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IT is not believed that the compositors of Mexico will rise in insurrection because a proofreader was bunched with a lot of editors sent to jail recently by the president of the republic.

BROKEN down foreign counts come to this country and get rich young wives for the asking. Foreign singers, piano players and actors come over here and take back with them independent fortunes in a few months. No wonder foreigners despise Americans.

AMERICANS will note with a sigh of resignation that Mahan's life of Farragut is being mentioned by the English press as "the biography of the great Confederate admiral." The blunder is so delightfully English that the New York dailies ought to endorse it at once.

THE prince of Wales is said to present the extraordinary spectacle of a man in danger of succumbing to old age while his mother is still in her prime. He has crowded about ten years into every one of life, and he has, it is said, had fun enough to console him for missing a job on the throne.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that a Tacoma gentleman has gone East for the purpose of having hands grafted upon a pair of stumps that are all that remain of his arms. The person making the announcement should also go. Perhaps a conscience could be grafted into his system at the same institution.

ANOTHER hatchet has been dug up in the Borden murder mystery at Fall River, Mass. If there was anything the tragedy did not seem to need to round it out it was more hatchets. There are now about as many as the defendant has fingers and toes, and if she used them all and only killed two people there must be a merciful strain in her composition.

WHEN a contractor balances an iron girder so delicately that a chance touch knocks it over, and the crash kills a pedestrian, it would almost seem time for a rebuke. Possibly the coroner's jury may rise in its might and declare censure. This is believed to be the limit of punishment set by precedent for contractors careless to a homicidal degree.

A PHILADELPHIA paper inquires with some degree of interest. "Can you regulate the liar?" Particular reference is had by it to the warmly imaginative novelist in charge of circulation statistics. Out here the scheme is not simply to regulate the person in question. It goes even so far as to embody the hope of reforming him. But the Philadelphia liar may be more set in his ways.

CURRENT events have furnished at least two fruitful themes for press comment the past few days, and for pulpit treatment Sunday—the Geary act decision and the opening of the world's fair on Sunday. Each of these questions has a patriotic side and a boycott side, and to the credit of the newspapers it should be added that they have supported the patriotic side in both cases by a large majority.

AN amendment has been added to the code of ethics governing the medical profession. A Denver physician sued the estate of an ex-patient for a fee, and the fact was then brought out that he had been engaged to the patient. The court opined in effect that the administration of pills and potions under the circumstances was clearly a labor of love. A doctor of mercenary instincts should in cases similar, hire a fellow practitioner and whack up on the fee.

THERE is certainly room for improvement in the outfit of life-boats when a life-saving crew going to rescue others are themselves overturned and drowned. A recent catastrophe was due, it is said, to the breaking of an oar. Isn't it possible to make an oar that will not break, or a life-boat that will not capsize when an oar does break, or some device by which the crew can save themselves when the life-boat capsizes? American ingenuity ought to be equal to such a task.

THE ease with which electric cars are stopped as compared with those run by steam makes residences along electric car lines more desirable. It is not unlikely that railways with electricity as motive power will within a few years radiate for several miles from every large city to country places, where beauty of scenery and good society make residences desirable. To make their home neighborhood more attractive is therefore often the best investment land owners near a city can propose.

THE folding bed is becoming more or less a vampire. Scarcely a month goes by that the newspapers do not report a case of one of them shutting up like the spring-lock lid to a cedar chest and smothering its occupants. The machinery about these automatic affairs ought to be so adjusted as to make their closing impossible, except as they are made to close by human agencies. In other words, their natural condition should be open, their unnatural, shut, and then no more such accidents would be reported.

HENRY GOEBEL, the modest gentleman who invented incandescent electric lamps twenty-five years before Edison had thought of such a thing, is now engaged in establishing his claim. Doubtless when it has been established, another gentleman even more modest will make clear the fact that not Goebel, but himself, contrived the original lamp. If the matter could be indefinitely followed to the beginning, the fact might appear that Adam and Eve strolled on moonless nights by the light of incandescent lamps.

THE law-makers of Germany have learned a way to compel the most scrupulous care about the machinery in all manufacturing establishments. Under this law the maiming of a workman means that the cost of his doctor's bills and his maintenance, and if he dies, a pension to his dependents, shall fall on his employers. As one of the results of such a law careless workmen find it almost impossible to secure a situation in Germany. Such a law if applied to railroads, would at once lower the mortality on them fifty or seventy-five per cent.

# THE MICHIGAN NEWS.

## GOV. RICH'S APPOINTMENS ARE APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

**Gen. Kidd Tendered a Reception by the G. A. R. of Ann Arbor.—Editor Quinby Honored.**

Gov. Rich appointed and the Senate confirmed the following names for state offices:

Bank commissioner—Thomas C. Sherwood, of Plymouth—a reappointment.

Members of state board of health—Samuel G. Milnes, of Grand Rapids; George H. Granger, of Bay City, each six years from Jan. 31, 1893.

Live stock sanitary commission—Jonathan J. Woodman, of Paw Paw, to act six years from second Tuesday in July, 1893.

Trustees of Northern Michigan Asylum—Lorin Roberts, Traverse City, and William A. French, of Bell, to act six years from Jan. 1, 1893.

Prison Board—O. M. Barnes, of Lansing, two years; W. H. Elliot, of Detroit, six years; Albert Stiles, of Jackson, four years.

State House of Correction—A. F. Kelsey, two years; Jerome Croul, four years, and Louis Kintz, six years.

Marquette Prison—W. F. N. Davis, two years; J. M. Wilkinson, four years; Richard M. Hoar, six years.

Criminal Insane—E. C. Reid, two years; C. C. Vaughn, four years; W. H. Mattison, six years.

State Public School—Byron M. Spofford, of Coldwater, six years; Thomas Mars, of Berrien Center, four years; Isaac Francher, of Mt. Pleasant, two years.

Industrial School for Boys—William Donovan, of Lansing, four years; Harvey Rowlson, of Hillsdale, two years; Ira Sayres, of Flushing, six years.

School for the Blind—G. Willis Bement, of Lansing, six years; Charles Montague, of Caro, four years; T. W. Crissey, of Midland, two years.

School for the Deaf—Charles S. Brown, of Flint, two years; J. A. Trotter, of Vassar, four years; C. B. Turner, of Pontiac, six years.

Industrial Home for Girls—David Metcalf, of Adrian, six years; Mrs. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, four years; George Spaulding, of Monroe, two years.

Railroad crossing board—Milo D. Campbell, of Coldwater, two years; Albert Stephens, of Detroit, four years.

**Her Murder is Unavenged.**

After three days' session the coroner's inquest in the Sidderland case finished their labors at Cadillac. Their verdict is not very satisfactory, as it does not fasten the blame for the girl's death upon any particular person or persons. The jury found that Hulda Sidderland came to her death from asphyxia, caused by dilute prussic acid administered with criminal intent by some person or persons unknown to the jury, at the house of Dr. Dwyer. While the evidence shows conclusively that deceased came to her death by the administration of prussic acid, there is really nothing which points to the guilty party who obtained the poison and planned the girl's death. There being no evidence connecting Emil Anderson, who was arrested last week, with the affair, he was brought before a magistrate recently and discharged from custody. It is not probable that any other arrests will be made, although suspicions are entertained in regard to other parties, as the evidence is so slight that a conviction could not be hoped for and the matter will be dropped.

**Detroit Has a Great Death Rate.**

Secretary Baker, of the state board of health, has issued a bulletin, presumably in the interest of the isolation hospital in the city of Detroit. It says that in 1890 deaths from diphtheria and scarlet fever in this state were 20 per each 1,000 inhibitants, while in Detroit there were 60, the ratio of deaths to cases being greater than in the entire state. It claims that the deaths in Detroit from these causes in 1892 was a money loss of over $300,000, and the statistics show them to be clearly preventable by proper isolation and disinfection. It says this cannot be maintained in Detroit except with a well equipped and well managed isolation hospital, and if the city does not move in the matter the state should, as a matter of protection, provide for it, as it is a dangerous center of infection for the entire state.

**A Reception to Gen. Kidd.**

Department Commander J. H. Kidd was tendered a reception by Welsh Post No. 137, G. A. R., in the Palace Rink at Ann Arbor. It was also used as the occasion to present Col. Henry S. Dean with a past commander's badge. Mayor Thompson delivered a hearty address of welcome, which was responded to by Commander Kidd. Assistant Adjutant-General Phelps made a presentation speech, and pinned the past commander's badge on Col. Henry S. Dean's breast. The latter responded very feelingly and expressed the high esteem and honor with which he regarded the little bit of gold. He spoke in high terms of the W. R. C. and its work.

**A Detroit Editor Honored.**

President Cleveland has honored Detroit and Michigan by appointing Wm. E. Quinby, of Detroit, to be United States minister to The Hague, the capital of Holland. The salary is $7,500. The present minister is Samuel R. Thayer, of Minnesota. The position is second only to the ambassadorship to Great Britain and France and to the ministers to Russia and Germany. It will naturally be concluded in Michigan that this appointment coming so soon after the recent visit of Mr. Dickinson to Washington will be the result of his influences, and that conclusion appears not far from correct.

**Two Drowned at Muskegon.**

Two young men, Harry Dood and Thomas Slager, were drowned in Muskegon Lake while out boating. The boat was too small and capsized, though both were excellent swimmers, they became chilled and sank to the bottom. The body of Slager was recovered. The double drowning occurred in the presence of a half brother of one of the young men.

Hon. W. S. Wilcox is president of the new savings bank at Adrian.

The new Boies monument in the Hudson cemetery will be 36 feet high.

Pomona and Lenawee county granges will give a joint picnic at Rawbeese lake, August 3.

A five-year-old-son of E. P. Marr, of Cass City, fell into a post hole head first. The earth caved in and the boy nearly smothered before he was discovered.

Bicycle riders in Dundee must take to the middle of the road. A new ordinance there prohibits their using the sidewalks.

It has been discovered that the recent big fire at Saginaw was caused by the overturning of a kittle of pitch which a waterman was using in the repair of his boat.

The Calumet & Hecla mining company will pay the widows of the victims of the late mine disaster $2,000 each, orphans $500 each and relatives of the single men $1,000.

Burglars broke into the dry goods store of W. S. Culver of Brooklyn. The safe was blown open, but only $50 in cash secured. The thieves overlooked $600 that was concealed in the ledger.

Cornelius Hood, of Benton Harbor, has invented a portable safe made of leather and brass in the shape of a wallet, large enough to contain money, watch and small valuables. When in use it is fastened by clasps to the inside of the vest.

## MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Heavy rains have extinguished the forest fires.

A big macaroni factory is to be built at Iron Mountain.

A hive of Lady Maccabees has been instituted at Allen.

Hillsdale's new electric plant is to cost not to exceed $15,000.

Martin Bousch, aged 80 years, fell dead at his home in Coldwater.

Hudson wants a local building and loan association to help boom the town.

Thomas M. Crocker has been appointed collector of customs at Port Huron.

Diphtheria is raging at Hastings again, several fatal cases being reported.

Chesaning has a new pickle factory, and 150 acres of ground have been planted to cucumbers.

The nineteenth annual convention of the diocese of western Michigan will meet at Muskegon June 6 and 7.

[illegible] Ejo, 50 years of age, is in jail at Grand Rapids charged with assaulting his 15-year-old daughter Minnie.

The Woman's Relief Corps, of Jones, has raised sufficient money for the erection of a fine soldiers' monument.

Flushing is the latest place where coal has been found. At a depth of 44 feet a vein 7 feet thick was unearthed.

The new Adrian state savings bank has organized by electing W. S. Wilcox president, and Channing Whitney, cashier.

Hudson is making big preparation for the Michigan and Ohio band tournament that will be held there August 17.

Miss Clara Graecen, of Kalamazoo, has been selected as one of the official stenographers of the patent office at Washington.

The Hardscrabble saw mill in Whitewater township, Grand Traverse county, was burned by a forest fire; loss about $10,000.

The Congregational society will sell their church at Ithaca and disband. They can't congregate in sufficient numbers to pay expenses.

Traverse City servant girls have formed a union and propose to strike for higher wages just before the summer boarder season opens.

Miss C. R. A. Nelson, of Michigan, has been promoted from a $720 to a $900 clerkship in the office of the first assistant postmaster-general.

Mrs. Gustaf Helm, of Muskegon, has become a raving maniac. The other day she tried to kill her husband and frightfully tore his face.

The West Bay City council has granted a telephone franchise to W. T. Martin and others, who propose to fight the Bell telephone people.

Carter, the religious crank of Watervliet, is in jail. Edward McKee charges Carter with taking improper liberties with his 16-year-old sister.

Firebugs are again at work in Brockway. This time it is the large flouring mill of William Haskill, which burned. Loss about $12,000; insurance $7,000.

H. S. Carhart of the University has been appointed one of the United States delegates to the electrical congress to be held at the World's Fair Aug. 21.

Lillian Leathead has begun suits against Chris Sheele and Louis Meyfarth at Jackson for $5,000 in each case for selling liquor to her husband, who is now serving a sentence for simple larceny.

Secretary of State Jochim has asked E. J. Wright, of Ionia, to prepare chapters on state taxes and state laws for the new edition of "Michigan and Its Resources" to be distributed at the World's Fair.

Six horses belonging to A. H. Chamberlain, a farmer residing near Leesburg, were struck and killed by a Grand Trunk train. The animals were all thoroughbred and Chamberlain's loss is heavy.

If the prospects for a crop of apples are as poor in other parts of the state as in Lenawee county, where not more than one in 50 trees has blossomed Michigan people will be obliged to go elsewhere for apples.

It is said that a number of Chicago & Northwestern agents and operators in the upper peninsula who went on a strike on a bogus order, asked to be reinstated, but were told that their services were no longer needed.

George Warwick and Michael Sullivan used profane and indecent language at a dance at Ada. They pleaded guilty to the offense in the justice court at Grand Rapids and Warwick was fined $25, and Sullivan was sent up for thirty days in addition to a $25 fine.

Snow fell on the 24th at Ishpeming. Two hundred miles east and west of Ishpeming it was several inches deep. At Red Jacket last winter's snow is not entirely gone and lumbermen are complaining bitterly of the deep snow and high water. The season is simply unprecedented.

Mrs. Van Den Berg, of Kalamazoo, a grass widow, aged 55, whose husband is in the poor house, sold her property for about $200 and gave the cash to a painter half her age, intending to elope. He left her in the depot all night, waiting, and eloped alone. She says the only thing to do now is to die.

Kalamazoo had the legislature pass a new charter bill changing the city limits. It now transpires that there was an error in the original draft or in the copy, and the act draws the east line of the city limits one quarter of a mile west of what was intended. A bill to correct this error was started by some of the council, but others object to this and this and the whole thing may fall through.

**A Cigarette Causes a $40,000 Fire.**

Fire broke out in the stable sheds in Garfield Park, Chicago. The noted resort is being used by a band of Arabs in giving performances somewhat similar to those of the wild west shows. The men all escaped, but three camels, seven blooded Arabian horses and 500 feet of sheds were consumed. There was a wild scene during the conflagration. The Arabs were frantic and considerably hampered the work of the fire department. The Arabs assert that the loss is $40,000. A spark from one of their Bedouin cigarettes is supposed to have caused the blaze.

**A Strange Fatal Accident.**

A freight train on the Wisconsin Central railroad was wrecked at Grey's Lake, Wis., and three tank cars filled with gasoline were burst open. About 200 people gathered to view the wreck and some careless person struck a match. A flash followed and the crowd was surrounded by the burning oil. One man was suffocated, the conductor and one other man had their clothing burned off and were seriously injured. Several others were badly burned.

**A New Jab at the Geary Law.**

Washington special: Attorney-General Olney has received a telegram from New York stating that Judge Lacombe of the circuit court of New York has decided that section 6 of the Geary Chinese expulsion law, though decided to be constitutional, was still ineffectual because no provision is made as to how or by whom the order of deportation of Chinese is to be executed. This is said to be a new question which was not raised or in any way involved in previous appeals.

Symes Bros.' steam sawmill at McBain burned; loss $3,000.

## STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—Ninety-ninth day—Bills passed: To establish a contagious disease hospital in Detroit; amending the charter of Kalamazoo; providing for a law department in the city of Detroit; amending charter of Alpena; for the taxation of drawing, palace and sleeping car companies; providing for commission for establishment of a normal school in the upper part of the lower peninsula; fixing salaries of the justices of the supreme court at $7,000 per year; for county and township supervision of roads; to create a jury commission for Wayne county, consisting of seven members; fixing the salary of the attorney-general at $3,000; repealing charter of Michigan Central railroad and bringing the same under the general law for purposes of taxation; for the appointment of four assistant prosecuting attorneys for the county of Wayne; amending the law relative to the election of county school examiners; for the appointment by the governor of a commissioner of escheated estates who shall secure his compensation from estates with which he has to do; relative to the conveyance of lands by executors and administrators; for the organization of mutual fire insurance companies to insure property in cities and villages only; amending charter of Marine City; amending act establishing board of police and fire commissioners for the city of Grand Rapids. HOUSE.—Bills passed: Amending the general tax law and returning to the "state system;" authorizing courts to commit persons found guilty of drunkenness to establishments for the cure of inebriety—[illegible] [illegible] political conventions; amending the drainage laws; making an appropriation of swamp lands for drainage in Livingston, Tuscola county; repealing the Miner law, and providing for the choice of electors of president and vice-president of the United States on a general ticket, instead of by congressional districts; making an appropriation of $30,000 for a dormitory building, cottages, etc., for the wives and mothers of honorably discharged soldiers in cases where the wives were married before 1870, and to the minor children, under 14 years, of soldiers; for the annexing of White Rock to Sherman, Huron county; amending section 4466 How., relative to charitable societies; amending the law relative to holidays in the payment of notes, etc., [illegible] the Saturday half holiday for banks; for the relief of Thomas E. Mays, of Ironwood, [illegible] claim for building a state road [illegible] ment in the upper peninsula, [illegible] he contracted not being available when paid him, to procure lands of sufficient value to remunerate him; amending sections 10, 29 and 55 of the general banking law; appropriating $33,725 for certain improvements at the Agricultural college; creating the Thirty-fourth judicial circuit out of Arenac, Gladwin, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Crawford and Otsego. Bills lost: Reincorporating Negaunee so as to give it an additional supervisor; authorizing the auditors of Wayne to establish the salary of the coroners of that county, but not to be less than $1,500.

SENATE.—One hundredth day—Bills passed: For the formation of corporations for the prevention of cruelty to children; providing a penalty for cruelty to children; allowing Thos. E. Mays, of Ironwood, a hearing before the state board of auditors on the claim for building state road; amending law relative to bringing suits against co-operative foreign insurance companies doing business in this state; for a probate register for Macomb county; prohibiting the adulteration of maple syrup; granting municipal and school suffrage to women; amending the election law; amending law relative to probate registers; appropriating $30,000 for a home and training school for feeble-minded children; appropriating $7,500 for improvements at the Ionia reformatory; appropriating $20,185 for the state prison; amending railroad law for the elimination of dead ends of roads in computing mileage; amending law relative to the summoning of jurors; for an approval fee for approving articles of incorporation, renewal or amendments to the charters of mutual insurance companies; authorizing Ann Arbor to construct a sewerage system; to incorporate the Union French-Canadian societies of the United States; appropriating $44,725 for the Agricultural college; appropriating [illegible] for the Marquette prison; appropriation $150 for publication of the proceedings of the superintendents of poor; for the reorganization of the state militia; the barbers' Sunday closing bill. Bills lost: For the appointment of a superintendent of the census and to provide for a census of the population and industries of the state—reconsidered and tabled. HOUSE.—Bills passed: The senate bill for a reapportionment of the state into twelve congressional districts; appropriating not to exceed $3,000 annually for farmers' Institute; for the incorporation of French-Canadian societies; amending section 6261, Howell, relating to appointment of a private secretary for the governor; establishing the salary of executive clerk at $1,500 a year; affixing a tax on inheritances; for the incorporation of record of proceedings had in new trials on bills of exceptions; correcting errors in bills previously passed relating to charter of Kalamazoo; for four assistant prosecuting attorneys for Wayne county; for the settlement of the claim of T. M. Mays of Ironwood; providing for a law department in Detroit; regulating employment of males under eighteen and women in factories—forbidding more than sixty hours a week; regulating the hours of labor for railroad workmen and for extra pay overtime; protecting toilers against injustice by their employers; reincorporating Niles; for the taxation of inheritances; appropriating $25,000 to the state fish commission; authorizing the appointment of a register of probate for Macomb county at $800 a year. Representative Moore submitted a substitute for his free pass bill which passed. It provides for free transportation for all state officers, justices of the supreme court, railroad, banking and other commissioners, and all members of the legislature during sessions; a resolution authorizing the governor to establish a camp of instruction for Michigan state troops at Chicago for a period of 10 days was adopted. Resolutions of regret at the untimely death of Representative Kirkwood were submitted by the committee and adopted by a rising vote.

SENATE.—One hundred and first day.—Bills passed: Making an appropriation for the purpose of marking the position of the four companies of Michigan troops in the United States sharp-shooters at the "Highwater Mark" monument on the battlefield of Gettysburg; providing for the final determination by the supreme court of any controversy or contest concerning the appointment of presidential electors; amending the Detroit Boulevard act relative to the construction of sidewalks; providing for the establishment of a pardoning board; appropriating $1,850,000 for the expense of the state departments and the legislature for 1893 and 1894; providing for a commission to formulate a general bill under which municipalities may be incorporated; providing for the discharge from record of statements claiming liens on real estate; incorporating the League of American Wheelmen; amending mechanics lien law; making an appropriation for improving the sanitary condition of the state capitol; appropriating $5,000 for extension of the sewerage system at the state prison; amending law relative to public instruction and primary schools; amending law relative to dissection for the advancement of science; providing for the proof of instruments purporting to be executed by any corporation under its common seal; amending drain law; for the appointment of a dairy and food commissioner; providing for the taking of the census and statistics of this state under the direction of the secretary of state; requiring life insurance companies doing business in this state on or before 1896 to have liabilities and the valuation of their outstanding policies computed on the basis of American experience life table at a rate of interest of 4 per cent per annum; providing punishment for the willful injury or killing of live stock insured by any live stock company with intent to defraud such insurance company; amending act establishing an insurance bureau; amending act relative to the incorporation of charitable societies; amending law relative to Agricultural college lands; amending the railroad law relative to opening the right-of-way to railroads; prohibiting the transportation of game out of the state; appropriating $15,000 for the construction of cottages for the use of wives and widows of inmates of the Soldiers' Home; regulating the height of wires of electric railways at railroad crossings; providing the manner of proving the breeding of horses; amending the law relative to the title of real property by descent; providing that juries in murder trials be placed under supervision of a competent officer; for the incorporation of the Knights of the Maccabees; for the judicial investigation of titles to land so as to confirm and establish the same. Bills lost: To determine, extend and fix the liability of railroad corporations for personal injuries to employes; to repeal an act incorporating the Detroit & Saline Plank Road company; appropriating $18,000 for cleaning out and improving Black River, Sanilac county; the Moore free pass bill. HOUSE.—Bills passed: Prescribing the duties of telegraph companies relative to the transmission of messages, etc., and for recovery of damages in case of negligence; increasing the salary of state officers; providing extra pay for clerks, etc., in attorney-general's office; repealing sec. 32 and amending sec. 33 of the act of 1846 for the sale of the Michigan Central railroad; the general appropriation bill for the expenses of the state government for 1893-94; increasing the salary of justices of the supreme court from $5,000 to $7,000 a year; for the sale of certain Agricultural College lands; amending the law of 1885 relative to incorporation of charitable societies; appropriating $1,000 to improve the sanitary condition of the capital; amending the Detroit Boulevard act so as to provide that propertyowners shall pay for the building of sidewalks on their property; amending act 86 of 1869 requiring corporations to keep a transfer book and list of stockholders at any office in this state under penalty of forfeiture of their charter; for the taking of the state census in 1894; amending the general election law; regulating the possession and transportation of game. Bills lost: appropriating $5,000 to improve the sewerage of the Jackson prison; for a commission to locate a new normal school at a point north of town 13.

**Happenings on the Lakes.**

Although electric lights are in general use on lake steamers the first trouble from their wires being crossed occurred on the new steamer Selwyn Eddy at Buffalo. It is proving very costly. Only 300 bushel of grain were burned, but the smoke damaged the entire cargo of oats and the loss will be $10,000.

The propeller Colorado, which was substituted for the Flint & Pere Marquette No. 5 in the Soo Line, went ashore on Gull Island Reef, just out of Gladstone, Mich., and jettisoned 10 cars of flour.

# ITEMS OF INTEREST.

## CHOICE SELECTION OF SHORT NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

**10,000 People Homeless and Hungry in Mississippi Floods—Important Pension Decision—Briefiets.**

**Mississippi River Overflow.**

There are at least 10,000 homeless and hungry people in East Carroll, Moorehouse, West Carroll and Madison parishes Louisiana, and the suffering and privations they are undergoing is appalling. With the exception of a few small elevations the whole of the northeastern part of the state is under water. Fourty-four Negroes were rescued from a perilous position near Swan Lake, East Carrol parish. They were almost insane from hunger, having been without food for four days. Two children died from exposure. Their bodies were wrapped in blankets and thrown into the water, there being no dry ground in which to bury them or implements with which to dig their graves. An old hermit was [illegible] [illegible] been without food three days. When found he was sitting astride the roof of his house calmly munching the meat from the bones of his dog which he had been compelled to kill. Reports from Mississippi also tell of terrible suffering along the river from floods.

## BIG PENSION SAVING.

**The Service Origin Disability Claim Law Given a New Reading.**

Probably the most important pension decision ever sent from the office of the secretary of the interior to the commissioner of pensions has been filed. It was believed by those high in authority in the pension bureau that it will reduce the payment of pensions under act of June 27, 1890, between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000.

It involves the repeal of an order passed by General Raum and approved by Assistant Secretary Bussey, and a return to the language of the statute requiring the disability, not of service origin, to be such as to prevent the applicant from earning a support by manual labor. Secretary Hoke Smith has been considering the principles involved in this decision for several weeks, and so important did he deem it that when it was called to his attention from the pension board of appeals, he submitted the questions involved to Attorney-General Olney and to Judge Lechren, the commissioner of pensions, both of whom concurred in the correctness of the decision.

**A Mysterious Double Assassination.**

While at supper Charles Towne and wife, respectable people who reside two miles north of Plymouth, Ia., were shot by an unknown man. Several shots were fired through a window. Towne may recover, but the woman is in a critical condition. The motive for the deed is a mystery. The assassin escaped.

**Cubans Feel Sore Toward Cleveland.**

The news that President Cleveland had not called upon the Infanta, in return for the Infanta's visit to the White House, has made an unpleasant impression at Havana. The public journals complain of President Cleveland's attitude toward the royal guest of the United States.

## INTERESTING ITEMS.

Ross Bros. have stock on hand at Gladwin to make 2,000,000 cedar paving blocks.

Castree & Shaw, of Flint, manufacturers and dealers in traction engines, are about to remove to Owosso.

More fruit trees have been planted in northern Van Buren county this season than in any previous year.

Whitehall people got tired of lake water. They have just arranged for a water-supply from artesian wells.

Henry W. Walker, of Grand Rapids, has been named as deputy by Insurance Commissioner Theron H. Giddings.

A passenger train near Dublin, Ireland, jumped the track on a viaduct and fell 50 feet, five persons were killed.

The temperance people of Frankton, Ind., demolished the saloons of that town. Three of the leaders are under arrest.

The big sugar refinery at Baltimore, which had just been remodeled was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of $1,000,000.

Dr. Talmage will remain as pastor at the Brooklyn tabernacle, the floating debt of the church having been liquidated.

President Cleveland, Ambassador Bayard and Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle took a trip down the Potomac in the yacht Vamoose.

The general synod of the evangelical Lutheran churches of the United States was in session in Canton, O., with 200 ministers in attendance.

David Boaney, of Martinsville, Ind., was taken from his home by whitecaps and whipped with a strap until he was unconscious. He was guilty of wife beating.

The International Miners' conference at Brussels, representing over 1,000,000 miners, have adopted a resolution favoring an eight-hour working day in the mines.

The Nicaraguan government has notified the Pacific Mail Co. not to land their steamers at San Juan while that port is in the hands of the revolutionists.

It is announced that the divorced wife of James G. Blaine, Jr., will soon be married to Dr. W. T. Bull of New York, who attended her during her recent severe illness.

Charles H. Weidner, of Muncie, Ind., followed his wife, who had left him, to Dayton, O., and shot her twice. He then sent a bullet into his own brain. Both died instantly.

Admiral Gherardi, who has been relieved from sea duty, has received a communication from Secretary Herbert congratulating him on the successful conduct of the naval review.

A new secret political party, known as the Society of Propaganda, has been formed in Kansas as an auxiliary of the Farmers' Alliance. Only active farmers are eligible to membership.

A riot occurred at a dance in the mining town of Benwood, Ind., in which 30 people were injured, some of them seriously. The row was started by a gang from Cardonia, a rival town.

Alexander Russell Webb, the ex-United States consul who embraced the Mohammedan faith, is arranging to bring a colony of the sect to this country to locate somewhere in the south.

Christopher Haberkus, aged 75, of Roanoke, Ind., murdered his wife, aged 70, and then killed himself, after setting fire to the house. They quarreled over religious matters, Mrs. Haberkus being a firm Catholic.

The Beatty glass works at Tiffin, O., have been nearly wiped out by fire. Loss $200,000, and nearly 600 men are thrown out of employment.

The plant of the Middleton, O., Pump works has been destroyed by fire. The loss will reach $70,000 with $50,000 insurance. Wm. Spect and John Hoggard, volunteer firemen were injured by falling glass.

Farnham post G. A. R., of New York City, which was disbanded by the national commander for adopting resolutions denouncing the present pension system, has formed a new organization and is called the Noah L. Farnham Independent Veterans No. 1.

## EX-SECRETARY FOSTER FAILS.

**Hon. Charles Foster, of Ohio, Goes Down Under Heavy Financial Pressure.**

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster, and the Foster Banking Co., of Fostoria, O., have failed. The assignee is J. B. Gormlee, a prominent banker of Bucyrus. The liabilities are given out by Mr. Foster as being $600,000, and the assets as about the same.

Several other prominent firms in which Mr. Foster was interested were also forced to assign, among them: Davis & Foster, wholesale grocers; the Brass and Iron works; the Mambourg, the Calcined and Crocker window glass companies. A run was made on the Mechanics bank, but all claims were promptly met.

Foster began business at Fostoria as a dry goods dealer. Soon after the war closed he helped to organize the Fostoria National bank. By shrewd speculation in real estate he became wealthy, and in 1879, when elected governor of Ohio for the first time, was said to be worth $1,000,000. He was elected governor for three terms and served four terms as representative in Congress. He was a firm friend of Garfield and Hayes. [illegible] and natural gas speculation and was almost at the bottom when appointed secretary of the treasury by President Harrison at the death of Secretary Windom.

**Central and South American News.**

According to the latest advices from Central America, President Sacasa, of Nicaragua, has imprisoned several Italians and Americans in Managua who spoke in opposition to his government.

It is reported that 5,000 residents of Pasto, Eucador, are suffering from influenza. One-fourth of the cases prove fatal, and the situation is said to be frightful. Citizens of Colombia who reside in the Cattea valley are complaining of the ravages of locusts.

A decree expelling the Chinese has been issued by the governor of San Salvador. The newspapers of Eucador are protesting against the reported sale of Chatham island to the United States for a coaling station.

There is considerable talk in Nicaragua about getting the United States to estabish a protectorate there. It is argued that the American people, having a great deal at stake in the ship canal undertaking, have an interest in maintaining order in that country. There is a strong undercurrent of feeling in favor of annexation or a protectorate, and it is said that in Guatemala there is also much annexation sentiment. San Salvador has not interfered in Nicaragua, preferring to maintain an armed neutrality.

**200,000 Visit the Big Fair on Sunday.**

A conservative estimate of the number of visitors who entered the gates of the World's Fair on Sunday is placed at 200,000. The bulk of the crowd was in the afternoon and evening. Though the immense grounds were well filled, the crowd was quiet and orderly. The working people were there in full force, dressed in their Sunday best, and seemed above all to enjoy the privilege for which they had clamored so long.

Many of the state buildings were closed, some by order of state legislatures and others upon the authority of the state commissioners alone. The Michigan building was open from early morning until 11:30 at night. All government buildings were closed, and even the flags were hauled down. Guards were placed at all entrances to inform people of Uncle Sam's disapproval of Sunday opening and to prevent any attempt to force a way into the building. The music during the day and evening was furnished by Sousa, and the Chicago and Cincinnati bands.

Cheboygan will soon vote on the question of issuing $16,000 for a new school house.

Three children of John Downey were burned to death in a cottage on Grau Island, N. Y.

Sixty years ago last month the first colony of white people, 63 in number, settled in Ionia county. The anniversary was duly celebrated by the pioneers in a public meeting and feast at the court house at Ionia. Out of a colony of 60 but seven are still living and all seven were present. The old-timers had a good time, relating early experiences, bear stories and incidents of pioneer life.

Henry Wood, the lighthouse tender at Point Aux Pins, has been missing since May 5. He left in the afternoon to attend to his duties, and was seen on his way from the Sault to the Point, but did not arrive there. The light at the Point failed to burn several nights and an investigation disclosed the fact that the man was missing. The woods near the Point have been scoured and the creeks dragged, but to no avail.

## THE MARKETS.

**Detroit.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cattle—Good to choice | $ 4 25 | to | $ 4 75 |
| Hogs | 7 00 | | 7 50 |
| Sheep | 4 00 | | 5 15 |
| Lambs | 5 25 | | 6 50 |
| Wheat—Red spot No 2 | 70½ | | 71 |
| White spot No 1 | 70¼ | | 71 |
| Corn No 2 spot | 43 | | 43¼ |
| No 2 yellow | 45 | | 45 |
| Oats No 2 white spot | 37½ | | 37¾ |
| Rye | 60 | | 60 |
| Hay No 1 Timothy | 15 00 | | 15 50 |
| Potatoes per bushel | 70 | | 75 |
| Butter—Dairy per lb | 15 | | 17 |
| Creamery per lb | 20 | | 21 |
| Eggs per dozen | 13½ | | 14 |
| Live Poultry—Fowl | 11 | | 12 |
| Spring Chickens per lb | 20 | | 21 |

**Chicago.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Cattle—Steers | $ 5 60 | to | $ 5 75 |
| Common | 3 10 | | 4 25 |
| Sheep—Mixed | 4 80 | | 5 50 |
| Lambs | 4 50 | | 7 00 |
| Hogs—Mixed | 7 00 | | 7 10 |
| Wheat—No 2 red | 70¾ | | 70½ |
| No 2 spring | 70¾ | | 70½ |
| Corn No 2 | 41½ | | 41¾ |
| Oats | 31 | | 31 |
| Rye | 55 | | 55 |
| Barley | 62 | | 62 |
| Mess Pork per bbl | 21 75 | | 21 80 |
| Lard per cwt | 10 45 | | 10 50 |

**New York.**

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|---|---|---|---|
| Cattle—Natives | $ 4 75 | to | $ 5 85 |
| Hogs | 7 40 | | 8 00 |
| Sheep—Good to choice | 4 20 | | 5 90 |
| Lambs | 5 40 | | 7 35 |
| Wheat No 2 red | 76¾ | | 77 |
| Corn No 2 white | 49¾ | | 50 |
| Oats | 41½ | | 42 |

## WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

NEW YORK, May 29.—R. G. Dunn & Co's weekly review of trade: In two ways there has been quite general improvement during the past week. Better weather throughout most of the country has stimulated retail trade, and the large amount of goods has made jobbing trade more active. Monetary anxieties have curiously abated at many widely separated points. Large loans solicited here a week or two ago, to provide for extreme emergencies in different cities, have not been wanted and threatening failures at several points have passed without causing much disturbance. Yet the actual conditions do not seem to have changed materially. The large demand for rediscounts and advances by western and southern banks, though considerably abated, has been greater than eastern banks could wholly meet. There is no definite improvement in financial affairs abroad, and the prospect of continued outgo of gold for some time to come has not altered. The speculative markets show comparatively little activity. Stocks have fallen off to some extent from the rapid recovery of last week, the average being about $1 per share lower than a week ago. Wheat and corn are both at the same price as a week ago. Pork is 25c high, but other hog products a shade lower, and while coffee advanced ½c oil declined a cent. A natual decline is seen in dairy products and potatoes. Cotton is also ⅛c lower. The business failures for the last seven days number 273. For the corresponding time of last year the figures were 198.

The annual Baptist convention was held at Denver, Col.

The supreme sitting of the order of the Iron Hall is in session at Indianapolis, under the direction of Mr. Wing. The other faction is holding a supreme sitting at Philadelphia. Efforts are being made to harmonize the factions.

Hannis Taylor, the recently appointed United States minister to Spain, sailed for Europe on the steamship City of Chester. His wife and four children and Miss L. E. Baron, his wife's sister, will accompany him. He carried a message to the queen from Infanta Eulalia.


# 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. 2.**

The Short Farm in the township of Avon, [illegible] miles from Pontiac, 3½ from Rochester, on good road, farm well watered, excellent soil, good buildings, two orchards, two barns, 130 acres, 20 [illegible]. Price very low and terms easy.

**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 $1,800 a large, commodious and comfortable house on Harmon street, comparatively new, 21x36, 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 estate.

**Bargain No. [illegible]**

[illegible] into village [illegible] 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. 47.**

A big chance for investors in Royal Oak farm property! 245 acres of choice farming grounds 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. 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 in 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. 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 19 acres, containing nearly 65 acres. The farm is ¼ of a mile north of Krity's Mill, 2¾ 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. 53.**

A cheap house and lot in the village for sale. Mrs. English offers her cottage and two lots for sale in this village for only $600. Five or six rooms, good well, good cistern, plenty of small fruit, etc. The owner has gone to Detroit to live and some one can get a bargain. Call at Whitehead & Mitchell's for particulars.

**Bargain No. 54.**

Here is a chance to get a home in Birmingham at a price that ought to cause the buyer to smile. We refer to the M. M. Toms homestead now owned by Miss Mary Toms, situated on Townsend street and in good condition. The property consists of three large village lots, a two-story house with ten or twelve nice large living rooms and plenty of closet room, also a good barn. A good cellar under the house, an excellent cistern, good well, lots of fruit apples, etc., with small fruits in abundance. Terms very easy. For particulars call at the Exchange Bank.

**Bargain No. 61.**

Thomas A. Ward's cosy and comfortable home on Fremont street, having eight nice, large, comfortable rooms newly painted, handsomely decorated inside, water works connection, two nice large lots, with plenty of choice fruits of all kinds. Good cistern and everything in the neatest shape imaginable. Two lots go with it. Some one can get a bargain by calling at this office and looking into this chance. Call early.

**Bargain No. 62.**

We can now offer for sale the elegant farm in Bloomfield 3 miles north of Birmingham and 4 miles south of Pontiac on the gravel road, consisting of 123 acres with house in fair condition, and barns and outbuildings in general good shape. Fine apple orchard and plenty of plums and small fruits. Good wells and cistern; 14 acres of good timber and the balance under good cultivation. Price the low sum of $55 per acre. Call at this office or address Thomas H. Power, Pontiac, Mich.

**Bargain No. 63.**

We have in our hands for sale the Flian property in this village. This property can be bought for less than half what it cost and it is in extra good shape. A large lot of land goes with plenty of small fruits, good well and cistern. The house is large and roomy, and if you will call on us we can name you a most wonderful low price. Whitehead & Mitchell

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**Bargain No. 68.**

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**Bargain No. 70.**

Gust Mitchell's cottage home on Ann street in this village can be bought very reasonable as he wishes to sell at once. This is a tidy little cottage home, quite roomy and nicely situated, good outbuildings; two lots 50x120 feet. Trees, berries, etc. in abundance. Will sell at only $550. Call at once and secure this bargain.

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