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As EVEN the best goods cannot advertise themselves until they are sold, they should themselves first be advertised in order to insure their sale.

"A EUROPEAN prince doesn't amount to much," says an eastern contemporary, "until after he has been reported engaged to an American girl." His debts do, however, hence the engagement.

ADVERTISERS who frequently change their mediums and methods should remember that a constant dropping will not wear away the stone, to any appreciable extent, when the drops fall on different parts of it.

A STORE full of goods unsold represents so much money lying idle. The cost of selling the goods by advertising them would, in some cases, be less than the interest which would otherwise accrue on the unsold stock.

THE marriage of Justin McCarthy's son to Cissy Loftus of the London music halls appears to have created a good deal of a sensation in England. Hitherto it has been the almost exclusive privilege of sprigs of the English nobility to marry these dashing artists. Now the commoners are having a chance.

THE universe will move along now with less friction, and fewer stars will be seen to fall, since the American association for the advancement of science in session at Brooklyn reached a conclusion as to the behavior of allylmalonic, allyl-acetic and æthylidenapropionic acids when boiled with caustic soda solution.

THERE is very little hope for the progress and eventual civilization of Russia. Thirty Cossacks belonging to a regiment stationed at Terek have just been beaten and cut to death with the knout for mutiny. What can be expected of a government which is exemplified in the bomb of the nihilist and the knout of the czar.

A WASHINGTON correspondent writes that the White House is becoming dilapidated, because it is getting its first coat of paint in two years. The paint which is put on the White house must be rather worse than the so-called paint commonly used for house-painting now-a-days if it will only look fresh for a single year.

THE whole world has heard of the horror of the destruction of Pompeii by volcanic eruption, for more than eighteen hundred years, and yet the loss of life in that catastrophe was inconsiderable. In our forest fires whole villages are swept out of existence and hundreds of lives are sacrificed in a few minutes. And think of the horror of such a calamity!

THE island of St. Helena, where Napoleon passed so many years of his life in banishment, is to become a health resort. Since the opening of the Suez canal the inhabitants have suffered severely from a money point of view, as fewer ships touch there than in former years. The people want some other source of income and have adopted this plan.

ACCORDING to a recent pamphlet by an Italian doctor a sure way of restoring life in cases of syncope is to hold the patient's tongue firmly. After two other doctors had worked for an hour without result over a young man who was apparently drowned, he thrust a spoon into the patient's mouth, seized the tongue, and worked it violently until the patient gave signs of life.

WILL it come to pass that the several heavily timbered states will have to maintain sylvan fire department in order not only to prevent a wholesale destruction of property, but a wholesale destruction of life as well? If not fire departments with dammed up streams to draw from, then fire patrols and some kind of ingenious way to arrest the progress of flames and so avert awful human hecatombs.

PHILADELPHIA is likely to loose a notable monument in the noble old elm tree that has so long overshadowed Walnut street just below Broad. Mrs. Dudas Lippincott, who has long defended the old tree from threatened destruction, has just died, and it is likely soon to be removed. The great tree shadows the whole width of the street, and its largest limbs overhang the opposite sidewalk.

THIS is what "Vanity Fair," of London, said the other day about Rudyard Kipling: "Five years ago Rudyard Kipling left India to see China, Japan and America, after which he came to London and got married. He has now made his home in Vermont of Central America, and when he has passed seven years in the study of the people among whom he dwells we may expect to have a great work on that country which has in it the making of several empires."

MR. EDWARD ATKINSON predicts that this "country will become within a very short time the greatest agricultural, manufacturing, shipbuilding and commercial country in the world." But not only Yankees, even British statisticians foretell it.

THE discovery of new gold fields in Alaska does not surprise old prospectors. There is probably a great deal of undiscovered and almost undiscoverable treasure in the old placer grounds of California and the new ones on the Yukon river.

THE way a man looks at things depends mainly on his environment. While a philosopher who lives in the West is busy laying down rules for longevity, Colonel Ingersoll, who lives in New York, is an enthusiastic advocate of suicide.

WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR regrets that he was born in America, but America does not regret that William Waldorf has become a naturalized Englishman. It is a pretty small game, but the country is one ahead so far.

JUST as the Vanderbilts have apparently decided to restore their family skeletons to the closets of their marble palaces, the Astors bring theirs out again. William Coleman Drayton has begun a suit for divorce from his wife, the daughter of Mrs. William Astor.

IF wheels can be manufactured that can run at twice the speed with which bicycles are now driven in our streets, pedestrianism in our cities may soon become a lost art. The name of the new machine is the unicycle.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

IN CONDENSED FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

The Knights of the Maccabees Swarm in Great Numbers to the Great Camp at Lansing—The Ladies There Too,—Severe Storm Does $100,000 Damage.

Great Camp of the K. O. T. M.

Probably the largest crowd that Lansing was ever called upon to entertain took possession of that city on the occasion of the fourteenth great camp of the Knights of the Maccabees. The annual parade was nearly three miles in length, and was pronounced a very good exhibition. The officers awarded prizes as follows: For the best uniformed tent in line a K. O. T. M. banner, valued at $50, won by Dimondale tent; for the tent having the greatest number of members in line of march, an elegant altar valued at $50, won by Charlotte tent; for the tent making the best appearance in line (marching, drill and dress to be considered), a Palace Regal coal heater, valued at $45, won by Olive tent, of Rew; for the tent having the second largest number of men in line, a sword, belt and cap, won by Central City tent of Jackson. In the band tournament the Third regiment band, of Bay City, was given first prize; Farrand & Votey's band, of Detroit, second, and the Williamston cornet band third.

There were 827 delegates reported when Great Commander Aitken called the great camp to order. It was shown by the report of N. S. Boynton, great record keeper, that the membership in Michigan including the ladies auxiliary branch, is over three times as large as the next largest fraternal beneficiary society. It also shows that the increase of tents is 46 and the net increase in membership 3,326, making a grand total of the Knights of the Maccabees of 56,499. The Ladies of the Maccabees number 19,000, which, added to the Knights of the Maccabees, gives a total membership in the state of Michigan of 75,499. The total membership of the order in the country at large is 157,049, making the Maccabees the second largest organization in the country. The net increase in membership last year in the knights and ladies was 28,267, the net increase in tents and hives 636; the number of death claims paid by the knights alone is 648; the number of payments on disability claims 133, making total disbursements throughout the country for the year $1,054,210. The great camp has on its hands $74,263,000 in death benefits. Mr. Boynton recommends dividing the state into county districts with biennial sessions of the great camp.

The district plan was defeated but it was voted to hold biennial sessions of the great camp. The list of officers is as follows: Commander, Nathan S. Boynton, Port Huron; lieutenant-commander, Thos. Watson, Roscommon; record keeper, Joseph Boughton, Grand Rapids; great finance keeper, Robert J. Whaley, Flint; great medical examiner, Dr. Edward Eaton, Hudson; chaplain, Henry W. Carey, Manistee; sergeant, Noble Ashley, Detroit; master-at-arms, W. K. Gustin, Alpena; first master of the guard, W. S. Kinsel, Alpena; second master of the guard, Edwin Royce, Sault Ste. Marie; sentinel, A. H. Lorie, St. Louis; picket, George C. Ray, Bay City.

The L. O. T. M.

The Ladies of the Maccabees held their session in the senate chamber with about 500 delegates present. Great Lady Commander Lillian Hollister, of Detroit, presided. The reports showed that the L. O. T. M. has 18,465 members, with death benefits in order amounting to $13,108,000. During the year $46,450 were paid on death claims and $350 for disability. Receipts for the year were $62,449.78; disbursements, $58,202.92.

At the closing session of the great hive of the Ladies of the Maccabees, the following officers were elected: Commander, Mrs. Lillian Hollister, Detroit; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Frances Burns, St. Louis; record keeper, Miss Emma E. Bower, Ann Arbor, finance keeper, Mrs. Susie R. Graves, Port Huron; medical examiner, Dr. Emma E. Cook, Detroit; chaplain, Mrs. Mrs. Mary O. Knight, Lansing; sergeant, Mrs. Agnes Forsthar, Thompson, mistress-at-arms, Mrs. Marie Krause, Saginaw; sentinel, Mrs. Minnie Emmett, Howell; lecturer, Mrs. Rachel Bailey, Hastings; picket, Miss Nettie Gates, Orion.

Men of Finance.

The annual convention of the Michigan State Bankers' association was held at Bay City, Hon. S. O. Fisher presiding. U. S. Comptroller of the Currency J. H. Eckels, made an address which was much appreciated.

The election of officers of Michigan Bankers' association resulted: President, S. M. Cutcheon, Detroit; first vice-president, L. H. Withey, Grand Rapids; second vice-president, W. H. Withington, Jackson; secretary, Frederick W. Hayes, Detroit; treasurer, W. T. DeGraff, Detroit.

Her Children's Ingratitude.

Mrs. Myra West, of Leonidas, attempted suicide with a razor. Two attempts were made, the first razor used being too dull to cut. The second razor she tried cut the right side of her neck from back of her ear to the windpipe. Mrs. West tore everything in the room to pieces. She was alive when discovered, but it is thought she cannot recover. Trouble with children, who are alleged to have secured her property and refused to care for her, is said to be the cause.

Sad Suicide at Jackson.

John R. Norris, son of John Norris, a well-known citizen of Jackson, was found dead in the cellar of the family residence with a bloody razor by his side. Gashes in both his wrists and throat showed the cause of death. Norris was 33 years of age and was a young man of estimable qualities. For some time he had been subject to spells of melancholy. He was soon to have been married to a most estimable young lady.

He Caught on to Jeff's Disguise.

Michigan has lost one of its most famous veterans of the late war in the death of Andrew Bee, of Martin. He was a member of Company L, Fourth Michigan cavalry. Bee was the means of capturing Jeff Davis, being the first man to recognize him as he emerged from the tent in his attempt to escape in disguise, and said to Gen. Pritchard, "We have got Jeff."

Burglars entered the store of the Marlette Mercantile company, forced the safe and made away with $1,230 in cash and notes.

J. W. Howry & Sons will cut about 10,000,000 feet of logs at White Fish, Ont., this coming season. They will be towed to Saginaw.

While dozing in a chair in a hotel at Muskegon, John Wenzel, of Milwaukee, had his pocket picked of $330 in cold cash. Five hours afterward Sheriff Smith overtook and arrested Edward McKinsey at Grand Haven, and upon searching him found $238.05 of the amount. Fred Worth was arrested as an accomplice.

Fifty lumber shovers on the docks of the Traverse City Lumber company struck for an advance of 10 cents an hour, but the demand was refused. The strikers endeavored to prevent others from going to work, and the sheriff was called to prevent trouble. Plenty of men are to be had.

MINOR MICHIGAN NEWS.

Plymouth fair has a fox chase every day.

Cadillac saloons now have to close at 9 o'clock.

Thos. Murray, aged 53 years, was drowned at Bay City.

Saginaw gets a new sash and door factory employing 150 men.

Col. C. V. R. Pond, it is said, will be made inspector-general of the national G. A. R.

The Michigan conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church was in session at Meridian.

Samuel Terry, of Baroda, aged 80, is in jail for threatening the life of his 82-year-old consort.

A heavy white frost occurred at East Tawas, the first of the season. Light ice formed on still water.

Marguerite Deshon, aged 10, fell into a well near Bay City, and was drowned before she was discovered.

Peach trees near Otsego are affected with the yellows. Henry Sebright had to cut down 4,000 trees.

Scott Edgerly, for 13 years a driver in the fire department at Lansing, shot himself twice and he will die.

Hubbell, Baker & Co. of Marlette, recently shipped 15,000 pounds of honey to the eastern markets.

Henry Nank, Sr., a respected German farmer three miles south of Utica, committed suicide by hanging.

Agricultural College now has a building for the lady students—if there are any who wish to learn farming.

S. T. Crapo has been made general manager of the F. & P. M. railroad, vice the late W. H. Baldwin, Jr.

William Richardson, of Port Huron, was fined $50 for burglarizing his own residence and that of a neighbor.

The annual reunion of the veterans of the Fourth Michigan Cavalry will be held at Jackson, September 25.

Fred Winters, while playing ball at East Tawas was struck in the face by a foul ball breaking his cheek bone.

The livery barn of William Hainstock at Kalkaska was destroyed by fire. The loss is $2,700; no insurance.

A three-year-old son of Ed Leroy, near Battle Creek, was bitten on the foot by a massasauga, but may recover.

Frank Stroub, near Maybee, despondent because of ill health, suicided by cutting his throat, severing his windpipe.

Robert Harding, aged 14, shot himself at Jackson and will die. He is a cripple and despondency was the cause.

The Dollarville lumber company has commenced sawing on 4,000,000 feet of pine left over at Dollarville from last season.

Granville Lacy, the first white man born in Niles, died in that city. He had been for many years an influential citizen.

Mark Bigelow, charged with assaulting his 11-year-old daughter was sent to Jackson for 15 years by Judge Lane at Hillsdale.

The Traveling Passenger Agents' association of the United States and Canada met in the Russell house, Detroit, in annual session.

Louis, the 8-year-old son of Michael Kernstock, a farmer residing north of Bay City, was run over by a loaded wagon and fatally injured.

George Kile, of Mt. Pleasant, convicted of feloniously assaulting the 9-year-old daughter of M. O'Hara, was sentenced to 10 years in Ionia.

The man known only as "Gus" who was murdered near Cheboygan is believed to have been August Gensemore a sailor and woodsman of Saginaw.

Miss Hattie Thorner, of Arona, went to Black River to select her wedding trousseau. She was suddenly seized with pleurisy and died in a few hours.

Near Dundee a drove of hogs died mysteriously. Their stomachs were found to be packed hard with sand which they had eaten with their food.

Because Sunday closing laws are being enforced against them Saginaw saloon men are going to enforce the Blue laws against street cars, newspapers, cigar stands, etc.

Sheriff Buchanan, of Cass, arrested Wm. More, a single man living nine miles north of Cass City, on a charge of criminal assault upon the 14-year-old daughter of Hugh Jordan.

Some evil minded person went into the saw mill of D. T. Smith at Romeo and slashed all the belting and pulleys in the concern. The damage amounted to several hundred dollars.

The hearing of W. W. Bean, president of the Benton Harbor street railway, charged with shooting Alderman Schriver, of that city, resulted in his being held in $2,500 bonds.

Jason Cummings upset a lantern in the hay mow of his barn two miles east of Lake Ann. The barn and house, together with all their contents, were destroyed. There was no insurance.

Near Grand Marais a lumberman tried to stop a train by putting a log on the track. The obstruction was whirled aside, knocking the man under the wheels and inflicting fatal injuries.

Receiver Rush Culver, as attorney for Amassa Daily and other homesteaders vs. The Michigan Land & Iron company, has filed a motion with the interior department at Washington for a rehearing.

J. H. Boone, clerk in a Grand Rapids bank, with $1,200 a year, wants to give up the position for a $300 or $400 job as a minister and has made formal application for a charge to the Michigan M. E. conference.

William Naughton, aged 22 years, lineman on the tug Pup, of Saugatuck, had his leg crushed while trying to pull the schooner Laura Miller off Ottawa Beach, and died from blood poisoning and the effects of an amputation.

Mrs. Deborah B. Alcott, of Kalamazoo, widow of W. W. Alcott, has caused a sensation by filing a bill of complaint in the circuit court to compel D. O. Roberts to account as trustee for his handling of the Alcott estate, valued at $50,000.

The letter which was received by Mrs. Dr. Conklin, wife of the mysteriously missing Cassopolis physician, proves to have been written by a spiritualist medium, and his alleged knowledge of the doctor's whereabouts was without a basis.

M. C. Conley, well-known jeweler of Saginaw, while temporarily insane, jumped from the Genesee avenue bridge into the Saginaw river. He resisted every effort to save him, but was finally landed on the dock and the surplus water emptied out of him.

At a meeting of the Liquor Dealers' association, of Saginaw, it was decided in favor of closing on Sunday and of seeing to it that all other saloonkeepers keep closed. They came to no decision with regard to the matter of trying to enforce the blue Sunday law.

A tramp named Wm. Wilson was arrested at Charlotte on a charge of kidnapping Patrick Kain, the 13-year-old son of Chief of Police Kain, of Saginaw. The boy was put in a freight car at Saginaw by Wilson and was unable to escape until they reached Charlotte. Several years ago Kain was instrumental in sending Anderson to state prison and the kidnapping is supposed to have been done in revenge.

Thomas Wright charged with committing an assault on Kitty Driscoll, eight-year-old daughter of John Driscoll, of Corunna, pleaded guilty and Judge Wisner sentenced him to hard labor at Jackson for 10 years.

John Hedlund, single, aged 30, a carpenter at the North Quincy mine shaft house at Houghton, was killed by falling over 40 feet from a scaffold.

The south bound freight jumped the track between Boyne Falls and Elmira, and the train, loaded mostly with iron ore, was piled up along the track.

The postoffice and general store of B. Royce, at Hamburg, was burglarized. About $25 worth of goods was taken. Letters were opened and some stolen.

John Bacon, aged 60, employed at Dr. Stevens' sanitarium, at Benton Harbor, took 14 grains of morphine and died. He leaves a family of four grown sons.

Battle Creek workmen out of employment are agitating a colony to go south and start a co-operative settlement. Intelligent men from other places are invited to join.

Maggie Barton, a domestic at Cedar Springs, committed suicide by taking poison and chloroform. This is the third attempt she has made to take her life. Unrequited love.

The fifty-ninth annual session of Michigan conference of the Methodist Episcopal church was held at Jackson, presided over by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, D. D., L. L. D. About 300 ministers were present.

Edward O'Neill, one of 26 Eaton county people under indictment for violating the local option law, has been convicted, and the remaining 25 are in consternation, one having already pleaded guilty.

Fire broke out in the barns of the St. Joseph & Clinton Harbor Electric company at St. Joseph. The fire spread to Brook's livery barn. Both buildings and several cars were destroyed. The loss is heavy.

The steam boiler attached to a portable feather renovator, operated by Messrs. Seely & Mott, blew up on the street at South Haven, throwing both men some distance, and seriously, if not fatally, injuring Mr. Seely.

Rochester had a water works election which resulted in a victory for those who desired the improvement. The whole town celebrated with a torchlight procession and fireworks. Bonds for $15,000 will be issued.

Willie Warwick, aged 18, was drowned in Derby lake, near Stanton. He took off his clothes, jumped into the water and was being towed by the boat when he let go and sank before his companions could rescue him.

As a 4 o'clock train for South Haven stopped at Grand Junction and the agent stepped out of the ticket office, a young man entered, deliberately unlocked the ticket case, stole $66 and caught the train as it was pulling out.

The wood alcohol factory at Newberry is not running now, and it is said it will not start up again, because the new tariff has caused a decline in price from $1 a gallon to 65 cents. The alcohol factory at Mancelona is also closed down.

Charles Stephenson, 49 years old, of St. Johns, met with a serious accident. While attempting to board a passing train he slipped and fell beneath the wheels. His leg was so badly mangled that it was necessary to amputate it just below the knee.

Robert Wierenga aged 5 years wandered away from home at Grand Rapids. A search was instituted. The lad was found in a street excavation in a lifeless condition. A large chunk of earth had fallen on him and he had been smothered to death.

Stephen Maddock was arrested at St. Joseph on a warrant sworn out by his wife, charging him with bigamy. He is charged with having three wives, who are all living, and will be on hand for the trial. Alleged wife No. 3 swore out the warrant.

Breckinridge Knocked Out.

Col. W. C. P. Breckinridge, of the Seventh district, of Kentucky, is dead politically. In the hottest primary election ever held in this country he lost to W. C. Owens by a plurality of something in the neighborhood of 1,000 votes. No election or other occasion ever caused such a general suspension of business and daily duties as the contest between W. C. Owens, W. C. Breckinridge and E. E. Settle for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Seventh, better known as the Ashland district. For months the district was agitated in the most bitter personal agitation. It was not a political, not even a factional fight. It was a moral contest for weeks and months, and it became intensely personal, so much so that the nomination was not the only issue.

Serious Runaways at a Funeral.

A frightful runaway occurred in a funeral party near Irondale, O., in which 15 persons were injured; three fatally. While the funeral cortege was returning from the cemetery the horses attached to a carriage became frightened and the driver lost control of them. The animals dashed into the front carriage, wrecking it and causing the second team to run off. Both teams dashed into the two front carriages, causing the horses to run away, and all four teams plunged down a steep hill completely wrecking the conveyances and throwing the inmates under the horses' feet.

Last March Mrs. McBane was caught in a runaway accident and injured, dying after giving birth to the child that was buried.

14 Burned With Blazing Oil.

A freight on the C., St. P., M. & O. railroad was ditched near Hammond, Wis. The train carried two oil cars. One of the oil tanks took fire and exploded. A car of coal and the caboose also burned. Almost 12 hours later a passenger train from Minneapolis was waiting west of the scene of the accident and the whole train load of passengers were passing around the wreck to take a train on the other side, when the other oil tank in the wreck exploded. The fragments whizzed through the air with a noise like bomb-shells, and a shower of burning oil fell upon the people, seriously burning 14 of them.

A Dastardly Crime at Akron.

Three Negroes, two men and a woman, called at the house of Saloonist George Woehlhueter, in the heart of Akron, O., and demanded breakfast. Mrs. Woehlhueter was alone. Badly frightened, she prepared the meal. Later the men returned to the house, broke in the street door and, going to Mrs. Woehlhueter's room, beat her insensible and assaulted her. She was bound and gagged and thrown into the cellar. Carpets and bed-clothing were saturated with oil and the house fired. Except for timely discovery of the flames all trace of the crime would have been obliterated. Mrs. Woehlhueter's condition is critical.

Ex-State Treasurer Hambitzer has located in Marquette with the law firm of Ball & Ball.

W. F. Collier & Co., general storekeepers at St. Petersburg, Pa., were robbed of $70,000 in bonds, notes and cash while the office force were out for a night lunch.

E. R. Moos and John G. Dorn, wine manufacturers, and George Stahl and August Guenther, rectifiers and dealers, of Sandusky, and Frank Kelly and William Becker, wine manufacturers, of Kelly's Island, were arrested at the instance of Wm. Sells and Dr. Sterret, of the State Dairy and Food Inspector's force, all charged, except Guenther, with improperly labeling their goods, the charge against him being the using of adulterants.

The monarchists of Brazil are still chafing under the Republican form of government, and it is said they have engaged in organizing a revolution.

CHINESE DEFEATED.

CHINESE IN KOREA LOSE OVER 16,000 MEN.

The Japanese Practically Annihilated an Army of 20,000 Men and Lost Only 30 Men With 270 Wounded—Japs Now Control Korea.

London: Dispatches from Seoul, the capital of Korea, tell of the total defeat of the Chinese army, entrenched at Ping Yang, by the Japanese. For two days the Japanese had been making a careful reconnaissance in force to ascertain the position of the Chinese army. On the third day the Gen. Sans column faced the Chinese left flank, the Pong San column the center and the Hwang Zu column the right. The Chinese defenses had been greatly strengthened. The battle opened at daybreak, both sides cannonading heavily. The Pong San column did the hardest of the fighting for the Japanese while the flanking parties gained some in positions, but at night the situation was practically unchanged. Firing was continued all the night and meantime the Japanese right and left closed in upon the Chinese position, and at 3 a. m. the Japanese attack was delivered simultaneously. The Chinese lines, which were strong in front, were found to be weak in the rear and the Chinese were taken completely by surprise, became panic stricken and were cut down and bayoneted by the hundreds. So well was the Japanese attack directed that the Chinese were surrounded at every point and eventually sought safety in flight. The Pong San column, swarming over the damaged defenses of the Chinese front, completed the rout of the Chinese.

Some idea of the manner in which the Japanese attack was delivered may be judged from the fact that one-half an hour after the early morning attack commenced the strongly defended position of Ping Yang was in the hands of the Japanese troops. It is believed that the Chinese position was defended by 20,000 Chinese, of whom only a few succeeded in escaping.

The Japanese victory was brilliant and complete. An immense amount of provisions, arms, ammunition and other stores, in addition to hundreds of flags were captured and 16,000 of the Chinese soldiers killed, wounded or taken prisoners. Among the latter were Gen. Tso Fonk Wai, the commander-in-chief of the Manchurain army, and several other prominent Chinese officers. The Japanese loss was trifling, only 30 being killed and 270 wounded; eleven officers being among the number.

So far as the active operations of the Chinese in Korea are concerned the war is practically at an end for a long time to come and the mainland of Korea may be said to be completely in the hands of the Japanese.

Japs to March Upon Pekin.

London: A dispatch from Shanghai says that a fleet of 21 Japanese transports, conveying 10,000 troops, sailed from a Japanese port. It is supposed that it is the intention of the Japanese commander to land his forces at some point on the Chinese coast. The Chinese fleet, under the command of Admiral Ting, has sailed south for the purpose of intercepting the Japanese.

The correspondent of the Times at Yokohama says: Large reinforcements of Japanese troops have gone to Korea. Wagers are being made in Tokio that the Japanese army will occupy Pekin, the capital of China, or Mukden, the capital of the province of Leao Tong, Manchooria, on November 3.

Japs Blockade Tokio.

Washington: A dispatch was received at the state department from Minister Dunn, announcing that the Japanese government had blockaded with submarine torpedoes the entrance to the gulf of Tokio and the harbor of Nagasaka. Notice was given by the minister to masters of American vessels. As soon as the announcement had been received the navy department authorities took steps to notify the vessels which may be starting for Japan. The action was, of course, taken for protection against the Chinese fleets. It is the most serious step of the war up to date in its effect upon foreign commerce.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

An old man was found lying dead on the B. & O. railway on the platform at Fritchton, Ind. Papers found on his person proved him to be Andrew N. McGinniss, of Cedarville, O.

A dispatch received from Seoul, Korea, dated September 10, says that the Japanese force moving from Gensam has completely routed the Chinese at Sing Chuen. Both sides are reported to have lost heavily.

Peter McArdle, of Brooklyn, while intoxicated threw his 5-year-old niece, Mamie McArdle, out of the second-story back window to the ground. He then jumped after her. The child is dead, but the brute was unhurt.

Ten persons were killed and 20 injured by the wreck of the Paris and Cologne express train. The accident happened at Appily, near Brussels, and was caused by a collision of the express train with a freight train.

Secretary Carlisle has written to Senator Manderson declining to pay any sugar bounties since the date of the new tariff act. The secretary states that he has arrived at the conclusion that such payments cannot be made without further legislation by congress.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

NEW YORK.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s review of trade says: Business has met no setback and continues larger than last month and larger than a year ago directly after the panic. The country has now passed three weeks under the new tariff, and all admit that changes have been of less importance as yet than was expected. If in some branches business has materially increased, it has gained little or has fallen off in others. Loss in some directions is explained by crop reports, for the most favorable estimate of exports put the loss of corn at about 400,000,000 bu. whereas the government report is by some interpreted as meaning a loss of 1,000,000,000 bu. The opinion of the trade does not favor the official estimate, and the price has not risen, though receipts have been very small and exports have practically ceased, and all realize that the shrinkage of 400,000,000 bu is serious, if it proves to be no greater, since it must affect prices of meats for a year or more. Pork is unchanged, but lard has risen. Nor are official reports encouraging as to wheat. The great increase in the iron production which was noted as following the removal of coke difficulties is measured by the capacity of furnaces in blast. Less activity is seen in dry goods, the rush of postponed business having abated, and there is more disposition to defer purchases. The failures have been 207 in the United States, against 314 the same week last year, and 44 in Canada against 27 last year.

NEW YORK.—Bradstreet's review says: All the features of improvement in general trade reported a week ago are retained, and from a number of the more important business centers still further gains are reported. At various northwestern centers cold weather has stimulated the sales in dry goods, clothing and shoes. The showing of the various groups of railroads presents an irregular distribution of increases, the most favorable being by the southern lines. Woolen dress goods are not sold as actively as in previous weeks, jobbers not carrying supplies beyond what the public are likely to take before January 1. Gross railroad earnings for August, covering returns for 132 roads, having a mileage of 100,000 of main line, aggregate $42,461,000, against $47,080,386 in August, 1893.

Gov. J. M. Stone and State Treasurer J. J. Evans, of Mississippi, appeared before U. S. Commissioner Mosely to answer the charge of counterfeiting preferred against them for printing $200,000 in state warrants in imitation of U. S. currency. Gov. Stone and Treasurer Evans waived examination and were released on their own recognizance to appear at the November term of the U. S. district court.

The New York constitional convention has passed the amendment removing the statutory limit of $5,000 in actions for recovery for damages for injuries resulting in death.

THE VETS AT PITTSBURG.

The Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The decreasing ranks of the G. A. R.—the veterans who saved the nation—gathered once more in annual encampment as is the custom, this time at Pittsburg.

As is usually the case the parade of veterans was the big event of the encampment. Over 40,000 of the nation's heroes marched through the streets of Pittsburg and Allegheny in time with music such as carried them away on the lofty flights of patriotism in their younger days. Between 500,000 and 600,000 people witnessed the spectacle and cheered the veterans.

The business sessions of the encampment were full of interest. Commander-in-Chief Adams in his farewell address gave the following figures to show the condition of the G. A. R: "One year ago there were in good standing 397,223. There have been gained during the year, by muster-in, 16,752; by transfer, 6,354; by reinstatement, 14,036; by reinstatement from delinquent reports, 2,519; total gain, 39,661. Aggregate, 436,884. There have been lost: By death, 7,283; by honorable discharge, 1,756; by transfer, 7,132; by suspension, 34,805; by dishonable discharge, 154; by delinquent reports, 16,671; total loss, 67,801. Number remaining in good standing June 30, 1894, 369,083." To which he added: These figures show that the Grand Army of the Republic has reached the beginning of the end, and each succeeding year will show a gradual decrease in our membership."

Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal, presented the claims of his city for the encampment in 1895 and that place was the unanimous choice of the delegates.

Of course the real interest of the business session centered in the selection of a new commander-in-chief. Judge Long, of Michigan, having withdrawn from the race there were only two candidates—Col. Thomas G. Lawler, Rockford, Ill., and Col. I. N. Walker, Indianapolis, Ind. The closeness of the result was a surprise to both victor and defeated. It took 45 minutes to cast and count the ballots of the 649 delegates. Then Commander Adams announced that the vote stood: Lawler, 330; Walker, 319, the Illinois man winning by the narrow margin of eleven votes. Col. Walker then withdrew and the vote was made unanimous. The other officers were chosen as follows: Senior vice-commander, Maj. A. H. Burchfield, of Pittsburg; junior vice-commander, Chas. Shute, of Louisiana; surgeon-general, O. W. Weeks, Marion, O; chaplain-in-chief, T. H. Haggerty, St. Louis. The new commander-in-chief appointed Comrade C. C. Jones, of Rockford, Ill., adjutant-general, and Comrade J. N. Burst, of Syracuse, Ill., quartermaster-general, and established headquarters at Rockford, Ill.

Col. Lawler was born in England on April 7, 1844. When a child he was taken to Illinois and educated in the public schools of Rockford. At the age of 17 he enlisted as a private in Company E, Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer infantry. He commanded his company for two months during the Atlanta campaign and was elected captain by his company and placed upon the roll of honor by Maj.-Gen. Rosecrans, of the Army of the Cumberland. Col. Lawler organized the Rockford Rifles in 1876 and was elected colonel and commanded the Third Regiment, I. N. G., for seven years, when he resigned. He was postmaster at Rockford under the Hayes and Garfield administrations, and is in the lumber and coal business. Col. Lawler has been commander of G. L. Nevins Post of Rockford, for 26 consecutive years. He has also served as a member of the department council of administration, and junior and senior vice-department commander.

Mrs. Sarah C. Mink, national president of the W. R. C., in her report said that the movement to obtain pensions for army nurses had been pushed. The other official reports showed that there are 2,676 corps and that $170,584.26 was expended during the year in relief work.

The Women's Relief Corps elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Emma R. A. Wallace, Chicago; senior vice-president, Mrs. Helen R. Morrison; Smithport, Pa.; junior vice-president, Mrs. Lizzie R. Herrick, Seattle, Wash.; treasurer, Mrs. Armila A. Cheney, Detroit; chaplain, Mrs. S. Agnes Parker, Massachusetts.

The Ladies of the G. A. R. chose officers as follows: President, Mrs. Nettie E. Gunlock, Chicago; senior vice-president, Mrs. Etta Toby, Indiana; junior vice-president, Mrs. Anna M. Hall, West Virginia; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. George, Washington, D. C.; chaplain, Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Wisconsin.

The Daughters of Veterans officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ellen M. Walker, Worcester, Mass.; senior vice-president, Miss Anna Schmid, St. Louis; junior vice president, Miss Gladys Foster, Kansas; chaplain, Miss Lena Stevens, Massillon, O.; treasurer, Mrs. Ida J. Allen, Newtonville, Mass.; inspector, Miss Addie York, Somerville, Mass.

London: A Shanghai dispatch received announces that six survivors of the persons aboard the Chinese transport Chean, which stranded in the Che Tung pass recently with 1,400 troops on board, while on her way to the island of Formosa, have arrived there. They estimate that about 200 soldiers were drowned in the Che Tung pass.

THE MARKETS.

New York.	
Cattle—Natives	$4 00 @ $5 30
Hogs	6 25 @ 6 55
Sheep—Good to choice	2 25 @ 3 40
Lambs	3 50 @ 4 75
Wheat—No. 2	57¼ @ 58
Corn—No 2	64 @ 64½
Oats—No. 2 white	37¾ @ 38
Toledo.	
Wheat—No 2 spot	53¼ @ 53¾
No 2 December	56¼ @ 57
Corn—No 2	56 @ 56¼
Oats—No 2 mixed	31½ @ 32½
Buffalo—Live Stock.	
Cattle—Mixed Shipments	3 25 @ 4 00
Sheep	2 25 @ 3 50
Lambs	3 50 @ 4 35
Hogs—Choice weights	6 60 @ 6 75
Common and rough	6 35 @ 6 60
Cleveland.	
Cattle—Best	4 00 @ 4 50
Other grades	3 00 @ 3 80
Hogs	5 50 @ 5 85
Wheat—No 2 red	51 @ 52
Corn—No 2	56 @ 57
Oats—No 2 white	42 @ 43
Pittsburg.	
Cattle	3 60 @ 4 85
Hogs	5 60 @ 6 50
Sheep and lambs	2 75 @ 4 25
Wheat—No 2 red	52 @ 52½
Corn—Mixed	56½ @ 57
Oats—No 2 white	42 @ 43
Cincinnati.	
Cattle—Good to prime	3 75 @ 4 50
Lower grades	2 25 @ 4 15
Hogs	5 35 @ 5 90
Sheep and lambs	2 25 @ 4 50
Wheat—No 2 red	52 @ 52½
Corn—No 2 mixed	59 @ 60
Oats—No 2 white	32 @ 32½
Chicago.	
Cattle—Best steers	5 60 @ 5 90
Common	4 75 @ 5 40
Sheep	2 10 @ 3 60
Lambs	3 40 @ 3 75
Hogs—Mixed	6 20 @ 6 75
Wheat—No 2 red	53¼ @ 53⅜
Corn—No 2	54½ @ 55
Oats—No 2 white	32¼ @ 32¾
Mess pork, per bbl	14 10 @ 14 15
Lard, per cwt	8 80 @ 8 85
Detroit.	
Cattle—Good to choice	3 65 @ 4 00
Lower grades	2 25 @ 3 60
Hogs	5 60 @ 6 00
Sheep	1 50 @ 2 50
Lambs	2 50 @ 3 25
Wheat—No 2 red spot	53¼ @ 53½
No 1 white	55 @ 55¼
Corn—No 2 mixed	58 @ 58
Oats—No 2 white	33½ @ 33¾
Hay—Timothy	10 50 @ 11 00
Potatoes, per bu	55 @ 60
Butter—Dairy	18 @ 21
Creamery	23 @ 24
Eggs—Fresh	14½ @ 16
Live Poultry—Chickens	8 @ 9
Fowl	6½ @ 7
Ducks	8 @ 7½
Turkeys	8 @ 9

Mrs. Ann Rogers, sister of the late Gen. John A. Logan, took morphine with suicidal intent. Despondency is supposed to be the cause.

The fourth biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen was held at Harrisburg, Pa., with 350 delegates present.

A terrible explosion of gas occurred in the Centralia colliery mines at Ashland, Pa., by which George Electra was instantly killed, Jas. Fergarity was fatally injured and John Cook was seriously burned. Two Hungarian laborers were also injured. The gas was ignited by Electra's naked lamp.

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DOGS TAUGHT TO BARK.

Costa Rican Dogs Do Not Do It Naturally and Must Learn How.

"They've got the queerest dogs down in Costa Rica you ever heard of," said Henry Coyne of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who spent several years in that tropical country with an engineer corps, to a New York Sun reporter. "When they are grown they are about the size of a shepherd dog, and look as if they were a cross between a wolf and a fox. They are of a light yellow color and slouch along as if they suspected every one they met of having a tin can and intentions of fastening it to their tails. The queerest thing about the Costa Rica dogs is that if they live to be 1,000 years old they can't bark unless they are taught when they are puppies.

"They have to teach these dogs to bark down there just as some canary birds have to be taught to sing. When the pups are a couple of weeks old the Indians—every person down there is an Indian, so called—take them and either put them with a dog that has learned to bark, so that they can hear him and imitate him by degrees or bark the lessons to the puppies themselves. The latter is the surest and most satisfactory way to teach a Costa Rican dog to bark, because a dog down there that has mastered the voice that is natural to dogs elsewhere may not take it into his head to bark once in six months, and if a puppy doesn't receive lessons in voice culture before he is six months old he will be mute all his life. So the Indians usually make sure that their dogs shall bark by giving the puppies lessons themselves.

"The funny thing about teaching these young dogs that they have a voice is that their instructors can teach them to bark in any tone. The eager puppy will imitate the sound his Indian teacher emits, no matter whether it is a deep bass, a mellow baritone, a plaintive falsetto, or a fiendish shriek or a yell in no tone at all.

"So you can well imagine that a family of Costa Rica dogs trained to sing after the varied methods that the whims or inclinations of their teachers dictate may be able to give a concert on a moonlight night which would startle a stranger when he first heard it."

Large and Vicious Humming Birds.

There is a species of humming bird in Carrucca, East India, that is about the size of a pigeon. It is very vicious, and the natives say it subsists almost entirely upon a hard shelled nut, which it breaks open with a blow of its wings, all the while humming loudly.

False to the Last.

Miss Wanterneau—Do you think that men are born deceitful?

Mrs. Weeds—I don't know. But I know they die deceitful. When my husband died I thought he was worth five times as much as he was.

Louisiana has found it necessary to pass laws for the care of its lepers.

In twenty states there are prohibitory laws against selling tobacco to minors.

A blast in the South African diamond mine recently brought up a petrified ostrich egg.

The animal known all over the West as the "California lion" is recognized in other parts of the world as the puma, catamount, cougar or panther.

Arne is best known as the composer of "Rule Britannia." It was originally an opera song, being the last solo and chorus in his opera, "Alfred."

Hall's Catarrh Cure

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There are 9,000,000 foreign born people in the United States.

British fishermen daily drag $100,000 worth of fish from the sea.

A physician has brought out a novelty which consists of applying a rubber heel to walking boots, by which means the force expended in planting the foot on the ground is utilized to assist in progression of the wearer. According to the doctor's theory the harder a man brings his heel down upon the pavement the easier will he walk.

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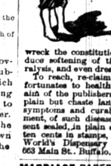
IT'S A MILLSTONE



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