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EULALIA may now go back to Spain, her nose elevated at the rest of royalty. What other of them has had the happiness to meet McAllister face to face?

SALISBURY is having a great time in Ireland because he confined himself to Ulster. If he tires of the continued ovation he has got by it, he can go to neighboring counties, where dead cats await him and the entire cabbage crop is ready to acknowledge his august presence.

WE are glad to have all the European princes and princesses come over to see us, and we are glad to conform to the usual etiquette of sovereigns in our intercourse with them. But it must be remembered that we are all sovereigns and, consequently, will conform to our own etiquette.

ARGENTINA is trying to help solve our Chinese puzzle. Agents of that government are now in this country telling the Mongols that they will be received with open arms in the South American republic, where their skill and labor are much needed. The same representations are being made in China.

Two Colorado men wagered as to their respective abilities to consume morphine. The vanquished is dead, and the stakes will not compensate the doctors who rashly brought the victor back from the jaws of the grave. People of a speculative turn of mind would do well to seek other channels for investment.

THE Pennsylvania legislature, with that rare good sense that so frequently characterizes such bodies, refused to pass a bill to prevent the deposit of dead animals and similar bric-a-brac in Philadelphia's water supply. Some of the people of that city show a disposition to get angry in a languid sort of way over the matter.

Michigan Crop Report.

If the New York yacht club is willing to royalty lose their silly heads over Princess Eulalie, what would they do if it were Queen Victoria or Emperor William? Perhaps it is just as well that no royal European sovereign is coming to the fair. It will prevent a good many American sovereigns from making themselves ridiculous.

THE question has arisen of late whether it is proper to criticise the supreme court. Certainly; the divine right to find fault is inalienable and everlasting, and the way to keep the supreme court straight is by the restraint of vigorous public opinion No thunderbolt will strike the man who criticises the supreme court.

THE world's fair is now making money. We may look henceforward for a constantly increasing attendance. People always fight shy of a financial failure, whether it is a world's fair or a man trying to borrow a quarter. If the belief once becomes prevalent that the world's fair is making money it will have plenty of patronage.

THE prince of Wales while, in his yacht at Jamaica, winning some garter cane and escorted a Skye terrier, leading the creature by a silken string. American yacht clubs will undoubtedly profit by the example, and hereafter no amateur sailing venture on his bark on the sea without having on board a cane and a Skye terrier led by a silken string.

A DEVIL with rolling green eyes, flaming red whiskers and a horrible grin, is reported to haunt the shaggy woods near Warwick, N. Y. It does n't seem to have occurred to the natives that perhaps some farce-comedy aggregation has taken to the country to escape the sheriff and lighted out in such a hurry that the leading "comedian" didn't have time to change his stage make-up.

If the French government could succeed in inducing the Jews living in France to the extent of making it cheaper for them to go home and shoulder the responsibilities of citizenship than to shirk them, it would do this country a service. Unfortunately, however, the tax is to be so light, only five francs annually paid to the local authorities, that the dawdlers about the French capital will not mind it.

THERE are but few people who seriously doubt there is considerable basis for the repeated allegations of the excessive size of Chicago feet. And even these few ought to be finally convinced by the experience of a Chicago policeman who recently shot at a mad dog and hit his own foot. When a man is on a still hunt and uses his foot for an ambush he ought to be careful how he uses his weapons.

A MELANCHOLY lover in Vienna wrote his sweetheart that at a certain hour he intended exploding his vacant skull with a bullet and questing her to take poison at the same time. Being a devoted sweetheart she did as he desired, and the twain, let it be hoped, found some place better suited to them than this cold world. The event has its pathetic side, but it might have been worse. The bullet might have been ineffective, for instance, or a stomach pump might have interfered with the drug.

ELECTRICITY in mechanics is in a transition stage. We are on the threshold of marvelous applications of the new power, due to recent scientific discoveries and inventions. New departures are certain to come, but he would be a bold speculator who could define their precise direction or limit. Niagara and many other natural forces are at the command of the engineer of to-day, and the gigantic engines of modern steamships show what is possible in mechanics. What a century it is in wonders!

MEXICANS murdered a traveler and his servant, and the pursuing posse has, up to date, slain sixteen of the assassins. This is a little rigorous, but it shows that if Evans and Sontag were in Mexico they would not be greater than the government.

THE Russians now in this country have been paying very close attention to the Cramp ship yard, where the cruiser New York was constructed, and it is rumored that this firm will forthwith receive an order from the czar for a vessel like the last Yankee.

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS.

THE NEWS OF THE STATE TOLD BRIEFLY.

A Wronged Girl Murders Her Faithless Lover and Then Shoots Herself—Four Fatal Bullets Do the Work.

Murder and Suicide.

The most awful tragedy in the history of Grand Rapids took place at William Gray and the suicide of Dora Velzy in the room of the former on Crescent avenue near Canal street. Gray's former sweetheart, Dora Velzy and for the past two years he has been in the employ of O'Brien Bros., undertakers of Grand Rapids. He was a bright young man about 28 years of age. At his boarding house was a very prepossessing young lady, named Dora Velzy, aged 22 years, a daughter of a respectable farmer at Allendale. It was not very long before the young man became very intimate and Miss Velzy became passionately devoted to Gray and was often at his room. A few weeks ago Gray met another young lady, Anna Hetherington and began paying her considerable attention. Miss Velzy noticed him for his faithlessness and her jealousy made things so uncomfortable for Gray that he decided to go to his home near Allendale from his position with O'Brien Bros., and made preparations to leave, but sent for Miss Velzy to meet him there.

Just what took place at the meeting cannot be known, in fact the tragedy was not discovered until the next night had been missing two days, when the door was forced the sight which was presented was simply horrible. Upon the bed as if sleeping lay Gray's body dressed but with a pool of blood on the pillow and bed underneath him. Near the bed on the floor with scarcely any clothing on her body lay Miss Velzy. An ugly 8-shot 32-caliber bull dog revolver with four empty chambers. An examination showed that Gray had been shot through the right temple while sleeping and although death must have resulted instantly another bullet was sent through his heart. Everything pointed to the girl as the one who fired the shots and after this deed she had placed the revolver under her chin and fired up, but the bullet came out near the bridge of her nose without killing her. She then placed the muzzle to her right temple and fired again and death came at once.

Michigan Crop Report.

The average condition of wheat in each section, and the state, June 1, was as follows: Southern counties, 77 per cent; central, 79 per cent; northern, 86 per cent, and state, 79 per cent, comparing being with vitality and growth of average years. The condition June 1, has been reported lower in the southern counties only twice in eight years,—in 1888 when it was 67, and in 1890 when it was 76. The average condition in the state, June 1, has been lower but once in eight years,—in 1888, when it was 63. In the southern counties where 85 per cent of the crop is grown, and in the state, there was a gain of four points during May. In the central counties there was no gain, and in the northern counties a gain of three points. Owing to unfavorable weather corn was not nearly all planted June 1, but it is believed about the usual area would be planted. The area seeded to oats is 93 per cent, and of barley 93 per cent of the area in average years. In condition the former crop is 86 per cent, and the latter 83 per cent of condition in average years. Meadows and pastures in the state are estimated at 55 per cent, in the central at 65 per cent, and in the state at 57 per cent of an average crop. The crop it is believed will be mainly of an early or fall variety. Peaches promise a crop of 40 per cent of an average crop. The farm statistics of nearly 700 townships, collected by superintendents of schools, received at the office of secretary of state. The footings of the sheep and wool returns indicate that the number of sheep now on hand in the counties is about 2½ per cent less than sheared in 1892. There has been an increase in the central and northern counties nearly equaling in the aggregate the loss in the southern counties.

Maccabees Twelfth University.

The Knights of Maccabees entered upon the 12th year of their organization with a celebration in Detroit. The grand officers of the order and Detroit division No. 4 listened to a sermon on "Fraternalism" in the Church of Our Father by Rev. Lee S. McCollester. Then Maj. W. S. Boynton, of Port Huron, great record keeper of the Michigan Maccabees, made an address showing the progress of the order since it was established in Michigan in 1881. After the ceremonies the processions formed and marched to Elmwood cemetery where the graves of deceased members were decorated. Grand Commander Aitkin, of Flint; Past Supreme Commander W. S. Linton, of Saginaw; Great Record Keeper N. S. Boynton, of Port Huron headed the parade. There were 600 knights in the column. It was commanded by Adjt. Gen. E. E. Stanley, chief marshal, and the following aides: Col. John Evesson, Gen. N. C. White, Maj. F. W. Hall, J. D. Long and Sir Knight Tannenbaum. An entertainment was given the following evening in Harmonie hall.

Maccabees throughout the state also quite generally celebrated the 12th anniversary by decorating the graves of their departed fraters.

A Young Mother Suicides.

Mrs. Isaac Potter, aged 22, wife of a West Bay City carpenter, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor. Her husband was absent for a short distance from the room at the time, and but a few moments before had been talking with the young woman gave birth to a child a week before and had been deranged since that time, refusing to have anything to do with her child, but had given no sign that she intended to take her life. She had been married about two years.

Slept on the Track.

John Fitch, who lives in South Ionia, went on an excursion to Saginaw and returned in the evening intoxicated, and instead of going home started down the D., G. H. & M. track. Becoming tired he sank down on the track and fell asleep. When the midnight train came along he attempted to get out of the way, but was struck by the wheels almost instantly. Both legs and one arm were taken off and he was hauled out from under the engine dead.

Ferdinand Hofacher, a well-known molder, went swimming in Grand River at Grand Rapids with several companions. He was an expert swimmer, but took cramps while attempting to cross the river and was drowned. He was 36 years old and leaves a family.

The proposed investigation into the lynching of O'Sullivan at Ionia is ordered by Gov. Rich, will go no further. The sheriff has been told by Shiawassee officials that the money for the bills contracted for that purpose, and as the state can appropriate no money he has no other way out of the scrape.

Mrs. Edward Marcholl, wife of a German teamster, of Ionia, was terribly burned. Her clothes caught fire from the stove and before the flames could be extinguished her clothes were nearly burned from her body. Her breast, shoulders, arms and body were terribly burned and it is doubtful if she can recover.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

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THE TELEGRAPH TALKS.

THE EUROPEAN POWERS WANT TO GET A HAND

In the Control of the Nicaragua Canal, a Thing Which the Projectors Will Seek to Avoid.—Other News.

City of Mexico: The Mexican Financier says of the proposed of the Sacasa government in Nicaragua 12 years to have behind it an intrigue of foreign interests, hostile to the continance of Nicaragua's control of the Nicaragua ship canal, an enterprise purely American in its inception, and maintained entirely by American capital. When the canal was begun little attention was paid to it, but now that it is likely to be completed, European governments wish to have a voice in its control. But before they secure a share in that great commercial highway therein they will have to fight for it, for the United States government cannot permit, hopes to have any management of a waterway designed primarily for the use of the nations of this hemisphere, and it is not for the interest of Mexico that European politicists in Nicaragua should intrigue against a continental policy in Nicaragua, if it is possible to prevent it. When it is completed, but that is a very different matter from allowing Europe to dictate arrangements to place them in the board of administration of the canal.

The Democrat party now in power in the United States government is committed by its platform principles to giving government aid to the canal for the purpose of national defense and the promotion of commerce between the states. Minister Guzman, who represented the late government of President Sacasa at Washington favors an American protectorate in Nicaragua, and if it seems desirable the influence of the United States in Nicaragua is sufficient to maintain the faith that American citizens should mix themselves up in the stormy politics of Central America, but they will not permit the usual revolutionists in Nicaragua to adopt a policy hostile not only to American but Mexican interests.

"If the new government in Nicaragua cancels the canal company's concession there will be serious trouble and Sacasa may return to power.

U. S. Crop Report.

The government crop report based on returns to the department of agriculture was issued June 10, and shows what as compared with that of last year 87.8, being a reduction of 12.2 per cent. The amount of the acreage sown has been plowed up and put to other crops. The condition of winter wheat has improved but slightly since the last report being 75.5 against 77.3 for the month of May, the percentages of the principal states being: Ohio, Indiana, 85; Michigan, 78; Indiana, 81; Illinois, 67; Missouri, 74; Kansas, 47. The condition of spring wheat presents a decline from last month's country of 86.4. The average percentage of acreage for both spring and winter wheat for the country is 80.8 and the condition for same 78.8. The percentage of the acreage of oats as compared with last year is 100.7 and the condition 88.9 for June 1 as against 88.5 for the same month in 1892. Returns show the percentage of the acreage of rye as compared with 1892 to be 94.3, while the reports of condition make the general average 84.6, which has been 90.7 for 10 years. Increase in acreage from