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THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN.

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

State Labor Commissioner's Report on Women Wage Workers is a Very Interesting Showing.

Three Children Burned to Death.--"Capt. Charley" Shot at Frankfort.--Other Michigan News.

Michigan Women Wage Workers.

The state labor commissioner has placed his annual report of 500 pages upon the governor's desk. The first 188 pages cover the commissioner's investigations in regard to women wage workers of the state, in which 13,436 statements were secured. The average wage of these laborers is 79 cents a day. Of the number only 2,381 reported saving anything from their wages, and these averaged $62.37 each. But while the average wage was $216.45, the average expense was $202.71, leaving an average saving of $14.24—about three weeks' wages. Of the total, 181 were under 12 years of age, while 8,569 were between the ages of 13 and 18. Five commenced work at 8 years of age and one commenced work at 58 years of age. Thirty-four commenced work at the age of 40 and over.

Three Children Cremated.

A store building occupied below by Charles Bedard as a saloon and above by Charles Delongcamps and family, burned at Ironwood. The fire originated in the kitchen up stairs by the explosion of kerosene. Mrs. Delongcamps barely escaped with a two weeks old babe in her arms and the two older children. Three children were burned to death: Albert, aged 7; Marie, aged 5, and Charles, aged 2. The firemen and citizens worked hard and almost desperately to rescue the little ones and a number were quite seriously burned in the attempt, but to no avail.

A Detroit Man Honored.

Harrie B. Newberry, of Detroit, for three years past secretary of the American legation at Madrid, has been removed by the United States government. His removal is merely for the purpose of giving him a better and more responsible position in the diplomatic service, that of secretary of the American legation at Constantinople, Turkey. President Harrison sent his nomination to the Senate, and the nomination will doubtless be confirmed immediately. Francis McNutt, of Washington, will fill his place at Madrid.

Tried to Burn the Town.

Business men and citizens generally of Wayland are wrought up over the discovery of a bold attempt to burn the entire business section of the village. Fire was discovered in a small shed at the rear of A. Sessions' store, in which were stored pine boxes filled with excelsior. The boxes and shed were saturated with oil. The discovery was timely and the flames were extinguished before much damage had been done. Sessions' store is in the center of the business section and only wooden stores adjoin it.

Well-Known Lake Captain Killed.

E. B. Strauble, a saloonkeeper, was being tantalized by a lot of boys at Frankfort when he rushed out of his saloon, and encountering Capt. Chas. Sutherland began to abuse him, thinking he was one of the tantalizers. Sutherland slapped Strauble and in return was shot through the brain, being fatally injured. Sutherland was known in marine circles as "Captain Charley." He and Strauble had been old enemies.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Otsego's new library building is nearly ready for dedication.

C. G. Ericson has been chosen president of the Muskegon rifles.

Bay City has $35,000 subscribed to the stock of an improvement company.

A new hotel, four stories high and 100 feet square, will be built at Benton Harbor.

A society in behalf of homeless girls in Wexford county has been organized at Cadillac.

The sixth annual Sunday school convention of Calhoun county has just been held at Albion.

Perry, Shiawassee county, is to have a new bank to be known as the Perry state savings bank.

People's party followers in Jackson county will meet in Jackson to complete the country organization.

There are 25 pensioners in the Jackson prison, and the books show from $10,000 to $17,000 to their credit.

Mrs. M. S. Brudge, of Muskegon, aged 81, was burned to death. Her clothes caught on fire from the stove.

Catherine Diedrich, 74 years old, was struck by a Michigan Central train at Delray and died within a few minutes.

Edward J. Hara, brakeman, lost both legs at Stearns. A yard engine caught him after a foot had been caught between rails.

Samuel Goodenough, of Sherman, was caught between two logs and so seriously injured that he died a few hours afterwards.

All the bankers in Detroit have joined in a petition to congress against the passage of the anti-option bills now before that body.

Henry Hollenberry, son of George Hollenberry, of Dundee, was burned to death in a barn near Floodwood, Minn. Burial at Dundee.

The special local option election to be held in Branch county is going to result in a great victory for the anti-saloon people, unless all signs fail.

John Medlin, aged 29, fell 175 feet down the shaft of the Blue mine at Negaunee and was instantly killed. He leaves a widow and one child.

New Michigan postmasters: F. M. Towle vice G. A. Padron, deceased, Gaylord, Otsego county; A. Larmie vice M. Fell, resigned, Sand, Marquette county.

Judge Arnold, of the Allegan circuit is in Philadelphia receiving medical treatment for the heart difficulty that has caused his family and friends much anxiety.

A Kingsley firm has shipped five car loads of handsome maple logs to Glasgow, Scotland, to be used for the manufacture of rolls with which to stamp prints and other cloths.

Rev. Isaac Bennett, oldest member of the Michigan M. E. conference, died at his home in Quincy, aged 82. He had been pastor of churches near Quincy for nearly 50 years.

Michael Disher, aged 12, was found hanging lifeless in the barn upon his father's farm in Tittabawassee township, Saginaw county. No reason for the suicide can be given.

A Michigan Central train struck a team of horses driven by Amos Shaw at a Decatur crossing. One horse was killed, and Mr. Shaw was thrown from the sleigh and badly injured.

The stock and grain barn of Frank Garrett, in Pennfield township, Calhoun county, burned together with 75 sheep, 600 bushels of wheat, hay, straw, stalks, etc. Loss, $2,500; partially covered by insurance.

Joseph Hambitzer's friends at Hancock and in the whole copper region are trying to boom him for state treasurer, he having been a very able county treasurer for two terms, and indorsed at the second election by both parties.

George Blakely carried passengers and mail between Northport and Traverse City, and in July last made a felonious assault upon a young lady passenger. He has been convicted and sentenced to five years' imprisonment at Jackson.

William Bowman, the Twin Lakes farmer who mysteriously disappeared, has returned to his mourning lady love, and to the farm he left for a home missionary society. He says he had the grip and did not realize what he was doing.

At the special election held at Dowagiac the proposition of F. E. Lee, manager of the estate of P. D. Beckwith, to build a $50,000 memorial building and opera house was carried by a vote of 442 to 36. The city is to remit the taxes for 30 years.

William H. Dunn, well-known veteran of Ionia, died suddenly on the 21st of neuralgia of the heart. He had attended church with Borden Post, G. A. R., in the morning. Dunn was sergeant of Company H, Eighth Michigan cavalry, during the war.

Michigan's mining school has 68 students. This is a larger number than is enrolled at any other institution in the country in mining engineering courses. The question of lengthening the course to be of four years, instead of three as now, is agitating those most interested.

Several boys were skating at Saginaw when one of the number struck a small pasteboard box with a skate, and broke it open, when a horrible sight rewarded his curious eyes. In it was the stiffened form of a little child to which death had come in some manner soon after birth.

Collector Steketee, of the western Michigan district, is busy selecting deputy weighers of sugars to give farmers the benefit of the sugar bounty. Weighers have been appointed at Charlotte, Hastings, Nashville, Allegan, Hopkins and other leading cities and villages of the district.

Rev. Dr. D. F. Barnes, of Kalamazoo, created a small sensation in religious circles by denouncing the project of the city's making a five years' contract with the Borgess hospital, and by wading into Catholic measures and methods generally. It has, without doubt, started a small fight.

John Wilson, a farmer, aged 26 and single, who resided upon a farm two miles north of Royal Oak, has not been seen for almost two weeks. He was an exemplary man and lived alone upon the farm, and no possible reason can be given for his absence other than he has become temporarily insane.

Tekonsha citizens gave the Williams Bros., a bonus to establish a heading factory in their village. The factory operates on Sundays and the citizens are wondering what was the matter with their own heading, when they failed to exact an anti-Sunday clause from the recipients of their bounty.

Humane citizens have posted the following notice, in large, black letters, upon an Oakes-st, telegraph pole in Grand Rapids: "When the Lord made this hill he never intended it as a means to kill horses, and probably did not know who were going to be our street commissioners. Please go one street north."

The breach of promise case of Mrs. Jennie Van Hynning against Matthew Barton, both prominent people of Kalamazoo, has been begun. The sensational feature of the case is the testimony of the plaintiff that she was wronged under the promise of marriage. The plaintiff possesses means, as well as the defendant, and is a well-known school teacher.

Officers from Elyria, O., went to Kalamazoo and arrested Harry Barnard, aged 19, and Edward Holdship, aged 17, who are wanted for robbery and jail-breaking. The robbery occurred two years ago in Elyria, and after escaping into Indiana they were arrested and returned, but the same night broke jail with eight others. They turned to Kalamazoo six weeks ago and were living there with their parents.

The supervisors of Ottawa county met at Grand Haven in special session and revoked the charter of the Grand River bridge company. A new charter at a lower rate of toll will undoubtedly be granted to Robert Convey, of Spring Lake. The only free bridge between Grand Haven and Spring Lake is in a tottering condition and has long been marked as unsafe. It will collapse when the ice moves out.

Charles H. Goff received a divorce three years ago in Grand Rapids upon the grounds of extreme cruelty and desertion. He went to Benton Harbor, his former home, and married a widow. The first wife did not hear of the divorce until a year ago, when she petitioned for a rehearing claiming fraud. The case was heard and the original decree was annulled and the wife was given a divorce on grounds of infidelity and non-support. Goff went through the formalities of wedding the Benton Harbor widower the second time, thus "legalizing" the marriage.

Cremated His Own Children.

A horrible story of private cremation comes to light in St. Cunegonee, a suburb of Montreal, Ont. A spike maker named Adolphe Lawse recently lost three children and burned their bodies in a cooking stove to save funeral expenses. The magistrates have been applied to, but they hold that he acted within his rights. Lawse says he had lived both in France and cities in the United States. In both places he had heard of dead people being burned in big ovens. Such being the case he thought he was justified in so burning his own children after death in his own cooking stove. He also held the opinion that he had a perfect right to bury his children in his back yard or in his cellar, which he also appears to have done.

Russia Will Apologize.

The London St. James Gazette says that the negotiations which are being conducted between England and Russia in regard to expulsion by Russian officers in September last of Capt. Younghusband from the Pamirs, point to a settlement favorable to England. The Russian authorities have fully investigated the affair and have concluded that the Russian officers acted precipitately and Russia now shows her full desire to make reparation for the acts of her officers. It is expected, the Gazette adds, that an apology compatible with the dignities of both countries will be tendered to England by Russia.

Burned at the Stake.

Edward Coe, colored, committed a brutal assault upon Mrs. Henry Jewell, near Texarkana, Ark., during the absence of her husband. Upon Jewell's return his wife told him of the assault and an alarm was raised. Coe was soon captured and an angry mob gathered. The brute was taken before his victim and fully identified. Then the shivering fiend was tied to a stump, faggots were placed around him and in the presence of 5,000 other fiends the torch was applied to the pile by Mrs. Jewell. The hapless wretch was burned to death, but it required 10 minutes to accomplish the work.

British Soldiers Penned.

News has been received that Upper Burmah, which is garrisoned by a force of British troops, is surrounded by 500 Kachuns. The latter have made repeated attacks on the stronghold, but so far have been repulsed. Nineteen men of the British force have been either killed or wounded. The garrison is closed and guarded by the enemy, who have completely blocked the road leading to the city. Ten Sepoys have been massacred while on their way thither.

Deadly Coal Gas.

The family of Matthew Cheney, living in the northern part of Sac county, Ia., was suffocated by coal gas. A lady who went to the house found all the family insensible, and summoned a physician. It was too late to save all the family, and a young man and a child died, while all the rest of the family are feeble.

Neighbors of Henry Assenacker, of Joliet, Ill., found him and his wife barely breathing and the room filled with gas that was escaping from the top of the stove. They were beyond recovery. The couple are about 80 years old.

INTERESTING MATTERS.

A Bold Robber Holds up an Express Train, Runs Away With an Engine and is Captured After All.

Daughters of the Revolution Hold Their First Congress, Mrs. Benj. Harrison Presiding.

A Young Lady Has a Strange Adventure in a Church Belfry, Being Almost Devoured by Rats.

Rochester, N. Y., Special: The shooting of an express messenger on a Central Hudson train, the rifling of a valuable safe, the flight of the robber on the engine of another train from which he drives the crew at the point of a revolver, a running fight from the engine cab for miles chased by another engine filled with railway men, and the final capture of the desperado by a sheriff's posse in a swamp after a wild pursuit across the country, are some of the sensational features of the most desperate attempt at train robbery in the history of the Central Hudson railway, and which cast in the shade as an exhibition of coolness and nerve the famous exploits of the Jesse James band or other outlaws of western fame.

The American Express company's special, or "money train" on that road from New York to Chicago had this experience on the night of the 21st. When the train was near Weedsport the conductor heard a signal from the "money" car which aroused his suspicion. On looking through the hole where the bell cord runs through the car he saw a man wearing a mask over his face. The train was stopped and while waiting for the robber to make his appearance the trainmen were ordered to go ahead, or be blown to kingdom come. The trainmen were unarmed and thought to outwit the robber. They started the train ahead at full speed having left one man to telegraph the situation to the stations along the line. When the train arrived at Fort Byron an investigation was make, but the robber was no where to be seen, having evidently made his escape while the train was in motion. The express car messenger was severely injured in several places and could not talk. At the next stop—Lyons—an enormous crowd had gathered and in the throng the trainmen noticed a young man carrying a handsatchel with a strap and wearing gold eyeglasses. They remembered having seen the same fellow at Syracuse when the train started out, and how he could be at Lyons was a mystery which they at once coupled with the robber, and they attempted to seize him. He immediately drew two revolvers and kept the crowd away while he backed over to the engine, pulled the coupling pin and leaping into the cab, pulled the throttle and was away like the wind. The Hudson road is a four track line and several railroad men boarded another engine on the next track and started in pursuit. On overtaking the robber he reversed his engine and allowed the others to pass at full speed, he sending a shower of bullets in their midst as they whirled by. When they had reversed he went ahead again and again opened his batteries. Seeing his steam giving out he got as far away as possible and abandoned the engine. He made a farmer give up a horse at the point of a pistol and when it was winded took a horse and cutter from another man by threats. The alarm had been given, however, and the whole country was aroused and the fellow was finally forced to give up to the sheriff. He gave his name as Cross, said he had been a cowboy and later a railroader. It seems that his scheme of escape was worked by getting on top of the car and by fastening a hooked rope he could let himself down at the side door of an express car or draw himself up. In this way he had escaped notice when the train was in motion and had slipped down at Lyons unnoticed.

Daughters of the Revolution.

The first continental congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American revolution held its session in Washington. The congress is composed of all the active officers of the national society, one state regent from each state, and the regents and delegates of each organized chapter in the United States. When Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, who is president general of the national society, entered the church, the audience arose and stood until she was seated within the chancel. Mrs. Harrison delivered the address of welcome in which she reviewed the organization in October, 1890, since which time a membership of 1,200 has been gained. She congratulated the society upon its growth and welcomed the first congress, hoping that the first consultation would strengthen and improve what has been so well begun. Mrs. Clifton R. Breckinridge, wife of Representative Breckinridge, of Arkansas, responded to the address of welcome.

Almost Killed by Rats.

Miss Lavina Hull strolled into the Baptist church one day at Myrtle Hill, Conn., and in spirit of adventure climed into the belfry. She had been there only a few minutes when she was startled by a large rat approaching her. It was followed by another one within a few seconds, and back of him came still another until the floor swarmed with the rodents. Miss Hull was too terrified to cry out, and when she drew back the rats set up a squealing, and the leader rushed toward her with open mouth. The leader jumped for her ankle, biting through her shoe. Other rats also jumped on her, and bit and lacerated her face. She drew out a small pocket knife, but it proved small protection, and she was gradually being overcome, when, having regained her voice by this time, her screams were heard by a young man, who rushed into the edifice, and with his cane succeeded in driving the rats off. Miss Hull's face, hands and lower limbs are badly lacerated, and she is under the care of a physician.

Secret Order of Millionaires.

Oliver Herbert, a dapper young Frenchman, appeared at Keokuk, Ia., a short time ago and set about organizing a branch of the Secret Order of the Millionaire association. Numerous invitations were sent out to unmarried ladies and gentlemen and responses were plentiful. Herbert represented that he was an agent for the association and that for $10 he would give them the first degree in the mystic order. After he leaves another agent is to come and so on indefinitely until all the degrees have been conferred, when members will be entitled to all the benefits, chief among which is that they will never have to work for a living, as the association will supply them with all the money needed. This gauzy tale found many believers. Herbert says he has enrolled over 250 members.

An Awful Murder.

A few nights ago a peddler sought lodging at a hotel in Loretta, a village of the county of Simco, Canada, a district populated almost exclusively by Roman Catholics. He found a party of villagers in a jolly mood, drinking and smoking around the barroom fire. They demanded a song from the peddler, who hesitated to comply, saying he knew nothing but "Orange" songs. The crowd, however, insisted and the peddler complied, but the sentiment of the song so exasperated the crowd that they beat the man to death. Suddenly sobered by their murderous deed they shut up the house and spent the rest of the night in cutting up the body and burning it in the stove.

Mrs. Blaine Gets a Divorce.

Evidence in the Blaine divorce case at Deadwood, S. D., closed after Mrs. Blaine had given her testimony. Judge Thomas granted the plaintiff the decree, as prayed for, giving her absolute divorce from James G. Blaine, jr., and awarding her the custody of the child and $1,000 suit money and also $100 per month as permanent alimony. Mrs. Blaine, accompanied by her attorney, Judge Palmer, and by her maid, left Deadwood for Sioux Falls at once. She is very happy over the result.

Several slight earthquake shocks were felt at Louisville, Ky., on the 17th.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senate.—The credentials of Senator Sherman for his sixth term commencing March 4, 1893, were received on the 16th. The bill to provide an income tax to pay pensions and postmasters' salaries was adversely reported and indefinitely postponed. The urgent deficiency bill passed. Pending discussion of the Idaho contested seat the Senate adjourned. House.—The committee on election of President, Vice-President and members of Congress reported a joint resolution—which was placed on the calendar—proposing a constitutional amendment for the election of Senators by the people of the several states. As unfinished business there came up the motion to table the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House indefinitely postponed the Senate joint resolution, authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to transport contributions for the relief of the suffering poor of Russia. After discussion it was tabled and the measure thus defeated. Adjourned.

Senate.—The joint resolutions to return to the Republic of Mexico 21 battleflags captured during the war with that country was passed on the 17th. The resolutions requesting the committee on foreign relations to inquire as to the practicability of the acquisition of certain portions of the Republic of Mexico, was indefinitely postponed. The Idaho contest again went over without being disposed of. Adjourned. House.—The House went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill and after a spirited debate, in which the chief factors were Mr. Watson, of Georgia and Mr. Funstone, of Kansas, the committee arose and the House adjourned.

Senate.—Mr. Palmer, of Illinois, addressed the Senate on his joint resolution for the election of Senators by direct vote of the people, on the 18th. Eulogies were delivered to the memory of Senator Plumb and the Senate adjourned. House.—A protest from the Philadelphia board of trade against free coinage was referred. The house went into committee of the whole on the Indian appropriation bill, but adjournment was taken before it was acted upon.

Senate.—The bill to continue in force for 10 years all existing laws prohibiting the coming to this country of Chinese persons was passed on the 19th. The following bills were passed: Appropriating $400,000 for a public building at Tacoma in the state of Washington; granting the right of way to the Duluth & Manitoba Railroad company across the Fort Pembina reservation, in North Dakota. Adjourned. House.—A resolution was passed to have printed 10,000 more copies of the majority and minority reports on the silver bill. The body then went into committee of the whole on the private calendar. The bill for the relief of Mr. Duncan, of Tennessee, came up as the first under that head. Before anything had been done with the bill a discussion on the silver question arose in general debate and the subject reverted to the results upon the Democratic party should the silver bill be passed, and from that to the individual standing of different members on questions of political interest only. Without transacting any business or discussing the bill in hand the committee arose and the House adjourned.

A Gigantic Wheat Corner.

The Chicago Tribune says there are strong indications that the wheat market is being manipulated, and intimates that J. D. Rockefeller of the Standard Oil company, James P. North the "nitrate king," and John W. Mackay, the bonanza millionaire, are back of it. The paper claims that sales of wheat on the Chicago board of trade alone aggregate 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels, whereas there are less than 40,000,000 bushels of actual wheat in the west, leaving about 40,000,000 bushels which are really "wind" sales, and must be covered at whatever price the market touches. But this is not all. Similar short sales have been made in all of the principal markets in this country and in Liverpool. It is asserted that the alleged combination of multi-millionaires sent agents abroad and secured accurate information as to the real shortage in the crops and, as early as the middle of December began to quickly pick up all the wheat offered, working through comparatively unknown brokers, traders who were accustomed to deal in small lots, and that they thus, without attracting attention, secured absolute control of the market. Whether or not the price will be put to a high figure is known only to the clique.

We Lead in Shoe Making.

The members of the royal labor commission of England express great surprise at the evidence given by Mr. Single, a boot and shoe manufacturer of Leeds, on the subject of imported and domestic boots and shoes. Mr. Single testified that the art of boot and shoe making in America is 50 years ahead of that in England, owing to the use of improved machinery, which cannot be taken advantage of by English manufacturers on account of the determined opposition of the trade unions to any innovations in the line of labor-saving devices. American made boots and shoes, the witness declared, are fully equal in quality, while being much cheaper, than those of English production. The imports from America, already large, are rapidly growing. The prices are such as to leave the American manufacturer a good profit.

A Fortune for the Tongueless Thief.

In November, 1891, a priestly-looking man hired a room at a lodging house at Los Angeles, Cal. One morning he was found in his room, a flood of blood issuing from his mouth and a bloody razor in his hand. On examination it was found that he had cut off his tongue. Nothing could be learned from him about his indentity. He had plenty of money and paid his bills without question. After his wound healed he disappeared. It now turns out that his name is George Wilson. He goes garbed as a priest, but he is a professional gambler. His family is wealthy and lives in New York. His father has just died and left an estate of $150,000, $50,000 of which goes to this man. The estate cannot be settled up until he has been found, and detectives from New York are now looking for him.

Wild Wolves in Buffalo.

Special from Buffalo, N. Y.: Between 15 and 20 wolves made their appearance in West Seneca, a suburb of Buffalo, and women and children are afraid to go out of doors. The varmints appear in the village at night and escape to the woods about a mile away. Several old hunters went upon the trail well armed. It would be very easy for the hungry horde to cross from the wilds of Canada, as the lake is frozen over and it is only 10 miles across the point. Children are kept from school and the men have their guns loaded.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

During a drunken quarrel at New York Edward McSorly cut his brother Peter's throat with a carving knife.

Telegrams to the Minneapolis chamber of commerce from farmers through the northwest show an almost unanimous sentiment against the anti-option bills.

Col. James B. Simpson, of Dallas, Tex., who was reported to have fled with $300,000 of other people's money, is at Hot Springs, Ark., and denies the truth of the stories circulated about him.

One hundred acres of land have been displaced in Wyoming by an explosion caused by a fire in an underground vein of coal, which has been burning for 12 years.

The imperial prohibition of the exportation of grain from Russia is about to be suspended in favor of the owners of 10,000,000 poods, about 158,700 tons of oats now lying at Baltic ports for shipment.

Reports from the cotton producing states show that there will be a greatly diminished acreage. In North Carolina there will be a reduction of over 50 per cent and the average reduction will be at least 30 per cent.

The German steamship companies are debating the advisability of refusing to transport Russian Hebrews to America. This discussion is the result of the typhus scare and the uncertainty as to the time of landing the emigrants at New York.

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS.

Attempts Made to Kill the President of Chili and the Leader of the Army of that Country.

The Remarkable Experience of an Illinois Woman Who Came Near Being Buried Alive.

Pine Ridge Indians Emulating the White Man's Example.--Harrison Announced in the Race.

The French Ministry Resigns.

Paris special: All the members of the French ministry have tendered their resignations to President Carnot. The cause of the resignation of the ministry was the action of the chamber of deputies in connection with the bill dealing with associations. M. Hubbard demanded urgency for the bill as a reply to the attitude of the French bishops. M. De Cassagnac described the bill as an iniquitous measure. Premier De Freycinet denied that the measure was intended as an act of persecution of the church, or that it need to be regarded as a precursor of the separation of church and state. He warmly commended the conciliatory spirit of the pope. He continued: "We will doubtless be called upon some day to treat with the vatican on the religious question. A portion of the clergy may possibly refuse to enter upon the path pointed out to them, but universal suffrage will judge between the two policies." President Carnot accepted the resignations, but expressed a desire that they be reconsidered. It is now felt that the only way to overcome the troubles of forming a ministry which will be substantial is to dissolve the chamber of deputies.

Attempt to Murder Chili's President.

A Valparaiso cablegram affirms that plots to kill both President Montt and Gen. Canto have been discovered and thwarted. The attempt on the president's life took place at night. The miscreants engaged in it removed the rails three kilometres north of Maule station. Their intention was to wreck the train which Montt was announced to take. Fortunately Montt stopped off at Chillann, and, moreover, the removal of the rails was discovered by the railroad officials before any damage was done. The cable further says that when the Santiago express for this city arrived at Llaillai Gen. Canto, who was one of the passengers, left his seat in the Pullman car to take his breakfast. Upon returning he found that his seat was saturated with kerosene. Burned matches were discovered near by. There was no clew to the perpetrator.

Yellow fever is reported to be abating at Guayaquill, Eucador. Quarantine is maintained at Peruvian and Chilian ports against vessels from Eucador.

Ambitious Indians.

Information received from Pine Ridge agency states that the Indians there have organized a society called the Progressive Ogallalas, the object of the organization being to enlighten the members and teach them the ways of the whites. Indians, halfbreeds and squawmen compose the organization, and an attempt will be made to induce all the Indians to join these. The Indians were very surly and threatening a month or two ago, but they have recently received their annual supply of blankets and boots and are feeling much better, with no thought of creating any immediate trouble. The ghost dance song is very popular among them now, and they say they can sing if they cannot dance.

Harrison Announced as a Candidate.

Hon. Stephen B. Elkins, Secretary of War, has announced in a letter to a personal friend in New York, that President Harrison is a candidate for renomination. The secretary added that the President, moreover, would be the choice of the Minneapolis convention, and, furthermore would be re-elected. This is the first authentic announcement that the President is a candidate for re-nomination, although everybody was convinced of it.

It is officially announced that the Canadian Pacific will shortly be made a double track line between Winnipeg and Fort William, Canada, on Lake Superior. This has become a necessity owing to the enormous increase in the grain carrying trade from the Canadian northwest. The building of another road will entail enormous expense.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.

Cattle—Good to choice	$4 50	@	$5 00
Hogs	4 50	@	4 75
Sheep	4 00	@	5 25
Lambs	5 50	@	6 50
Wheat—Red Spot, No. 2	98	@	99¼
White Spot, No. 1	97	@	97
Corn—No. 2 spot	42	@	42
No. 2 yellow	43	@	43
Oats—No. 2 white, spot	32½	@	32¾
Barley	1 25	@	1 25
Rye	90	@	90
Hay—No. 2 per ton	13 00	@	13 50
Potatoes—Per bu	25	@	28
Sweet Potatoes—Per bbl	3 25	@	3 50
Apples—Per bbl	1 75	@	2 50
Butter—Per lb	20	@	21
Creamery	25	@	26
Eggs—Per doz	18	@	19
Live Poultry—Chickens	10	@	11
Turkeys	12	@	13
Ducks	10	@	11

Chicago.

Cattle—Steers	$4 50	@	$4 90
Common	3 10	@	4 45
Sheep—Native	4 65	@	4 90
Lambs	5 00	@	6 30
Hogs—Common	4 50	@	4 60
Wheat—No. 2 red	94⅝	@	95
No. 2 spring	91¼	@	91½
Corn—No. 2	40½	@	40¾
Oats—No. 2	29	@	29½
Rye	85	@	88
Barley	56	@	56
Mess Pork—Per bbl	11 65	@	11 67½
Lard—Per cwt	6 50	@	6 55

New York.

Cattle—Natives	$4 10	@	$5 25
Hogs	4 90	@	5 40
Sheep—Good to choice	5 00	@	6 40
Lambs	6 45	@	7 25
Wheat—No. 2 red	1 05¾	@	1 05¾
Corn—No. 2	48⅛	@	48⅝
Oats	37½	@	38½

Kansas City.

Cattle—Steers	$3 30	@	$3 85
Hogs—All grades	4 15	@	4 65
Sheep	3 85	@	4 95
Lambs	3 80	@	5 25

Buffalo.

Cattle	$3 75	@	$4 95
Hogs	5 15	@	5 20
Sheep—Good to choice	5 50	@	5 85
Lambs	6 40	@	6 90

Weekly Review of Trade.

New York, February 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The business situation is not quite so satisfactory or encouraging as it has been. While the gradual increase in distribution of many lines of merchandise continues there is shrinkage in demand and much depression in front; further decline in cotton blights hopes of revival in southern trade, and the speculative mania, stimulated by cheap money and by the great success of the coal speculation, now extends to wheat and threatens to restrict exports. Notwithstanding the fact that exports of wheat have been diminishing and for four days of the past week have been only 800,000 bu from Atlantic ports while western receipts continue large, speculation at Chicago has lifted the price 6¼c during the week and sales here have been 37,000,000 bu. An advance from any cause which cuts off exports of breadstuffs at a time when Europe has heavy demands for stocks marked here would not be wholesome. Corn has declined ½c with large exports but very large receipts. Pork products, oats and coffee are substantially unchanged and oil is only 1⅛c higher on small transactions. The business failures throughout the country during the past seven days number 299, as compared with 299 for the corresponding week last year.

A Fight With Wolves.

Elijah Hoffman, 63 years old, living near Red Oak, Ia., was returning home late when he was attacked by a pack of eight wolves. The old man drew his knife and desperate encounter ensued, in which one of the animals was fatally stabbed and ran yelping away. The other animals, attracked by the smell of blood, followed their wounded companion and left the nearly exhausted old man to make his way home in safety.

The American colony at the City of Mexico celebrated Washington's birthday by a reception at Minister Ryan's home.

Where They Are All Going.

Northwestward ho! seems to be the cry now humming over the country. The vacant places in Minnesota, or at least those fit for farming, having been taken up the stream from the South is likely to join that from the East and pour into Manitoba and the fertile provinces adjoining it, particularly, it appears, the Saskatchewan. The construction of railways, the free gift of land to settlers (160 acres to each) coupled with the recent splendid harvest, is drawing all men's attention to those provinces, so long a mere hunting ground, with the result that the farming world and his wife are casting longing eyes towards Manitoba and farmers crowded or unprosperous where they now are, are making preparations to be off in the spring. They can secure a homestead free, and they want to secure it before the choisest locations are gone. The liberality of the railways there, and the care for the immigrants displayed by the govern-

ment is bearing fruit. Farmers are no longer content to scrape while they may gather by the armful. Those solid fields of wheat in Manitoba and beyond it which mean gold, are prizes too valuable to be neglected, and they are within the reach of all who will go and possess them. And people are going. It is almost becoming a question of who will get there first, and in all directions are preparations being made for a start. The demand in Europe for the fat cattle of the west, which cost little but the care of raising them, and for the cheese and butter of Alberta and Assiniboia, is becoming a factor in North American commerce, and the wise ones are packing to be amongst the early birds.

SPEECH IN DOGS.

One Canine That Can Actually Pronounce the Word "Mama."

In a recent number of the Youth's Companion reference was made to the experiments of a Frenchman of science in teaching a dog to articulate certain sounds belonging to human speech. A dog, it was stated, had been found in Paris which was able to utter a sound approaching very nearly to the word "mamma."

A correspondent of the Companion writes that a dog has been observed and carefully studied, much nearer home than Paris, which pronounces the word "mamma" as nearly like the sound of human speech as it is possible for it to be uttered with the wide mouth and loose lips of a dog, and which does this with conscious effort, knowing that it is required of him.

This dog a large black Newfoundland, a little more than a year old, is the property of a person who lives at Arlington Heights, a village near Boston. He has a long head, a prominent arched forehead, and lips which are full and large, overhanging the lower jaw a little.

The dog when called by his young master and asked, "Stanley, whom do you love?" or simply told to "Say it," showed that he is aware that something is expected of him. He begins to look around for the bit of cake or other morsel of food which is to reward him for his attempt, and it is usually shown to him.

As an introductory performance, Stanley lies down upon the floor. He never "talks" in any other attitude; but, while lying down, he keeps his head clear of the floor.

"Now say it!" says his master, snapping his fingers. The dog begins to "work his mouth," opening and shutting his great lips repeatedly. By and by he gives out a sound which is half way between a growl and a whine, and which is continually interrupted by the opening and shutting of the lips.

The effect is much like "maw-maw-maw-maw." The dog is told that this will not do, and that he must say "mama." He resumes the working of his lips, and reduces the number of his syllables to three.

Once more told that this will not do, he makes another attempt. His voice seems to fall, and the vocal sound to be less broad, and at last he shortens down his speech to two syllables, and utters a sound which, heard from an adjoining room, might easily be mistaken for a human voice speaking the word "mamma."

He is apparently proud of his achievement, and says his "mamma" again and again. He is rewarded with bits of cake, and is plainly elated and somewhat excited.

At times he says his "mamma" without any preliminary experimenting with a larger number of syllables. Occasionally he approaches very much nearer the vocal sound "ah," in the word than he does at other times, and sometimes he whispers the word rather than "speaks" it, emitting his breath without a distinct vocal sound.

His master says that the accomplishment had its beginning in what was apparently an accident. When a young puppy the dog uttered a whine, at the same time closing his lips. It occurred to the master that the sound could be developed into the utterance of the word "mamma," and he began from time to time, as occasion served, to teach him to repeat the sound, rewarding him when it was accomplished.

Helping Mother.

"Please, mem, I'm a poor little boy tryin' to help me mudder. Won't yer give me yer old noosepapers?" This is the plaintive appeal that many of the residents of Fifty-seventh street, west of Sixth avenue, N. Y., have frequently listened to of late. The little fellow who thus seeks to help his "mudder" is not over seven years old. He has a bright, interesting face, which is always clean, and his clothes, though well patched, are neat. He is loath to accept gifts of money, but he solicits old newspapers on the theory that after they are a few days old they are useless to their owners and are bound to find their way into the fire. He sells them to tailors and small shopkeepers for 20 cents per hundred, and he makes from 40 cents to $1 each week that way. He has worked up what he calls a "cumf'table route," and he makes his rounds twice a week with a very cheerful though business-like air.—Saturday Evening Post.

Very Contentious.

To an English clergyman, one day, a parishoner came to ask him to sign a paper stating that the man was alive on a certain day. "No, my friend," was the reply. "I can't do that." "Can't do it sir? 'Twould be only signing your name." "I can't do it. I didn't see you on that day, and I can make no statement whatever about it." "But, sir, you see me now." "Very well," said the clergyman, unmoved, "I will sign a paper saying that you are alive now; but as I did not see you on the date you mention, I can't possibly make any statement in regard to it."—Argonaut.

To make cod liver oil palatable take it in tomato catsup.

NO STORIES TO TELL.

A Wonder Among Engineers Who Never Had a Thrilling Escape.

I thought from the general appearance of the man, and from the way he looked up every time the whistle sounded, that he was a railroad engineer, and when I made bold to ask the question I found I was right. After we had conversed for a few minutes on general topics, I asked:

"I suppose you have had your share of narrow escapes?"

"Yes, but not on the rails," he replied. "I was once shot at in a saloon, and I once fell off the roof of a church. I never had an accident on the road."

"Were you never flagged for a bridge carried away by a freshet just in time to prevent an awful calamity?"

"Never; bridges always all right."

"Ever almost crash into another train?"

"Never."

"But you've run over people?"

"Never did, sir. People always get out of my way."

"You have at least been very anxious when rushing through the darkness with hundreds of lives in your keeping?"

"Yes—anxious to get home, I suppose, but I don't remember any particular instance."

I wasn't at all satisfied thus far, and, after pausing to take breath, I asked:

"Were you ever startled by thinking you saw an open switch when too late to stop the train?"

"No, sir; the switches are always all O. K.," he replied.

"I have been told that some engines seem to be possessed by human intelligence?"

"Yes, I suppose so, but we don't use that kind on our road."

"Many brave men have died with their hand on the throttle."

"I presume so, but I don't want to die that way. I want to die at home in my bed."

"I was determined to get something out of him for a sketch, so I persisted:

"Did you never have your fireman go crazy on a run?"

"Never."

"But you must have been prepared at some time or other to sacrifice your life to save your train?"

"No, sir, I never have. You don't seem to understand the business. I simply run to Chicago and back, and sometimes make as high as $110 per month. That's about all there is to it, and if you are after perilous adventures you should interview street car drivers. I understand that they take their lives in their hands every day in the year."—Detroit Free Press.

Will New York Be Engulfed?

According to the figures of Prof. W. J. McGee, it is only a question of time when the slow but never-ceasing inroads of the ocean will engulf many populous cities of the Atlantic seaboard, and perhaps whole states. He says: "There is a broad lowland stretching from Sandy Hook to Cape Henry, and another washed by Mississippi Sound, upon which the sea is gradually but slowly and surely encroaching. They are wave-fashioned plains, but recently wrested from the ocean, and now old ocean again reclaims its own. Already its octopus arms have seized the lowlands in their horrid embrace, and, day by day, month by month, year by year, generation by generation, the grasp is tightening, the monster creeping further and further inland. Each average year the water-mark advances a rod. The seaside cottage, with a broad lawn before it, has an 'expectation of life' of a decade or a generation, but the cottage at the verge of the cliff may go in a year, and must go in a lustrum, unless human devices outwit and overpower the waves. On most other Eastern and Southern coasts the waves are also encroaching, but their progress is slower. But the ocean's power is too great for puny man to oppose successfully. What, then, is he to do? In my opinion, he can only temporarily provide against it, and then slowly retreat before the invasion."—St. Louis Republic.

Patient Toil.

One of the most remarkable instances of patient toil in ornamenting the pages of a book was separating the columns of the London Polyglot bible, completed in 1600, by ruling red lines beteen the columns of print on each page. These were made by hand, of course, and called for the exercise of the greatest skill and care, for a single blot ruined at least four printed pages. This was the famous bible which was at first dedicated to the Lord High Protector Cromwell, but who in a substituted dedication to Charles II., after Cromwell's death, is pleasantly styled "Draco Ille Magnus," "That Great Dragon!"

A Severe Operation.

Chollie—"You look very pale today, me deah boy."

Chappie—"Ya—as; I took ethaw this mawning."

Chollie—"Took ethaw! Did you have a tooth drawn?"

Chappie—"No; the doctaw put a powus plaster on me back."—New York Press.

A Problem in Air.

If a well be dug to the depth of forty-six miles the density of air at the bottom would be as great as that of quicksilver. By the same law a cubic inch of air taken 4,000 miles above the earth's surface would expand sufficiently to fill a sphere 2,000,000,000 miles in diameter!

TRUTH AND FICTION.

Some insects are in a state of maturity thirty minutes after birth.

A large number of men in Washington make their living by writing congressmen's speeches.

St. Paul's cathedral will hold 26,000 people and St. Peter's in Rome has accommodation for 54,000.

The University of Berlin, with its 6,000 students and scores of famous professors, has a capital of but $720,000.

During the hurricane in Los Angeles county, Cal., recently, a large oak was broken off short, carried some distance by the wind and dropped in the midst of an orange grove.

A recent writer calls attention to the Swiss method of insuring an interest in elections. A fine of about a franc is laid on those who absent themselves from the polls on election day.

A young man in Brooklyn has pleaded guilty to the charge of replenishing a bonfire with a show case containing two mummies that were originally princes in their native Egypt, and worth over $1,000 at present market rates.

A pretended clergyman, whose career has been nipped by the New York police, had his room and wardrobe so fitted up that he could appear in the capacity of minister, priest or rabbi, as an applicant for his services might prefer.

And now we are indebted to women for improved coverings for balls used in playing lawn tennis and like games, for improved dress suspenders, for an electric gondolier, for the safety dress elevator, for an improved ear-trumpet, and for an improved fire-shovel.

REAL ESTATE AGENCY
-OF-
Whitehead & Mitchell
Birmingham, Mich.

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

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

Bargain No. 12.

Farm in Bloomfield, consisting of 100 acres, 8 miles south of Pontiac and 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. 6.

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, 2 miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 25 in timber. Price very low and terms easy.

Bargain No. 17.

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

Bargain No. 18.

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

Bargain No. 21.

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 P. S. (ucf) Wooster. The house has 11 good living rooms, good new barn and a good well and cistern, plenty of small fruits and a sidewalk [illegible] very reasonable [illegible].

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 esta.

Bargain No. 34.

A good farm for sale. I offer for sale my farm in Troy, Oakland Co., Mich., consisting of 88 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, Jane C. Bigham, Big Beaver, Mich.

BARGAIN NO. 35.

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

BARGAIN NO. 37.

Having made arrangements for business in another part of the state, I offer for sale or to rent my very desirable new brick dwelling house, carriage house and lands situated in Birmingham, Mich. The house is built on the most improved and 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 H. K. Taber, or Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

Bargain No. 38.

Having decided to sell my village lots in Birmingham, I offer for sale at the low price of $200 each, lots 7 to 18 of Blakeslee's subdivision of the village of Birmingham, adjoining Mrs. English's property on English street. Call on Caleb Blakeslee 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 to 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. 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.

Farm has a fine southern exposure, excellent drainage, no waste land, good two-story brick house with new, hot air furnace and all the conveniences usually found in city houses. Good barn and all the necessary outbuildings in fine repair.

Will sell for cash or will exchange for house and lot in a favorable location in Detroit. For further particulars call at the farm, address the owner, John Wild, or

THE EXCHANGE BANK,
BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

Bargain No. 42.

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

Bargain No. 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 86x200 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.

Bargain No. 48.

Of course everyone is wanting some Birmingham real estate just now, and we can offer them a bargain in this line this week. The house and lot formerly occupied by Cyrus Jarvis, will be sold at a ridiculously low figure. It is the third house west of the residence of J. O. Beattie's on Brown street, and will go very soon at the figure which we offer it. The premises are in good shape and the house is convenient and comfortable. Do not buy in this village until you have looked this property up. You cannot lose money on it at the price we ask you. For particulars call on Whitehead & Mitchell.

Bargain No. 49.

Rev. Jas. McCracken, of Southfield, offers his farm for sale and a right good piece of property it is, too. This farm has a good house, with fine well and cistern, good barns, plenty of fruits, etc., and described as follows: East half of the southeast quarter of section 34, town 2 N., range 10 E., less 10 acres; containing nearly 66 acres. The farm is ¼ of a mile north of Erity's Mill, 2½ miles southwest of Birmingham, with ample buildings in good order, with never failing spring stream near the buildings; a good young orchard. Will be sold at its value. Call on Whitehead & Mitchell or the owner, on the premises, Jas. McCracken.

Bargain No. 50.

Mrs. F. Drake's house and four lots on Maple avenue, Bates and Martin streets, in Birmingham. One of the finest locations on Maple avenue. House in good repair; 7 rooms, woodshed, cellar, crock well, cistern, sink in kitchen. Apples and small fruit. Will sell cheap, terms easy. Inquire at this office.