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IT was nip and tuck between the baggage-smashers and the Zulu savages at Chicago, but of course the latter got only the tuck. They were out-classed.

BURGLARS broke into the house of the Bradley-Martins at New York and stole most of the bric-a-brac. There is, however, something for which to be grateful. They left the hyphen.

WARD MCALLISTER wants a foreign mission. He might do well in Africa, teaching manners to the monkeys, whose conversational powers are being developed under the coaching of Professor Garnier.

THE papers which hastened to give the world an estimate of ex-President Gonzales of Mexico upon the announcement of his death, will be pleased to learn he isn't dead nor likely to be for some time.

THE man who is "too well known to require any introduction to the public" appears to be quite numerous of late. Fortunately in every case the great public is too well known to require any introduction to him.

THE old Liberty bell made a noise in the world once upon a time, but now it has no cause to be anything but take its otium cum dig. Wherever it goes the people make the air resound with glad acclamations.

THIS country has showered honor and banquets upon the duke of Veragua, whose remarkable achievement of having descended from Columbus makes him famous. It is not too much to say that the worthy duke's prospects of carrying a case of dyspepsia back to Spain could not be brighter.

A MAN turned up at the Harlem station, Mount Vernon, N. Y., the other day bearing a Harlem railway ticket dated 1860, and entitling him to ride from One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street to Fordham. He could easily have sold it at the station for a good many times its original cost.

OBJECTION is being raised by ladies against such street car conductors as chew gum. If the conductors will now complain of the passengers who chew gum ostentatiously, and each nuisance shall succeed in abating the other, the portion of the public that holds its collective jaw between meals will be glad.

A FARMER near San Bernardino was bitten by a rattle snake, and applied, so it is said, the usual remedy. That was six weeks ago, and no harm appeared to have been done. Now the farmer has taken to having fits when he sees a snake. Six weeks steady application of the remedy has evidently been too much for him.

SINCE it has been announced that there are 1,000,000 square miles of Canada yet unexplored, the feeling in favor of annexation in this country has been growing. That piece of land is just about the right size for a reservation for our cranks, and lies mostly in a latitude where the climate would assist them to keep cool.

BIBLES, pocketbooks and many other of the like have all been the means of saving people's lives from bullet wounds, but probably the first time for a package of gum to act in that role, occurred at Carey, Idaho, one day recently, where the life of Dave Evans was saved by a package of gum, the bullet lodging in the package.

THE California habit of claiming a fortune consisting of realty in the heart of New York city seems to be both deeply rooted and infectious. At first the fortune was only a modest $60,000,000 but in two weeks it has grown to $500,000,000. If the heirs can only wait a few days more it will surely be a round billion and worth striving for.

IF blood tells anything, the striking resemblance of the duke of Veragua to the Jovian or Florence Columbus lends considerable confirmation to the claim that the oldest of the known portraits of a known to have been painted at least in the generation of Columbus, is the most probably truthful, although it was not from life, as none of the portraits were.

THE suggested use of homing pigeons on men-of-war calls to mind the use made of the bird's first cousin by the captain of the ark in the time of the great freshet. With this new use of the bird, however, its reputation as the emblem of peace will suffer. With a ship more or eight hundred miles at sea there is no reason to doubt the ability of a pigeon to make the journey without getting lost.

THE attorneys who labor under the impression that a legal charge of thirty per cent or an illegal charge of ninety-nine per cent of a note has been in fashion of the Jessup fortune, is customary among attorneys may be sincere in their belief, but they are mistaken.

SOME mobs hang people, to the great scandal of the law. Other mobs merely attend weddings to which they have not been bidden and act like a mob of petticoated rowdies. Contemplation of either variety fails to thrill the American heart with pride.

A REPORT from Servia says the young King Alexander is a cynical youth with a heart as hard as a nether millstone; that he never has known what boyhood is and is tough for pastime and by inheritance. He has the right stuff to make a king of, evidently.

A LAW has passed the New York legislature to punish newspapers for making false affidavits of circulation for the purpose of deceiving advertisers. This legislative tinkering with the cherished institutions of our country will yet bear terrible fruit.

RIGHT along in line with the smokeless powder and bullet proof armorites comes the invention of a powder for use by torpedo boats that will make such a Pittsburgian darkness that the enemy cannot tell whether the little villain is coming on or getting off.

HOPEFUL people who of late have been finding themselves heirs to European estates have generally got their expectations at $40,000,000. This is too high. Think of the bitterness of the disappointment involved in not getting $40,000,000.

A VERY HOT TIME.

STATE HOMEOPATHIC SOCIETY FORCES A RESIGNATION

From Dean Obetz, of the University, for Alleged Conspiracy, Disloyalty and Misrepresentation—State Items.

The Pioneer hall of the state capitol at Lansing was the scene of a very stirring meeting of the State Homeopathic Medical society. The call issued for the meeting was a special one signed by President Nottingham. No time was spared in getting to work and the president's address, a very lengthy document—brought the matter to a focus in short order. The trouble was caused by the action of Dr. Obetz, dean of the homeopathic school at the University, in advocating a union of the homeopathic and allopathic branches at that institution. The president of the society charged Dr. Obetz with duplicity, misrepresentation, disloyalty, conspiracy and libel. The alleged duplicity consisted of saying one thing in the regular and another to the profession, disloyalty in advocating a scheme which would destroy the distinctiveness of the homeopathic department, conspiracy in saying to Wesh. Campbell, demonstrator of anatomy, that if the colleges fused, he (Obetz) expected to be professor of anatomy, and would resign in two or three years, and, as Campbell was in the line of promotion, he could easily succeed him. The libel consisted in saying in substance that "only old school physicians who decided to stand upon a name want to keep up separate colleges and distinctive organizations," which is a libel, on every reputable and honest homeopathic physician in the world."

Dr. Obetz's reply was straightforward and plain. He said the president's address was an extraordinary document, founded largely on hearsay, and declared that he had never before been so grossly misrepresented. The whole trouble, he said, grew out of the attempt to defend the students. The homeopathic department had but 25 students, while the regular college had 375. The former were compelled to pass all the chairs presided over by the old school professors, and the homeopathic chairs. He wanted the departments consolidated so that the rights of his students might be better protected in this respect. The primary object of the scheme, however, was to give the homeopathic professors a chance to study old school, that enabled them to teach homeopathic doctrines to old school students and thus spread the doctrine. He had no faith in homeopathy that he was convinced that if its principles could be brought before the regular students they would prevail.

The matter was referred to a special committee, which subsequently called for the resignation of Dr. Obetz from the presidency of the homeopathic chair at the University.

The methods of the society are severely criticised by Dr. Obetz's friends and disinterested practitioners, and will undoubtedly result in a split in the society. Dr. Obetz's friends are determined to have him in a fair chance to defend himself and by appointing committees known to be opposed to Dr. Obetz, the latter says that the charges against him were actuated by malice and petty jealousies about the action of the society and that the motives of its leading spirits are very plainly written between the lines.

Eighty-Four New Doctors.

The 24th annual commencement exercises of the Detroit College of Medicine were held at the opera house on that city. It was a most brilliant and important event. The vast building was filled to its full seating capacity with the learning and fashion of the city, and many were present from outside the city, from a personal interest in some of the members of the class of 70 graduates. There is no question that it was the leading event of the high class season in Detroit, and reflects added honor on an institution that has brought many laurels to the city in past years.

There were 84 graduates in three branches. All the graduates in pharmacy receive the M. D. degree, those in veterinary surgery and medicine four were from Michigan, three from Illinois and two from Ohio. In medicine Ontario, Of the medical graduates, 37 were from Ontario, 31 from Michigan, 7 from Ohio and 3 from the state of New York, Illinois, Indiana, Manitoba and Minnesota. A grand banquet was held at the Wayne hotel.

Health Officers' Criminal Carelessness.

Secretary Baker of the state board of health, has been active trying to over come the criminal carelessness of several health boards in Tuscola county. There was a death from diphtheria at Caro and a burial service conducted by Secretary Baker from Dr. D. S. Stevens, the local health officer, it appears that the victim was a child who, after suffering with the disease for several days, was brought on the cars from Millington where Diphtheria has been very prevalent for some time. The sick child reached Caro after having stopped at the depot there. As soon as a physician was called he pronounced it a fatal case of malignant diphtheria, and the child died within three days. Dr. Stevens says that nothing has been done as the health board does not like to offend the family. He was rather surprised to be reminded of his duty by Secretary Baker, who also sent instruction to the health officials at Millington and Vassar.

School Fund Apportionment.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school interest money has been made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Patterngill, in accordance with the provisional Act No. 227 of the public acts of 1885. The entire number of children school age in the state is 674,379; the number entitled to in the apportionment is 672,384, and the total amount apportioned is $517,735.68, the rate per capita being 77 cents.

Gasoline and Cigarette—Two May Die.

A son of Mrs. William Hilton, of Port Huron, lighted a cigarette in a room where gasoline was, spilling some clothing with gasoline. The room was filled with the fumes from the liquid and immediately on ignition exploded. The gasoline fell on Mrs. Hilton's dress and caught fire. Marshall Smith, who rescued her, says recovery is doubtful. The son was also badly burned about the face and arms.

Wyandotte cyclists can't ride on the sidewalks.

The roundhouse, eight miles east of Lake City, belonging to the Thayer Lumber Co., burned Friday night and locomotives were almost entirely ruined. The loss will be about $7,000.

Six Lakes, a small village six miles from Edmore, was completely wiped out by fire. The flames started in a small building and spread rapidly, destroying the store, postoffice and, in fact, all of the principal part of the town, only stopping at the river for want of material.

Capt. Richard Pike, master of the sealing steamer Kite, who carried the Peary expedition party north for the past two years, died at St. Johns, N. F., from a cancer. He was 70 years old and one of the best known Arctic navigators in Newfoundland. He had commanded sealing steamers for the past 24 years.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Corunna's council has decided to pay a $6,000 bonus for a furniture factory.

Howard City Grand Army post is to buy a silk flag and unfurl it Memorial Day.

Two children died from diphtheria at Corunna and there are several new cases.

A. A. Barger, a German physician at Sebewaing died from an overdose of morphine.

Berrien county pioneers will hold their annual picnic in Berrien Springs in June.

A summer school in Latin will be held in Olivet seminary during the summer vacation.

An expert accountant is to be hired to go over the accounts of the Wyandotte water board.

George Harriman, the murderer of Frederick Foote at Saginaw, has been denied a new trial.

Roy Covert, a 9-year-old boy of Schwartz Creek, was struck in the face with a baseball and will die.

Joshua Wolstenholme, a wealthy farmer living north of Port Huron was kicked to death by a stallion.

Christian Shepherd hung himself with a clothesline in a deserted lumber camp near Thompson Station.

Adolph Nailor and Miss Edith Beebe, of Marcellus, created considerable excitement a few days ago by eloping.

A 6-year-old son of John Kelly, residing near Lake Orion, was drowned in a well. His clothing caught fire from a stove.

An unknown man was found dead with a crushed skull near Rogers City. Foul play is suspected as wounds were also discovered on the body.

Gov. Rich and staff occupied boxes at an amateur performance of "Pinafore" by the Detroit Yacht club at the Detroit Opera House, Detroit.

Delbert Reban, a Manistee boy, took hold of an electric light wire and was killed instantly. The agonies of convulsions had been playing with it.

Matthew Winstone, a farmer residing near Willow was run over by his horses at Carleton and fatally injured. The wagon passed over his head and chest.

Saginaw police are kicking hard for patrol wagons. Drunks have to be made comfortable in the police cells, and citizens object to the many unpleasant features.

D. A. Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, and W. W. Chamberlain, of Cadillac, are the grand men in the narrow guage road to be built through Sherman and Highland, Osceola county.

Mrs. John Smelz was killed while crossing the L. S. & T. M. tracks in Springwells, a Detroit suburb. The train was backing and was running at unusual speed and the distance.

Uriah H. Lake, ex-supreme president of the grand lodge of Patrons of Industry of Michigan, died at his home in Ionc, of apoplexy. He was well and favorably known.

Triplets arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brown, of Hart. Two of them are girls and the mother and children are doing well. They have been named Faith, Hope and Charity.

Hon. Robert Worden, a Pittsford pioneer, was found dead in bed. He was a member of the early Michigan legislature and treasurer of Hillsdale county. He stood high in the Masonic order.

A tent of the Ladies of the Maccabees has been organized at Carleton with a charter membership of 30. Mrs. Green, of Adrian, was the organizer. Mrs. George Burgess was elected commander.

The body of Mrs. Patrick Riley, buried five years ago in St. Mary's cemetery at Adrian, was found petrified when exhumed. It is as plump, fleshy and looks as natural as when interred.

Frank Barr, a retired capitalist, died at the home of his nephew, C. R. Steward at Hillsdale, at the age of 75 years. He amassed half a million dollars in his business career. The nephew is his sole heir.

Mrs. Rebecca Ingraham, of Muskegon, left $5,000 to the sanitarium there. For years, the woman said, her relatives had neglected her and she didn't know, as they cared about having any of her money.

The town of Bailey, 20 miles from Grand Rapids, was nearly wiped out by fire. George Hirschberg's store was first burned and three other stores and a dwelling house also destroyed. The loss is about $20,000.

L. Lucius McDonald, a telegraph messenger boy, of Grand Rapids, was held up by some unknown man and was forced to give up $2.10 a day. The man valued at $50. The money was the boy's pay for last month.

The section men on the old road of the Lake Shore road struck for higher pay of $1.10 a day. The section hands on the Air Line receive $1.25 per day. Therefore a strike after suffering with the disease for several days, was brought on the cars from Millington where Diphtheria has been very prevalent for some time. The sick child reached Caro after having stopped at the depot there. As soon as a physician was called he pronounced it a fatal case of malignant diphtheria, and the child died within three days. Dr. Stevens says that nothing has been done as the health board does not like to offend the family. He was rather surprised to be reminded of his duty by Secretary Baker, who also sent instruction to the health officials at Millington and Vassar.

WAS SHOCKED TO DEATH

CARLYLE HARRIS DIES WITH A PROTEST OF INNOCENCE.

The Famous Wife-Murderer Breathes His Last in the Electrocution Chair at Sing, N. Y.

Carlyle W. Harris, convicted of the murder of his wife, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison, New York. His last words were, "I have no fear of meeting my maker. I die innocent to say that I am absolutely innocent."

The crime, trial and execution of the Harris case is the most famous of recent times. The story of the crime has been so often told that it is not necessary to tell it again. The trial was very exhaustive and the counsel and friends of Harris made a most determined fight and after the sentence of death had been passed appeals were made to the governor and every measure possible taken to avert or modify the sentence. Every effort was vain, however, and the sentence was carried out as the law provides.

It is said that the condemned man's courage to the last which had surprised even his friends during his long imprisonment and trial.

Harris had had an affectionate farewell with Helen Scharten, his young mother and the night before the execution he slept peacefully. A light breakfast at 6 o'clock and the spiritual ministration of the prison chaplain were followed by a clean shave and a bath out, then in a new suit of clothes Harris was ready for the last ordeal.

The apparatus which provided the death penalty had been tested at 1,700 volts and the assembled physicians, officials and reporters had assembled in the death room when Harris was brought in. He entered later he was in the chair and when he made the remark given above, protesting his innocence, he was very pale, but calm. His legs and arms were then strapped to the chair, the helmet put on his head and the signal given. A current of 1,700 volts went through the body and it straightened up until the straps creaked. In two seconds the current was reduced to 1,000 volts and in 50 seconds the current was entirely shut off. The physicians made an examination and said that death came at the first contact.

Three hours later the body was given in charge to an undertaker and taken away to friends.

THE VETS GAN VOTE.

But Not at the Soldiers' Home if Their Home is Elsewhere.

The case against the election inspectors of Grand Rapids township, Kent county, for refusing to accept the votes of 45 inmates of the Soldiers' Home came to a conclusion before the grand jury. As the attorneys were prepared to make their arguments, Judge Grove took them short by taking the case out of the hands of the jury. He said that the case briefly and cited a decision of the New York supreme court upon a case in point. He said that the court had considered it its duty to order a verdict of not guilty. There is no question but the votes were legal. The right to vote, but the question is as to where that vote should be deposited. The New York supreme court decided that a man neither gained nor lost a residence by his admission to a state soldiers' home, and that as this is the case the inmates of the Soldiers' Home have the right to vote, but only in the town or precinct where their private homes were. The jury therefore returned a verdict of not guilty and the respondents were discharged. As the case was a criminal one there can be no appeal. This result is a great victory for the Democratic election inspectors, and their attorney, Hon. I. M. Turner, especially as Judge Grove is a Republican.

An Old Man Suicides.

Andrew Marcinnak killed himself at Bay City. He was 75 years old and lived with his son-in-law, Ignatz Skoka. The old man was brought to this country four years ago and has been unable to do any work. He has depended upon his children for support. He had a row with his son-in-law before had said him if he had made any arrangements by which his son would continue his support. He replied that he had not. Nothing more was thought of the matter until his daughter found him hanging by the neck in the basement. She found his knees nearly touched the floor.

A L. of M. Orator Won.

L. C. Long of the junior literary class of the University of Michigan won the oratorical contest of the northern division of the state at Ann Arbor, Ohio. Long's oration was entitled "The Relation of Modern Isms to Progress." He received first honors, the three judges on thought and composition, and two first ranks by judges of delivery. Second honors went to Miss Northwestern third, Oberlin fourth, Iowa fifth. At the business meeting Hon. Thomas D. Schoonmaker, Muskegon Republican, was elected president.

Those $5ab Ann Arbor Engineers.

A freight train on the Ann Arbor crashed into freight standing in the yard at Owosso. The locomotive, nine cars and the caboose left the track, but fortunately nobody was injured. Until the wreck was cleared away the passenger trains were run on the Milwaukee tracks to Durand.

David Runnels, an engineer on the Ann Arbor road who resides at Des Moines, Iowa, a month ago was found dead at the National Hotel, Owosso. The gas jets were turned on and was suffocated to death.

Convict Killed by a Joke.

James Lacy, colored, who was received at Jackson prison from Detroit in January, 1892, on a five year sentence for larceny, was killed by a man in the head with a coupling pin, is dead. He was in the engine-room and was leaning on the bench, when the pin, which had suddenly started as a joke by a convict named Heinlein, and Hay was thrown down, his head striking heavily on the floor. At the time his injuries were not thought serious.

Kidnapped Her Own Child.

While the kindergarten class at the state school at Coldwater was walking near the grounds and under the care of their teacher, Miss Custer, one of the children, a child of six years, was kidnapped by its mother, Mrs. Hart, of Detroit, who was in a hack with the child. Before assistance could be secured she had disappeared, and so far, has successfully eluded pursuit.

About 100 Chicago horseshoers went on strike for shorter hours.

Allen Morse will leave for Glasgow, Scotland, to assume his duties as consul on May 13. He will be accompanied by Mr. Locke, his nephew by marriage; he will act as his secretary.

The Governor's Guard, Co. E., First regiment, of Lansing, voted unanimously in favor of going to Chicago rather than to the state encampment this year. If the former trip is made they will be satisfied with transportation and subsistence only.

There were 13 competitors for the appointment to West Point military academy from the eighth district at the examination held at Lansing. The successful candidate was George E. Mitchell, aged 17, of Saginaw, who passed a most creditable examination, and Congressman Linton has appointed him. He is a son of George A. Mitchell, a lumber commission dealer of Saginaw.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—Eighty-first day.—Senator Doran presented a petition of several prominent men for the establishment of a Home for Feeble-minded children at Grand Rapids. The senate received the house action in refusing the "Orange lodge" bill as amended and appointed a committee on conference. Bills passed in committee of the whole providing that justices of the peace may sentence drunkards and disorderly persons to a short term of labor on the gold cure, in lieu of imposing a fine upon them, or sentencing them to county jail; providing for the inspection of factories under the direction of the state bureau of labor; the Ferguson insurance bill providing that insolvent persons shall have a dividend against by insurance companies, and that the state superintendent of insurance shall act as receiver; authorizing the public schools of the city of Saginaw to issue bonds to the amount of $50,000 for the purpose of the payment of outstanding school orders. Senator Doran's "Orange lodge" bill was received from the senate with amendments providing that citizenship of the United States shall be a qualification for membership in the order. The House refused to concur in the senate amendments and the bill was referred to a conference committee. In committee of the whole the following bills were agreed to: Providing for a food and dairy commissioner—the bill provides for the appointment by the governor of a commissioner for the term of two years at a salary of $1,200 per annum for a state analyst, who shall be appointed with the consent of the senate; providing for the organization of Happy Home fish and game clubs; prohibiting the killing of fish in Maple river; making Labor day a legal holiday; amending the act relative to the appointment of visitors to state educational institutions by making it the duty of the superintendent of public instruction, instead of the governor, to make such appointments; providing for the appointment of the incorporation of charitable and benevolent associations and the binding out, indentureing, and the appointment of guardians.

SENATE.—Eighty-second day.—The bill appropriating $4,000 for Michigan's educational exhibit at the World's Fair was finally reported and passed. The appropriations committee reported a substitute for the university bill providing that the tax of one-twentieth of a mill be made available instead of taking a one-fifth of a mill, as heretofore. The substitute was passed. The judiciary committee favorably reported a bill providing for the appointment of the state treasurer from 1893 to 1897, at an annual salary of $1,500 per annum. Additional bills passed: Amending the law relative to the duties of the auditor general in the selection of seats for members in the hall of the House of Representatives; providing for an additional judge for Wayne county. House: The joint resolution was passed relative to admission by deed and the proof of acknowledgment of conveyances; the repealing of mortgages; to amend the act relative to examination and said that the act defining the qualifications of deputy sheriffs and under sheriffs; defining, limiting, the act incorporating the Baptist Children's Home and Aid society of Michigan; members of the metropolitan police of the city of Detroit after 14 years' faithful service, at the option of the board of fire and police commissioners; providing for the village of the state to contribute and operate electric lighting plants, when the council shall so decide; and the taxpayers shall so petition; to amend the act relative to the election by deed and the proof of acknowledgment of conveyances; providing for an additional judge for Wayne county; to amend the act relative to mortgages; providing for