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AUTHORITIES at Princeton seem bent on stopping hazing, even if the cause of education be made to suffer. Some recent expulsions have not spared the football team.

A MAN arrested for flirting in the streets has been released, there being no law to hold him. Thus any idiot is at liberty to flirt, requiring the only the consent of one other idiot.

GENERAL WHEELER of Alabama has introduced a bill in congress to enable New York to hold a world's fair in 1900. Why, man, hold up a little and give us a chance to sit down and breathe between fairs.

GARZA is said to have been visiting the world's fair. Perhaps there is something in the story. Other bandits are known to have been there, and he may have expected a congress of bandits would be held.

MR. GLADSTONE evidently proposes to make the abolition of the house of lords an issue before the English people. The corpse of this dead aristocracy has no place above ground in this age of live Democracy. Wind stone is a good man to act as its undertaker.

DON PEDRO's grandson is reported to have embarked at a French port for Brazil. It is a long voyage that he has thus entered upon, and it is recommended that he pay away the tedium of the journey by carefully perusing a good biography of the late Maximilian of Mexico.

AN English pugilist named Burge has reached this country and been palmed to learn that there is no $50,000 purse in the light business. With the fact is doubtless disheartening, Mr. Burge will find that with a pick and shovel he will be able to earn $1.25 per day on the streets of almost any city in the land.

DISASTROUS reports of the late storm on the gulf coast still continue to come in. It was, perhaps, the most devastating storm known in our history. The old theory that the settlement and cultivation of this country tended to make destructive storms less frequent has been badly invalidated of late.

THERE will doubtless be many innovations on the European hotel business in William Waldorf Astor's proposed "Castle" in London. A hostelry in London, and it is to be hoped that among other new ideas he will introduce the custom of paying the servants instead of leaving it to the generosity of guests.

THE current of human history is very seldom affected one way or the other by the outcome of a South American rebellion. When the rebels overthrow the government it is a common thing of rebels defeating another band of rebels, and it matters little to the world which rebels are victorious.

EDMUND DUMONT OF Bulgaria is in great financial straits, although he has spent almost $50,000 which his government collected have furnished him during the past three or four years. He has just borrowed $200,000 apiece from his father-in-law and from Baron Hirsch. By and by it may begin to dawn upon the people of Bulgaria that a man who cannot manage his own financial affairs better than this is not fit to manage their government.

A GERMAN scientific weekly proposed the nibble of the water wheels in fancy for the night, rather than in the daytime—and why? Correspondence grew up around the subject, multiplied reasons, upset them, restated them and finally brought the question into so much prominence that it became ingrafted into the columns of a French rival across the border. The process began again. At last some one asks: "Why not look at a water wheel and see if it is true?"

ECONOMY in the matter of safeguards invariably proves expensive to railroad companies in the end. It is asserted that a wreck which occurred recently on a road leading out of Chicago was directly due to the closing of a night telegraph office in order to cut down expenses, and this in the face of the fact that the road was carrying a large passenger, a month more than its ordinary traffic because of travel to the world's fair. By discharging a telegraph operator and closing the office the company "saved" perhaps $40 or $50 a month. The wreck due to this economy will probably cost the company anywhere from $25,000 to $100,000 in actual loss and damage suits, to say nothing of the bad reputation which the wreck gives the road, which will lose it many thousands more. There is no necessity for pointing a moral in this case. The facts speak for themselves.

ANOTHER complaint crossing the Atlantic is to the effect that the insurance companies in London are groaning because of the dull season, which is largely due to the fact of Americans patronizing their own country this year. Americans are a species of milch cow for Europe's maintenance, and it is no wonder if things collapse without the rich nourishment they always afford. It is well, however, for them to remain home now and then, just to let this truth come to the surface and illumine the situation.

It may be that Alsace and Lorraine will prove Germany's white elephant. France wants them back now even more than right after Louis Napoleon's downfall. The thirst for a reclamation of the territory grows as the time of Germany's possession of it grows. Is it worth the sacrifice of blood and treasure which forever seems imminent? It would be infinitely better to compromise by turning the provinces over to the Netherlands or to Switzerland. They seem more difficult to keep than they were to acquire.

A YOUNG woman in New York has been arrested for chloroforming homeless cats. It has been supposed that this was a mission of mercy, both to the cats and to the public, but there appears to be a Dogberry in New York who is otherwise minded.

THE authorities at Princeton are doing their best to break up the barbarous custom of hazing, which, like an outworn survival, still lingers in that institution. The college is no place for men so heartless as to delight in the cruelty of hazing.

STATE NEWS MENTION.

CONDENSED COMPILATION OF INTERESTING INCIDENTS.

Michigan Grand Encampment of I. O. O. F.

—A Mayor and an Editor "Scrap."

—Several Suicides and Accidents.

The Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan convened at Representative Hall, Lansing. Grand Master Heineman presided and read his report of the condition of the order in which shows that nine new lodges were instituted during the year in addition to which 17 Daughters of Rebekah lodges were instituted. The amount contributed to the Bay City fire sufferers was $13,827.66. Grand Secretary Whitney's report set forth that during the year ending June 30, 1892, the total amount paid for relief was $95,054.16; total receipts, $106,797.31. Grand Representative Northwood's report of the condition of the order, as reported to the sovereign grand lodge showed that the net gain to the membership of the order during the year, exclusive of Rebekah lodge members, 180,869, a gain of 26,918; total relief paid by the order during the year, $3,350,681, and a total income of $36,041; total annual revenue of the order, $8,609,130.99.

The officers elected are as follows: Grand master, George L. Davis, Lansing; deputy grand master, M. R. Sovar, Ithaca; secretary, Edwin H. Whitney, Lansing; treasurer, H. Pritchard Allegan; warder, H. N. Wilder, Grand Rapids; representatives to the sovereign grand lodge, Edwin H. Whitney, New Lothrop, and H. H. Heineman, Negaunee.

The Daughters of Rebekah elected officers: President, Fanny K. Turner, Grand Rapids; vice-president, Mrs. A. E. Wisclogel, Muskegon; secretary, Mrs. J. A. Litchfield, Elsie; treasurer, Mrs. K. P. Peet, Ithaca. Mrs. C. Ashman of Bay City, Mrs. Mary A. Turner, of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Heinger, of Detroit, were elected delegates to the national convention. Both bodies meet at Grand Rapids in 1894.

Engineer and Conductor Arrested.

When the matter of responsibility for the terrible wreck at Battle Creek had been thoroughly canvassed warrants were issued for the arrest of Engineer Henry Wooley and Conductor Burt N. Scott of No. 6 and they were locked up. The stories told by these two directly opposite, and it will need to be a question of veracity as to who was to blame. The engineer says that when his engine left Battle Creek he train Conductor Scott came to him while he was oiling his engine and said that No. 5 had gone by Marshall, notwithstanding orders, and that the dispatcher was "wild" because they were late. Wooley says he thought he had boarded his engine he asked Scott if he was sure. No. 5 had gone through, and he then "cussed" and "hooted" at the "hoodoo" train. He then "cussed" and "hooted" at the "hoodoo" train, took my seat and started out," says Wooley. After I got into the yards I was a beautiful, I tell you, and that was standing still when No. 5 struck us." Wooley says he thought he had boarded his engine he asked Scott if he was sure. No. 5 had gone through, and he then "cussed" and "hooted" at the "hoodoo" train. He then took my seat and started out," says Wooley. After I got into the yards I was a beautiful, I tell you, and that was standing still when No. 5 struck us." Wooley says he thought he had boarded his engine and said that No. 5 had gone through without stopping at Marshall, notwithstanding orders, and that the dispatcher was "wild" because they were late. Wooley says he thought he had boarded his engine he asked Scott if he was sure. No. 5 had gone through, and he then "cussed" and "hooted" at the "hoodoo" train. He then took my seat and started out," says Wooley. After I got into the yards I was a beautiful, I tell you, and that was standing still when No. 5 struck us. The train was moving when I left it, and I had to have been blind not to discover that he had gone on by the double track until we were struck. In fact, I had to have been blind not to know the case, as I judge it was not more than a minute after we left the double track till we met this other train.

Criminally Assaulted at 80-Year Old Lady.

Patrick Casey of Emmet, was arrested on a charge of criminal assault. The victim of the brutal outrage is Mrs. Rynd, aged 80 years, resides alone in the village of Emmet and has been crippled with rheumatism for 10 years. Two persons forced an entrance into her home and perpetrated a most brutal assault. Mrs. Rynd fought her assailants as best she could and succeeded in falling to the floor, but screamed not but without sustaining severe injuries. Mrs. Rynd's face is terribly swollen and much of her hair torn from the effects of being choked by the villains in an attempt to stifle her outcries. The old lady is in a critical condition, and, owing to her age, there are grave doubts of her recovery.

Editor and Mayor Fight on the Street.

Some severe criticisms by the editor of the Appeal on the course of Mayor Woodbell, of Lansing, in dealing so lightly with houses of fame in that city, led to a hand-to-hand encounter between these two gentlemen. The mayor pounced upon the editor unawares, but was knocked down, and the editor quickly walked away to avoid further trouble. Much excitement prevails, as a renewal of hostilities is expected.

Shot a Woman for a Bear.

Mrs. Mary Gould, wife of a farmer living five miles south of Ionia, in Montcalm county, was shot and fatally injured by a hunter named Timothy Hatch, mistook her for a bear. Mrs. Gould was returning from the house of a neighbor, and stopped to pick up some branches when Hatch saw her and fired. The ball struck her shoulder and passed down into the body, inflicting a fatal wound. Hatch is an old man with defective eyesight.

Arrested for Adultery.

Mrs. Augustus Dix, of Detroit, was arrested for an offense against Fontiac and is now lodged in the county jail, at the latter place, charged with adultery. William Cline, of Detroit, is named as co-respondent. The complaint was sworn to by Mr. Day, the wealthy husband, who has had a number of sensational matrimonial escapades. Cline is a carpenter and laborer. A warrant was also issued for his arrest.

Burglars Blew Out the Store Front.

Burglars entered the postoffice and store of J. K. Clark, of Ossineg, and attempted to get into his burglar-proof safe where he had considerable cash and stamps. They blew off the outer door of the safe only and did not get into the strong box. The explosion was terrific and knocked the store front out of the store. This scared the robbers away and nothing was missing from the store.

While drilling for water on his farm near Sand Beach, R. A. Brown struck a solid bed of salt at the depth of 100 feet.

Baraga has become so orderly that the authorities have discharged the town marshal, as there is nothing for him to do.

A passenger train on the Lake Shore killed an unknown man just south of Alexia. His remains were taken to Toledo, and could not be identified.

The bridge below the dam on the St. Joe river, near Niles, gave way throwing five men into the river and seriously injuring one. All were rescued.

It was foggy and neither was running very rapidly, but there was a terrible collision at Clarkston, which demolished two locomotives of the Flint & Pere Marquette. Supt. Potter was on one of them, but was not injured.

A man giving his name as Nugent was arrested while burglarizing the Bad Axe station for robbing the railroad station at Sebewaing Sebewaing and Minden. Articles taken from the stations were found on his person. He is 60 years of age.

PROBABLY A MURDER.

An Aged Citizen of Wayne Found Dead in the River—Foul Play Suspected.

John Lang, the well known and an old resident of Wayne, was found in the River Rouge, a few rods from his home. The body was lying on its back in seven inches of water, the face entirely out of the water. The body when taken from the river showed several ugly gashes about the head. At the postmortem examination a blood clot was found on the brain. The autopsy has not been completed, but death did not result from drowning, as there was no water in the lungs.

On Friday of last week Mr. Lang made a will leaving all his property to a young woman named Mary Brenner, who has been out of the county's house as his housekeeper. Miss Brenner's story is that Lang went to town, and when he came back he had been drinking, complained of his stomach and head, and his eyes looked wild; that he was up with the old man until about 4 o'clock in the morning when, as she supposed, the old man was sleeping. She then went to bed, and when she got up in the morning went to the old man's room and found him gone. She called on a neighbor to help find him. They noticed blood from the door by which he left the house down across his lot to the river bank. He had fallen down several times on the way, and wallowed around, and in some places it looks as though he had been dragged. He was barefooted and bareheaded, having only his pants and shirt on. His face and hands were cut and bruised.

Later.—An investigation shows that Mr. Lang's death was due to natural causes.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Iosco county will vote on the road question Dec. 4.

Carsonville churches are without a preacher of any kind.

George Taylor, of Flint, must spend 90 days in jail for stealing walnuts.

A. M. Clark, of Lexington, assumes his new duties as postmaster at Sarnia on the first of November.

The Ingham County Saving Bank has resumed business after having been closed five months.

Westorja man could not wait for the open season for deer to arrive, shot one, and has been fined $50 and costs.

At a special election at Jackson the proposition to bond the city for $80,000 to build and improve the water system was carried.

Judge Swan appointed Don M. Dickinson as receiver of the Detroit, Bay City & Alpena railroad company, and fixed his bond at $50,000.

The Fostoria Buggy company, of Jackson, has placed a chattel mortgage for the benefit of the creditors to the amount of $60,000.

J. Solt, a farmer from Bridgeport, blew out the gas in his room at the Commercial hotel, Saginaw, and was nearly dead when discovered in the morning.

Albert Sink and John Weigand, brothers-in-law, quarreled with a pitchfork and revolver near Bangor. As a result Sink has a bullet wound in the thigh.

Mrs. William Smade of Albion, used kerosene oil to start a fire and was very seriously injured in the explosion which followed. She was badly burned about the head and hands.

Miss Edith Oldfield, Saginaw, thought an article in a Detroit sensational Sunday paper reflected on her and she took laudanum with suicidal intent. She will not die.

John Thurmel, aged sixty, three miles Bay City, cut his throat with a razor. He left a note behind, but says he has been out of his mind.

M. H. Myers of Bear Lake, became involved in a quarrel that was given him after his wife had left the house, the crowd, seriously injuring Edgar Kingscott, a reputable young farmer.

The Exchange Bank at Carsonville has been closed by order of the directors, posted a notice to depositors to call and take away their cash. The bank is perfectly solvent and every dollar will be paid in full.

Wm. A. Bassett, prominent citizen and man of Plymouth, while at work in manic pears in his garden, suddenly dropped dead from a supposed stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Bassett was 65 years of age.

The sale of Alpena's new street railroad to S. D. Nesmith, as agent of the Thompson-Houston syndicate, has been effected and the cash turned over. The road will be in a single Tecumseh and Ypsilanti.

L. Carl Bank, formerly assistant superintendent of the Industrial Home for Girls at Lansing, has gone to California, where he will be superintendent of a similar institution which is about to be established in that state.

Harry O. Wills, the adopted son of Evangelist Wills, has been arrested at Howell on a charge of stealing $125 from George Johnson, a farmer living there. Wills is said to have confessed and given up $50 of the money.

A disastrous fire broke out in the business section of Morenci and before it could be got under control eight stores and one dwelling were destroyed. The loss will probably amount to $100, insured for $50,000. The village is a mere village.

Miss Cora Williams committed suicide at Kalamazoo by taking morphine. She had cared for her brother's boy for nearly 13 years, but his father took him away a few weeks ago. Despondent over her disappointment and her loss she killed herself.

Phineas Stewart, a Livingston township centenarian, has returned from his annual outing of camping and fishing. He was two years old on the 4th instant. He has fished with his father's sons, his children to their graves. His camping companions were his grandchildren.

Railroad Commissioner Billings, Mills, D. Campbell, of Coldwater, and Robert Gibbons, of Detroit, constituting the board and assessors of railroad property by the last legislature, met at Lansing and organized by electing commissioner Billings chairman and Major Campbell secretary.

The upper peninsula will soon have stone quarries as rich as her copper and iron mines. A granite has been uncovered at Breen and marble and exhaustible deposits have just been found near the headwaters of the Menominee river.

A well-known lumbering jobber of Hadwin county, Walter F. Hymen, went to Saginaw to meet his father, Sherman house. He had with him three teams, a quantity of camp equipage and a large cash for logging. As he exposed a big roll of bills in several resorts, detectives who have been looking for the money, fear foul play, and his brother, Hon. C. S. Hymen, is looking after some clue that will show what has befallen him.

The Batchelor monument, bequeathed to St. Clair county soldiers and sailors, has arrived at Fort Huron. The monument is of Vermont granite. It was purchased for $10,000 left for erection by the late Mr. Batchelor, a former resident, who died in January, 1892, at Saginaw. It is 60 feet high, 19 feet 6 inches square at the bottom. The base contains fifteen granite statues, representing the infantry and marine service, and the crowning piece typifies the color-bearer. The die is of bronze and is a reproduction of Ward's A. O. R. badge. The column represents a cannon. It will be erected in Pine Grove Avenue park, Port Huron.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE.—Sixty-second day.—Mr. Dolph moved to amend the journal of the previous day so as to show the presence of Mr. Allison had refused to vote. Mr. Voorhees moved to table the motion. Yeas and nays—Yeas, 29; nays, Mr. Hill, 1. Dubois and Jones, of Nevada, 2. Senators Dubois and Jones, of Nevada, 2. Senators Hill and Jones voted in accordance with their respective attitudes upon the repeal bill and indulged in some of the sharpest repartee regarding each other. Mr. Dolph then moved to table the entire journal of the day. HOUSE.—Mr. Geary called up the Senate and House bills providing for the visit Warner of New York, and Geary introduced a bill to repeal the tax on oleomargarine. Mr. Springer introduced a bill to amend the bill, after which it was ordered that the House adopt the resolution of the printing bill.

SENATE.—Sixty-third day.—The New York and New Jersey bridge bill was received from the House and referred to the commerce committee. Mr. Hill moved that the unfinished business be laid aside, and the motion was carried. The Senate then proceeded to consider the bill to repeal the tax on state bank notes. Mr. Peffer offered an amendment to the bill, providing that the revenues of the government for the first three months of the current fiscal year be deducted from the $100,000,000 at the rate of over $25,000,000 a month, and that expenditures during the first three months of the current fiscal year be deducted at the rate of over $25,000,000 a month. At the same rate the revenues of the fiscal year would aggregate about $100,000,000 and expenditures about $100,000,000 less than the estimated expenses, and would show an increase of expenditures over receipts for nine months of a little more $50,000,000. The secretary of the treasury would be compelled to continue the credit at the end of the year would be about $100,000,000. Mr. Peffer, Kansas, gave notice of an amendment to the bill providing that if no income tax be levied, Mr. Peffer moved to amend the journal of the previous day so as to show his presence when he failed to respond to roll call. Mr. Dolph moved to table the motion, became warm in debate on the question of closing the bill. The bill was then put, but lost—yeas, 29; nays, 29. Senators Hill and Dubois voted in the affirmative, making a majority made concessions to the minority. Mr. Dolph then moved to table the motion to strike out the enacting clause of the bill, which was carried