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IN the debate between Princeton and Yale, the former claims that the Princeton team exceeded in its aspect of non-intellectuality anything that had recently appeared in public.

In bringing over Chinese for the purpose of subsequently smuggling them into the United States, the British Columbians are reported to have inadvertently imported a small pox of the worst type. This heart-felt sympathy of the American people is extended to them.

ENGLAND'S soldiers are busily engaged in slaying the natives of distant India. It is reassuring to know that the slaughter is purely humane in character, and that if England was not certain the natives would be better off dead than alive, they would be left alone.

IT will probably surprise those American advocates of the canals to learn that there are to-day 3,800 miles of canals used for navigation. In a country where railroading has the highest form of development no favor is found in any suggestion looking toward giving up the artificial waterways.

CALIFORNIA farmers have no cause of complaint against the present season, as rain has come with great regularity and the prospects for fruit and grain were never brighter. The total rainfall for the season in early all the counties of the state, north and in all the northern counties is now over twenty-five inches.

The introduction of bullet proof clothing as an offset to smokeless powder and improved two-mile guns will make the art of war one of pleasurable exhilaration, with very little danger. About the only people who will be injured by a war in the twentieth century will be the overworked tailors and machinists.

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MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Fire destroyed the Phœnix planing mill at Holland, Tuesday night.

The Manistee, Filer City & East Lake electric railway has began running.

There are so many cases of diphtheria at Allegan that an epidemic is feared.

Clio people have formed a stock company and will build a canning factory.

It cost Dunder less than $600 to take care of her temporary poor, the past year.

A farmer drove a single porker into Vandalia and went home richer by $62·60.

The State Liquor Dealers association held a secret executive session at Grand Rapids.

G. R. Brandt, of Bangroft, has been engaged as principal of the Imlay City High school.

Berrien County Horticultural society is desirous of making an exhibit at the World's Fair.

Mrs. McVean, of Hart, was frightfully burned. Her clothing caught fire from a stove.

Richard G. Heddis, 20 years old, committed suicide at Grand Rapids because he was out of work.

Grand Rapids bricklayers and masons have struck for an eight-hour day at 45 cents per hour.

Recently the eyes of all pupils in the Otsego schools were tested. About 60 per cent had perfect sight.

The annual session of the Christian Endeavor societies of southwestern Michigan has held at Dowagiac.

Rev. Dr. D. B. Reed, of Hillsdale college, has assumed the pastorate of the Paris Baptist church in that city.

T. R. Lyon, of Ludington, sold 640 acres of pine lands in Mason county. For one-half of it he received $100,000.

The Flint Blues, Genesee county's crack military company, has discharged 13 members for non-attendance at drill.

Rev. J. W. Savage, of the Red Jacket M. E. church, has resigned his pastorate to engage in mission work in China.

Branches of the Battle Creek sanitarium are to be started at Milton, Oregon, and at Chicago during the World's Fair.

Marcellus factories and elevators were obliged to shut down for a time on account of their inability to get coal.

Isaac Kellogg's residence and barn near Reading were burned; loss about $2,000. A lantern tipped over in the barn.

Ludwig A. Klein, said to have lived formerly in Detroit, committed suicide at Everett, Wash., jumping into Green river.

John Bailey, of Wyandotte, was arrested on a charge of smuggling wool over from Canada. He was released on bail.

William A. Johnson, proprietor of the Interlaken hotel, Lake Geneva, is missing, has assigned. The students are the chief sufferers.

After seemingly making all necessary preparations to locate at Mapelton, the impervious Casket company has decided to locate at Schoolcraft.

Alexander Cummings, of Quincy, aged 70, and Anna Copin, aged 61, secured a license in Hillsdale the other day. Both have been married four times.

Melvin Shepherd, a farm hand, aged 24, was arrested at North Branch on a charge of criminal assault. The 9-year-old daughter of William Grant.

The State Teachers' institute will be held at Marshall, with a good attendance. The papers read and discussed were entertaining and instructive.

It is said that the regular train at St. Joseph from Sturgeon edge is sent to Europe for a market and then returned to the country as the gubernatorial train.

The examination of Stevens, the Cass City murderer, was to have been resumed, but on account of the absence of leading witnesses it had to be postponed.

The Dundee Fair association has decided to hold a grand matinee on their track July 4, and that the village shall have an old-fashioned Fourth of July blow out.

Negotiations are pending between the Electric Headlight Co., of New York, and Dowagiac capitalists, who are trying to induce the concern to locate there.

H. H. Northup, a well-to-do Castleton farmer, 72 years of age, committed suicide by shooting himself. He is said to have been mentally unbalanced for some time.

Mrs. A. S. Benjamin, of Portland, Mich., president of the Fifth district of Michigan W. C. T. U. will give a series of lectures and drills through the Seventh district.

The drug store of Dr. O'Gould, at Henderson, was robbed. From $150 to $200 worth of goods and $5 in change are gone. A lot of Bibles are among the goods stolen.

Ex-Senator Benson was badly hurt on his farm near Ann Arbor. He was knocked him down and kicked in the back. Benson was unconscious for 12 hours, but will recover.

James Sullivan, a brakeman on the Flint & Pere Marquette local freight, while coupling cars at Starns' siding fell under the wheels and had his left leg cut off just below the knee.

By the smashing of a buggy by an electric car in West Bay City Miss Brady and Mrs. Waldbaum were injured. There was no warning and the motorman was collecting fares.

An unknown man, 50 years old, committed suicide near Romulus with a double-barreled rifle. He left a paper on which was written: "Relatives." address, Scott, Vanwert county, Ohio.

Thomas Reed, of Thompsonville, fell into the river several days ago, rolled on top of him. He broke a shoulder, dislocated a knee and was badly cut about the head, but will pull through.

Chas. Fourhman, of Lake Linden, has left for Canada to New York to testify, as an expert, in an important morphine poisoning case. The case is considered a marked complement, both in Michigan and the university.

At Saginaw the annual report of Health Officer Ellis, completed, shows that 1,031 passed out of life, 1,000 of diphtheria during the year. The health of the city was never better than now, due to the very unusual rainfall.

The Michigan Schoolmaster club will meet in the north wing of the University hall at Ann Arbor, April 8. A number of the prominent educators of the state will be present and interesting papers will be read and discussed.

A projectile on foot at Decatur to improve the race track was blasted last season and not to build stables and a grand stand. An effort will be made to hang up purses large enough to attract some of the best horses in the Michigan circuit.

Mrs. Hiram Cox and her husband, of Wakelee, will both recover. Cox is the man who recently attempted to murder his wife, and tried to end his own existence by cutting his throat. He will probably be declared insane and sent to the asylum.

Tim Dailey, the well-known lumberman of Marquette, committed suicide in his room at Hancock by cutting his throat with a razor. He was generally cheerful and popular among his fellow-citizens, and no cause, save temporary insanity, can be assigned for his rash act.

Judge and Mrs. J. N. Lucas, both well-known attorneys of Lansing, were badly injured in a runaway accident at that place. Mrs. Lucas arm was broken and her face seriously disfigured. While her husband escaped with numerous painful but not dangerous injuries.

Geo. W. Owen, editor of the American at Owosso, has begun another $10,000 libel suit against E. O. Dewey, of the Times, accusing Owen of working in the interest of Germans against Owosso. This is the second suit Owen has instituted against Dewey, neither of which has yet been tried.

A valuable horse attached to a buggy was stolen from an alley at Jackson and the next day word came from Charlotte that the rig and thief had been discovered there. The man gave his name as Neil Anderson, who is said to be a Montcalm county burglar released from state prison two days before.

The Pontiac sportsmen will by a series of shoots determine who will represent the club at the World's Fair. There are some shooters there of the highest grade in the state, having won at different times the championship in trap-shooting, and certainly ought to make a creditable showing in the fastest company.

The Ludington life saving crew, in charge of Capt. Chas. Tufts, were selected from the hundreds of stations in the United States to represent the life saving service at the World's Fair. They took possession of the new station prepared for them at Jackson Park, April 1, where they will be provided with an entire new outfit of boats and apparatus.

Here is a spring frog story that has first-class backing: In digging for masonry at the water works at Jackson which was put in 20 years ago, a portion of the cement was pried apart and a live frog found. The masonry was sold all about his frogship and the latter was a little stiff in his joints at first, but, being warmed up, make hops that could knock any frog out born last summer.

The Michigan State Medical society will hold its 28th annual meeting at the opera house at Muskegon, May 11 and 12. A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the profession to attend. Members desiring to read papers are asked to notify the secretary so that he may reserve a place for them on the program, which is rapidly filling up. An excursion rate of one and a third fare on the round trip has been secured on all Michigan railroads.

The spring meeting of the Central Michigan Poultry association will be held at Cleaning June 1 and 2. Purses of the value of $875 are up for that occasion and now other towns are going to hold a band tournament there at the same time. If a certain number of bands signify their intention of participating, cash prizes will be offered amounting to between $300 and $500. Free entertainment will be given and a reduction in railroad rates will be secured. A corner cornet is also among the possibilities.

Mrs. M. Hatch, of Lansing, has the misfortune to resemble Latimer somewhat. Recently while the excitement over the murderer's escape was at its height, Hatch wanted to go to Charlotte, but arrived too late at Eaton Rapids to make connection. He then tried to take a ride on a freight. The conductor nabbed him, saying that he would turn him over to Charlotte officials, as he felt confident that Hatch was the famous criminal. Hatch's hair came near turning gray, but he managed to prove his identity.

Horace C. Donoghue, a well-known and well-to-do Chicago publisher, committed suicide without known cause.

ELECTION IN THE STATE.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME JUSTICE

And Reports of the University Carry the Day—Constitutional Amendments Carried—Liquor Vote.

THINK THEY HAVE SCHILLING'S MURDERER.

Kalamazoo officials feel quite certain that they have made the murderer of Louis Schilling who was found in his meat markets with his skull crushed and his throat cut. The man now under arrest is Otto Plotter. He says that he told his brother, who lives in the country, that he expected to be arrested. The brother denies the statement. The accused tells stories about his whereabouts which are quite confused. He says that he went to the market from the barber shop. Two scousers said he bought a half dollar's worth of beef, and they told him that he could not get any, as he had no money. He said he knew Schilling and could get it. He also says he was not in the market, and again that he was there when Ed Otto, a butcher dealer, was there. Ed Otto, said he was not in the market and helped to move the body. This is denied by those who were present.

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CABINET DIFFICULTIES.

FRANCE'S MINISTRY RESIGNS AND PRESIDENT CARNOT

Experiences Great Difficulty in Forming a Cabinet—Premier who Can Form a New Cabinet—Other General News.

PARIS cable: The ministry has resigned. In the chamber of deputies a crisis arose, but not on the Panama affair. The report that Boulanger had held office for only about 11 weeks, coming in when M. Loubet resigned on account of the Panama scandal.

It is rumored that M. Develle, minister of foreign affairs in the Ribot cabinet, will be asked by President Carnot to form a new ministry.

The crisis arose through the adoption by the chamber by 312 to 243 votes of the report of the budget committee on the budget. It was returned to the chamber from the senate. M. Lockroy announced that the committee had adopted the budget bill by the senate without alteration. He said the budget was the best all the reform possible under the circumstances. The senate, he added, had not pressed in the budget all the reforms passed by the chamber. It was impossible to permit such an infringement of constitutional prerogatives. After a long debate in the chamber, then proceeding to discuss the clauses, rejected the senate amendment, including the amendment that liquor sold in the senate should be free from duty. The amendment was rejected by 312 to 243 votes. The senate amendment, including the amendment that liquor sold in the senate should be free from duty, was rejected by 312 to 243 votes. The senate, he added, had not pressed in the budget all the reforms passed by the chamber. It was impossible to permit such an infringement of constitutional prerogatives. After a long debate in the chamber, then proceeding to discuss the clauses, rejected the senate amendment, including the amendment that liquor sold in the senate should be free from duty. The amendment