch's barn at that place and returned to its stall.

The People's party is in organized form in Kalamazoo. Whitford Millman is chairman of the county committee; James Powers, secretary, and R. W. Ostrander, treasurer.

Rev. J. B. Robinson, who was at one time a Methodist pastor at Charlston, has been arrested. The charge is the betrayal of his parishioners prefers scandalous charges against him.

Edgar Jones, manager of the Wiggins planing mill at Saginaw, was struck in the side, by a board that flew from a saw. He died from the effects of the injury. He leaves a widow.

William A. Palmer, late of Hartford, the convicted salcoiner who skipped out the state summer after being sentenced to pay a fine of $250 and serve 90 days in jail, is now hid behind the bars.

Sheriff Fleming, of Jackson, has $1,000 reward for the capture of Dan Winans, who was armed with a requisition from Gov. Winans.

George Wilson escaped from the county jail at Alpena by filing the iron bars from the second floor cell. Two friends hovered outside of the window showed that he had two accomplices. He was held awaiting trial for stealing Dr. Bigelow's $1,000 horse last summer and upon other charges. He was wanted at Kalamazoo for burglary.

Richard H. Wood, chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of public instruction, has been appointed deputy superintendent of the State Reform School, and will assume the duties March 1.

The bonds voted two years ago in aid of a railroad through Branch Springs have been called in and destroyed. The council of that town promises to issue new bonds if called upon, its ability to do so is undoubted.

The new Methodist church at Muskegon Heights has been dedicated. Rev. W. A. Hunsicker, of the Central church, was delivering the discourse. The church is a handsome structure and was dedicated free from debt.

Rev. R. A. Emerick, of New Lothrop, has the plans and specifications for a new M. E. church that is to be erected in the Village of Middlebush, Shiawassee county. He will receive sealed proposals from contractors up to April 1.

At the little village of Kingston, Sanilac county, a young man named Lossing wedded a village belle against her parents' wishes. Now the old people have sued Lossing for $4 per day board covering meals furnished him while courting their girl.

Marshall was once a boom town, too. It sank $5,000 in securing cycle works and now they are to be removed some place in Wisconsin. Its last big factory is going to Benton Harbor, and Marshall has no bonus to give any concern that can't get along here or in the years without a renewal of the sticking plaster.

Mac Gipp, for many years foreman in the Calumet and Hecla rock house at Hancock, is in jail at Red Jacket charged with an attempt to kill Jacob Kastner, an employe of the mine. Gipp followed Kastner and shot him four times in the back, but none of the bullets inflicted fatal wounds. It was the outgrowth of a quarrel.

Mrs. Ada L. Johnson, the great recordkeeper of the ladies of the Maccabees, announces that the rumors of the removal from Muskegon to Saginaw of the headquarters of the order are without foundation. The legion was the birthplace of the order and until the chief executive officers come from elsewhere the headquarters will remain there.

If any dear reader of this paragraph has a fire insurance policy it will pay him to read its fine print. Also if he has a mortgage on the policy in plain, cold letters. Jennie P. Gould suffered a fire loss of $600 and had the policy in the bottom of her trunk. Proof of loss he sent the company within 30 days. The supreme court says that she need not have done so.

Conrict Wilson, who secured his liberty from Jackson by means of habeas corpus proceedings, has been released from prison. Along with him went John Smith, a man who has just served out a 30 year sentence. He is now about 60 years old and was convicted from Wayne county for assault with intent to kill. Three other prisoners were also released.

Col. Albert C. Boone, of Zanesville, O., has been at Grand Haven, and is now in Muskegon on business connected with the establishment of a lake and rail line by way of Grand Haven to Milwaukee. Col. is representing Gen. Lucius Fairchild, of Grand Diamond system. His project is to extend the line from Toledo to Grand Haven and thence across the lake to Chicago.

A land and dock company has been organized in Muskegon to improve property at Port Sherman, at the mouth of the Muskegon river. The object is to make a first class harbor. The building of warehouses for winter lines of boats, the erection of a large iron manufacturing plants to be located on the docks are among the general progress and among the objects contemplated.

For Michigan's school exhibit at the world's fair it is proposed to have a full collection of photographs of school buildings from the most insignificant to the most elaborate and expensive. Special work will be made a very prominent feature, which will include drawing, kindergarten work and manual training apparatus. There will be bound volumes of manuscript work, combining class exercises and examinations in history, civil government, laboratory, high school cabinet and library; high school journalism will also be represented by files of the papers and bound volumes of papers prescribed by the scholars of high schools.

Attacks Alger's War Record.

The New York Herald's correspondent dips his what they term the war record of Gen. R. A. Alger, of Detroit. The article says that Alger asked for a leave of absence when in the Shenandoah valley campaign and on being refused left his command—he being then a colonel—and went to Washington where he remained during the important days. This fact was reported by Gen. Custer to Gen. Merritt and by him to Gen. Sheridan. Upon investigation Alger was dishonorably discharged. The punishment was softened and he was merely dismissed.

In reply Gen. Alger says that at Shepherdstown, Va., he was ordered by Gen. Custer to take charge of the brigade of Custer at that point as Custer had gone before with the brigade. Gen. Alger was taken sick and sent to the hospital at Georgetown, Md., and on recovering was detailed to courtmartial duty, which he resigned because of the pressure of business. He had served three years; participated in 66 battles and skirmishes, was promoted on the field for gallantry, was twice voted to and was presented brigadier and major-general without application. * * * Custer never in any way, shape or manner ordered me from my command a moment, except on leave of absence or sickness. I never received a censure from my superior officer in any way, shape or manner. Custer was a dear friend, and Gen. Custer, who always claimed to be a friend and visited me frequently, I could say that he was the first to correct, but when I first heard of Gen. Sheridan was his death bed and unable to see any one, Gen. Custer was dead. * * * I never knew or suspected that there was the slightest question about my record as a soldier. I received a letter of sick and wounded men to Annapolis, and as I said, Gen. Custer's recommendation was the first I received. One of the most cruel outrages that was ever perpetrated upon a soldier.

MADE THE FATAL LEAP

Meredith Staley, the Famous Bridge Jumper, Leaps Just Once Too Often in Cincinnati.

The Victims of the Chilian Mobs Lay in Big Claims on for Damages —Cabinet Crisis Ends.

Dr. McGlynn, the Ex-Condemned Priest, Lectures to Workmen—Three Men Killed in a Landslide.

A Bridge-Jumper's Fatal Leap.

Meredith Staley, the bridge jumper, made what was probably a fatal leap from the Cincinnati and Covington bridge at Cincinnati, a distance of over 200 feet, into the Ohio river. A party of men raised a purse of $25, which they offered to Staley and his wife if they would refrain from the bridge together. Mrs. Staley refused on account of the sum being too small and the water too cold. After an hour named Staley walked out to the center of the bridge and made the leap. As he jumped he gave a piece of wood floating in the water and turned his body in the descent to avoid striking it. In consequence he fell flat and when he came up it was seen that he was hurt. A boat soon took him to the shore, where he was dressed and taken home. Those who subscribed to the purse were alarmed at the result and made themselves scarce without handing over the money.

Because She was Unfaithful.

An infuriated husband beating his wife into unconsciousness by repeatedly striking her head against a lamp post was the sight witnessed by a crowd in Chicago. Just as the woman was about to enter a street car, John Ring stepped forward, grabbed her arm and dragged her away with him. To those standing near who remonstrated he said: "She is my wife and is very drunk. I am going to take her home." After proceeding a short distance he threw her to the ground, and with one knee on her breast held her down. Seizing her head in his hands, he repeatedly struck her head upon the pavement. When the police arrived and arrested him, the victim was unconscious. She became conscious long enough to state that Ring had been abusing her for her. Her skull is fractured and it is not thought she can recover. Hough says he used to love her because she was unfaithful to him.

Chili's Victims Want Big Damages.

A San Francisco special says: The state department will be astonished when it gets in a few days the formal claim of the sailors on the Baltimore who were arrested by the Valparaiso mob. Layer F. Alleyne Orr has the cases of 24 men who were all wounded in the riots. April 21 and 22. They are common sailors or coal heavers, but they want big money for their rough handling and for loss of time. Their aggregate claims boot up $1,000,000. The largest sums are demanded by John Hamilton, sailor, and Thomas Hughes, coal heaver. They both apply for $150,000 apiece. Hamilton is three bad wounds, and declares there is not a square inch of his body except the one wound that refuses to be disabled by several wounds the most serious being in the leg. Other claims vary from $50,000 to $100,000.

Suffocated in a Mine.

She Mollie Gibson mine at Aspen, Col., was the scene of a terrible accident that caused the death of three men, a fourth man escaping by mere chance. The men were working in the bottom of the shaft of the dirt and rock they bulkheaded the shaft at the fourth level and made a chute to waste the dirt in the abandoned workings. The chute became choked up and water was poured on the stuff and rock in it to make it come out. Suddenly there was a noise as if someone's part the mountain on the mass of dirt, taking no probability for safety. The body of water burst in with terrific force, carrying three men with it. They were covered with the slide and suffocated. Their bodies were also on the dirt, but caught hold of the timber in the roof and saved his life.

Dr. McGlynn Hopes to by Restored.

Dr. Edward McGlynn says: "When I was ordered to go to Rome some years ago the order was not given in an order to make a written retraction of the political and economic doctrines which I had preached. As a work, my case was prejudiced. The United States is a missionary country, and is therefore controlled by the propaganda. Cardinal Simeoni, the prefect of the propaganda, was prejudiced against me. He died a few weeks ago, and Cardinal Ledochowski was appointed to succeed him. Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, reached Rome two days ago, and I expect soon to be invited to a reconciliation. The reconciliation is going to hope that I will be restored to the ministry without retracting the political and economic truths which I have preached and still preach."

Tax-Eating Dogs.

John Pratt and his 7-year-old daughter, who lived near Leonard, Ks., are the latest victims of the wild dogs which infest that section of the country. The father of the state and which of late this season are particularly ferocious. Pratt and his child were in the woods a few miles from their home when they were attacked by a pack of dogs. The father, after a desperate struggle, succeeded in killing the animals, but the child was torn to pieces before Pratt was overcome.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Baron Albert Rothschild has donated $50,000 towards building a consumption hospital in Vienna.

Buffalo Bill, who is in Chicago, says his wild west show will return from Europe in time for the world's fair.

Another rich vein of gold has been struck at Copper Rock, Col., which promises to be even richer than the Orphan Boy mine.

Twenty-four freight cars were thrown from the Nashua bridge, in Massachusetts, into the river. Conductor Connors was killed.

Richard Cattle, Alice Wallace and Miss Stratton were seriously injured by a coasting accident in Goderich, Ont. Miss Stratton may die.

Rt. Hon. Joseph J. Chamberlain has been unanimously elected leader in the house of commons of the unionist party, to succeed Lord Hartington.

Colorado Democrats celebrated Samuel J. Tilden's birthday. Letters were read from Cleveland, Vest, Grace and several others of national fame.

The Montreal board of trade wants the Canadian government to reduce the tolls on grain passing through the Welland and St. Lawrence canals to 2 cents per ton.

The resignation of Wm. H. Boers as president of the New York Life Insurance Co. has been accepted by the trustees. Boers goes on a pension of $25,000 a year for life.

A plan to run wheelbacks loaded with grain from St. Louis to Europe, by way of the Mississippi river, the Gulf of Mexico, is being considered by eastern capitalists.

Christian Lankhof, still alive but fearfully burned, was found by a section man on the elevated road at the Brooklyn bridge in New York. It is believed to be a case of attempted suicide.

Brakeman Eldredge, of Toledo, was killed by a freight train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern road, which was derailed near Bellevue, O. The engine and six cars were destroyed.

Caroline Gardner was chased by five men near Pittsburg. When she reached her home she fell in the door in convulsions and died soon after. The men were arrested and held for manslaughter.

Catcher Michael Logan, of the Scranton, Pa., base ball club, made a mine-run chasing some roughs who had stoned him and two companions and tumbled 100 feet to the bottom. Jackawanna & Western railroad bridge into the creek, being instantly killed.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

SENATE.—The finance committee on the 9th reported adversely the bankruptcy bill. To provide for the free coinage of gold and bullion (Mr. Stewart's); to increase the circulating medium by making treasury notes based on gold and silver coin and bullion (Mr. Pfeffer's); for the retirement of national bank notes, for the coinage of silver and the promotion of the international free coinage of silver (Mr. Plumb's); for the loan of money to the farmers of Indiana (Mr. Pfeffer's); making certain issues of money a full legal tender in payment of all debts (Mr. Jones'); to bill providing for a monument to Gen. Grant, in Washington, D. C., was introduced. Also a bill to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons to this country was referred. Remarks in eulogy of the late Senator Houston, of Delaware, were made. Adjourned. HOUSE.—Some life was manifested in this session. Resolutions were referred to the various appropriate committees. A resolution was referred which directed the secretary of the treasury to suspend the right of the secretary of the treasury to employ the $100,000,000 gold reserve for current expenditures. The bill was passed making the secretary of agriculture a member of presidential succession after the secretary of state. While considering the military appropriation bill the House Adjourned.

SENATE.—The joint resolutions to pay West Virgina her proportion of the direct tax went over without action, on the 10th, as did the public printing bill. Gen. Gordon took the oath of office. Executive session. Adjourned. HOUSE.—A resolution was passed for the appointment of a select committee to investigate the methods of business, etc., in the pension bureau. Mr. Bland's bill for free coinage, of gold and silver was reported favorably, committee on coinage weights and measurements was placed on the calendar. Adjourned.

SENATE.—The bill to publish a biennial military register was favorably postponed on the 11th. A bill to amend the law as to coasting trade on the great lakes was passed after considerable talk. It requires that any vessel touching at intermediate ports to make a statement of quantity and nature of goods delivered or shipped at that port, the object being to preserve correct statistical information of the commerce of the ports. Adjourned. HOUSE.—The day was consumed in an attempt to appoint Maj. W. F. Hallock as assistant doorkeeper, and the committee of the whole proceeding on the military academy bill. The appointment of Maj. Hallock was defeated. Adjourned.

SENATE.—No session on the 12th. HOUSE.—The military academy appropriation bill was passed after having several days devoted to it. April 13 was set apart for the delivery of eulogies to the late Hon. M. H. Ford, of Michigan. After the passage of the private calendar the private calendar a bill for the relief of the heirs of the late Gen. Jno. A. Quilman, of Mississippi, was passed over the veto. They will appropriating $1,000,000. Adjourned.

SENATE.—No session on the 13th. HOUSE.—The speaker appointed a committee—naming Judge Wheeler, of Michigan, chairman—to investigate the famous Credit Mobilier matter. A resolution directing the committee on manufactures to investigate the infamous Pacific pooling bill was passed after being amended so as to direct the committee to inquire into the results of the McKinley bill as to the labor and wages. The bill for the better control and to protect the safety of national banks was passed. The indian appropriation bill was reported to the committee of the whole. Adjourned.

SENATE.—The committee on military affairs reported adversely, on the 15th, the bill for the increase of the infantry and artillery of the army, but reported a substitute bill, which was placed on the calendar, to reorganize those branches. Recommendations from the treasury department for action on the urgent deficiency appropriations were referred. A bill appropriating $15,000,000 for the Mississippi river improvement was calendered. A current resolution was passed instructing the immigration committee to visit all branches to investigate the workings of the various laws relating to immigration, in a supplementary way to the visit to the dock on the government reservat on near Algiers, La., was passed. A bill for the construction of a bridge across the Ohio at Mount river and two bridges across the Missis ppi was passed. The bill for preventing of adulteration and misbranding of food and drugs went over without action. Adjourned. HOUSE.—A motion was made to suspend the rules and adopt a resolution requesting the committee of agriculture to report the effect upon agriculture of the present tariff law—the McKinley bill. Very naturally a storm of debate was the result and flashes of campaign oratory came from both sides of the House. The resolution was finally adopted. A bill to establish a life corporation in the army was passed. Adjourned.

INDIANS AND COWBOYS.

A Battle of the Most Ferocious Kind in New Mexico.

A hot battle is being fought near Coolidge station between Indians and cowboys, says a report from Albuquerque, N. M. The dispatches further say that the fighting is said to be most desperate and the Indians and cowboys are greatly outnumbered are contesting every inch of ground. The fight is in progress near Coolidge ranch, which is about 25 miles distant from Coolidge. Each side is in the timber and shooting at each other from behind trees. There are 75 Indians are holding a pow wow, have on their war paint and are heavily armed. The people are in great fear and many women have their trunks packed, ready to leave, while the cowboys are taking all the arms they can get and are forming their line of ground. Mrs. C. C. Jenkins, of Coolidge, with her two children, were the first to reach the city and bring the news that Indians and cowboys are massing their forces for an engagement and that the whole population of Coolidge is ready and are up in arms and ready for the conflict.

Han Away to Avoid Catholicism.

Maud Heiman, of San Francisco, is a missing girl of fifteen. She is 15 years old. Last November she secured from her mother $1,750 and two days later disappeared. She came to New York, stopping a few days with a relative and then disappeared again. Her last disappearance was the first that she has not been seen since. One of the causes of her disappearance was the efforts of her mother to make the girl become a Catholic. She was placed in a Catholic institution, but rebelled against the restraint.

Only a Practical Joke.

Joseph Lankhof, 21 years of age, died from burns the result of a joke. He was in front of a stove he got up to move a large box containing water, and while doing so he attempted to playfully pour some of the water on the head of a fellow workman. The water struck the stove and a portion of it was thrown into a violent perspiration, which drove away the fever and chills.

A Missouri man contracted with a hotel keeper to furnish a wagon load of frogs a week. He appeared on the appointed day with a load. "Where are the frogs, and the rest of them?" inquired the landlord. "Thats all there were in the pond." the man replied, adding that they made so much noise that I thought there was a million of 'em."

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CAUSE AND EFFECT

A New Yorker, who was seriously ill with the grip, received a notice from the board of health warning him with being possessed of $5,000 worth of personal property. As his earthly belongings were not worth more than $40 he became so worried that he was thrown into a violent perspiration, which drove away the fever and chills.

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INTERESTING MATTERS.

Jay Knox, for Years Comptroller of the United States, is Dead.—A Financial Authority.

Prohibition Seems to be a Success in Iowa.—Four Spanish Anarchists Die by the Terrible Garrote.

A Southern Negro Who Advocates an Elective Judiciary.—Matters of Interest in Brief.

Will not Oppose "Futures."

Members of Congress who have been making a fight against dealing in "futures" and "options" on agricultural products have decided to abandon their efforts relating to futures and concentrate their attention on the bill prohibiting dealing in options alone. They think that such legislation as trade required the privilege of selling agricultural products for future delivery, hence the bill prohibiting such transactions would not be a proper one. They insist, however, that there is no occasion for opposition and will therefore press the bill to that purpose. It is understood that boards of trade and other commercial organizations which have been opposing the former bill will not make a serious fight against the bill dealing with options alone, and the friends of the proposition believe it will pass.

Ex-National Comptroller Dead.

Jay Knox, ex-comptroller of the United States has died in New York city. Jay Knox was appointed deputy comptroller under Secretary McCulloch in 1867, and was promoted to comptroller by President Grant in 1872. He held the office under Presidents Hayes and Arthur, resigning in 1884 to become president of the National bank of the republic in New York. In 1862 Mr. Knox in a magazine article advocated the establishment of a national banking system, with circulation notes guaranteed by the government, which at that time attracted the attention of financiers. The coinage act of 1873, providing for the coinage of the silver dollar, was prepared by Mr. Knox. His 12 annual reports are standard author ties on financial questions.

Spanish Execution.

Special from Madrid: The four condemned anarchists were garroted on the 10th at Jerez de la Frontera, in the province. A formidable force of troops were massed in the plaza and kept the crowd in order. Before the execution the usual religious ceremonies took place. The spectacle was a horrible one. As the screw of the garrote tightened the head of each victim fell forward, their faces turning purple and tongues protruding. A cry of horror went up from the crowd. The only sympathy demned men were leaders in the attack upon and plundering of Xeres on Jan. 5 by a mob of 4,000. They said to be anarchists and belonged to an organization for arousing rebellion in Spain.

Where Prohibition Prohibits.

At the January term of the federal court at Keokuk, Ia., "Stormy" Jordan made an application for a writ of habeas corpus. He is in jail at Fairfield, Ia., under a fine of $5,000 and a sentence of five years imprisonment in the county jail for infringement of the prohibitory laws. He claims exemption from punishment under the original package decision and from the fact that he has paid the United States revenue tax. Federal Judge Woolson has just decided that the revenue tax law does not legalize the sale and that the lower courts had full jus sdictou of the case, and the federal court is not a court of appeals. The application for a writ of habeas corpus is therefore denied.

Want Pay For Freed Slaves.

In pursuance of a resolution, published at Raleigh, N. C., Editor Josephus Wilkinson, colored, announces himself as a candidate for congress. He announced last November that he would be a candidate. He says his platform will be compensation for ex-slaves as proposed by President Lincoln, namely, the fact made his famous proposition, admitted that they were the lawful property of those claiming to be their owners, and that he would pay $300 each for them, liberate them and stop the war. Williamson declares that fourteen million all parts of the country commend his views.

A Youthful Female Incendiary.

Bertha Jacobs, a girl 14 years old, the daughter of a rich farmer near Lima, O., burned her father's barn, causing a loss of $4,000, on the night of the 10th. She says while setting fire to a neighbor's barn. She has been subject to epilepsy. She will be sent to a lunatic asylum.

Sixty persons suspected of being anarchists have been arrested in Berlin.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.	
CATTLE—Good to choice	$4 25 @ $4 75
Good	4 00 @ 4 25
Light	3 50 @ 3 75
LAMBS	5 50 @ 6 25
WHEAT—Red, spot, No. 2	91 @ 91½
Red, spot, No. 3	87 @ 87½
White spot, No. 1	91½ @ 92
White spot, No. 2	90 @ 90½
Corn—No. 2	37½ @ 38
No. 3	36½ @ 37
OATS—No. 2 white spot	32½ @ 33
BARLEY	1 00 @ 1 00
RYE	54 @ 55
HAY—No. 2 per ton	9 50 @ 10 00
POTATOES—Per bu	25 @ 30
BUTTER—Creamery, per bbl	17 @ 18
Ecgs—Per doz	23 @ 24
Dressed Poultry	10 @ 12
Turkeys	11 @ 13
Ducks	11 @ 12
Chicago.	
CATTLE—Steers	$4 35 @ $5 00
Stockers	3 00 @ 3 50
SHEEP—Native	4 50 @ 5 00
LAMBS	4 75 @ 6 50
HOGS—Common	4 75 @ 4 85
WHEAT—No. 2 Spring	87½ @ 87½
No. 2 Red	87½ @ 87½
CORN—No. 2	37½ @ 37½
OATS—No. 2	29½ @ 29½
RYE	51 @ 51
BARLEY	57 @ 58
PORK—Per bbl	11 50 @ 11 75
LARD—Per cwt	6 50 @ 6 55
New York.	
CATTLE—Natives	$5 5 @ $4 60
Texans	3 50 @ 4 00
HOGS—Good to choice	4 90 @ 5 00
LAMBS	6 00 @ 7 25
SHEEP—No. 2 red	1 02½ @ 1 03
CORN—No. 2	47½ @ 47½
OATS	37½ @ 37½
Kansas City.	
CATTLE—Steers	$4 15 @ $4 65
Cows—All grades	3 00 @ 4 65
SHEEP	4 00 @ 4 65
LAMBS	4 80 @ 5 25
Buffalo.	
CATTLE	$4 80 @ $4 60
CALVES	5 50 @ 5 75
SHEEP—Good to choice	4 50 @ 5 00
LAMBS	6 25 @ 6 75
Cincinnati.	
CATTLE—Shippers	$4 25 @ $4 75
HOGS	4 75 @ 4 90
SHEEP	4 00 @ 4 50

NEW YORK, February 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Silver and wheat have fallen to the lowest point and the lowest price for cotton ever recorded, though there was a slight recovery to 6¼c. Cotton receipts and exports have been much larger than a year ago, but the stocks on hand decrease faster than last year. Wheat exports have declined 30 on sales of 9,000,000 bu. the exports being seriously diminished, and corn has fallen 7½ on sales of 15,000,000 bu, the western receipts being unusually large. Pork products are somewhat stronger, and coffee advanced ¼c, sugar ⅛ quarter lower. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number 276. For the corresponding week of last year, the figures were 207.

E. M. Field has been indicted by the New York grand injury for forgery.

The water in Norton, Ks., became so bad that the people could not use it. It has been found that the water was badly decomposed body of a man was found in it. He is believed to have committed suicide by drowning himself in the pipe.

Commander-in-Chief Palmer, of the G. A. R., has sent a letter to the Atlanta, Ga., post, in which he says: "A rebel officer has no right to wear the badge that is any loyal city. It is against the terms of organization. We are not at war with the United States."

REAL ESTATE AGENCY

Whitehead & Mitchell

Birmingham, Mich.

Below we offer some fine bargains in real estate for sale by the Birmingham Eccentric agency. Anyone having an idea of purchasing a home in Birmingham this year can do well to apply, should keep this column in view, as we shall from time to time offer such bargains in this department that will make their hearts glad.

Parties desiring to list property for sale can advertise with us FREE OF CHARGE. Call at our office, Birmingham, Mich., and have contracts to this effect made out. We want to make a deal with you.

Bargain No. 19.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 90 acres of land, 2½ miles from Pontiac and six miles north west of Birmingham, on which is situated a fine house, two barns, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair, and the farm under good tillage. They ask no questions about a man's social equality or opinions. If he wants land he's free to take it, pay his money and without price. It is enough for them that he wishes, as they do, to enjoy his home, make enough money and join with them in enhancing the value of children and providing for the family.

And they have such a wealth of the most fertile land in the world they are only anxious that the government should make a good road and become prosperous. Peace, and their government and railway companies have shown care that he should make a mistake if they can prevent it. Careful surveys have been made even of the new districts and the settlement may in Winnipeg learn as much concerning any specified section as if he were on the ground himself. The park lands of Assiniboia, the fertile valleys of Saskatchewan and the dairy and ranching country of Alberta are served by railway, as all knowing in Winnipeg. The tide that is beginning to set into these western farming districts is not much fed as yet by the

Bargain No. 20.

Owing to circumstances Mrs. Edwin Baldwin must offer for sale at a very low figure a most reasonable home her very desirable home on the north side of Maple avenue, Birmingham village; one acre of land, good large house, barn with room for two horses, and all the fruit running wild in the house, good cistern and well. Just the shape for cultivation.

Bargain No. 21.

Here's a chance to get nice building lots, such as we never expected to see in market. We have for sale lots on Lot 1, Block 1, Village of James six valuable lots formerly owned by the late Mrs. Lucy Ann Hall. Lots are 66 feet front by 132 feet deep, and will be sold at a bargain if one entire block. Now six of these lots are for sale. Also one lot on Lot 1, Block 2, and one each, and two fronting on Bell street at $400, each. Call at office, Birmingham, Mich., and get a bargain yet offered in this village.

Bargain No. 22.

Here is a rare chance to secure a home on Maple avenue, Birmingham village, within a few minutes walk of the business center of Birmingham, containing 8 rooms and three closets, good cellar, cistern, well, good barn and a two acres of land. Price $2,000; one half cash, balance to suit purchaser.

BARGAIN NO. 3.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 1½ miles from Pontiac, 30 miles from Detroit, 20 from Birmingham, containing 80 acres, 50 cleared, farm well watered, excellent orchard, 200 apple trees, two orchards, small fruits, etc. Dwelling in good repair, and the farm under good tillage. They ask no questions about a man's social equality or opinions. If he wants land he's free to take it, pay his money and without price. It is enough for them that he wishes, as they do, to enjoy his home, make enough money and join with them in enhancing the value of children and providing for the family.

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