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THE Emperor William announces that he holds his crown by divine will. In other words, his majesty has graduated from local politics.

A SAN FRANCISCAN has returned from Italy with the information that the Italians do not like American music. Honors are easy. Americans do not like the hand-organ.

THE Chinese Admiral Teing is in fair way of being plucked clean. For showing the white feather he has had the peacock's feather taken from him—a sort of homoeopathic method of cure, by the way.

AND now they talk of making silk from wood pulp. The forests may therefore be looked upon as doomed, unless the silk worm should turn in time to prevent this threatened interference with his industry.

A "GREEN GOODS" dealer in New York has been testifying that he "never paid the police for protection." It is still a left-handed compliment, for he has been carrying on his business under their eyes for years.

A NEGRO who lives in Baker county, Georgia, dreamed three nights in succession of finding money in an old grave. He went to the spot designated in his dream and found a skull and three gold dollars. This is "the stuff that dreams are made of" in Georgia.

AT a test of one of the Sims-Edison torpedoes a man rode on the back of the appliance as it went through the water at eighteen miles an hour. His object in doing this is not clear, as the necessity for breaking the modern torpedo to the saddle is not generally understood.

A PERSON announcing herself vociferously as a lady struck a conductor in the face because he did not stop his street-car on a curve as she desired. The conductor refrained from throwing her off the car; a policeman refrained from arresting her. So the advantage of being a lady becomes obvious to the dullest intelligence.

THE monument that was recently placed over the grave of Dr. B. F. Stevenson, the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Rosehill cemetery, near Petersburg, Ill., is of granite, and much admired for its artistic beauty. The monument is to be unveiled some time this autumn, and the event will be made a national affair.

THE suggestion that supply stations be established and maintained at Spitzbergen and various points on the route to the north pole is not new, but it is probably the only suggestion that covers the way to solve the fascinating problem. In the Wellman plan of a sudden dash there is certainly something plausible, but sudden dashes ought to have some substantial backing.

PEOPLE who are disposed to grumble about high prices should be thankful that they do not live in the town of Forty Mile Creek, on the Yukon river, Alaska. The town is the largest in the placer gold mining district, and flour sells for 17 cents a pound, while bacon brings 40 cents, beans are firm at 20 cents, butter is strong at 75 cents, and dried fruit is worth 25 cents a pound.

THE sentence of a convicted murderer at Trenton, N. J., has been commuted on the ground that the court interpreter did not thoroughly understand the language which he translated. This opens another loop-hole in the administration of justice. Pretty soon sentences will be set aside because the clerk didn't thoroughly know how to keep the record, the lawyers didn't thoroughly know the law, or the jurors didn't thoroughly know how to bring in a verdict.

THE conservatory of Washington park, Chicago, boasts of what is affectionately called "goose plant." It is composed of growths that look like three or four big geese and over a dozen goslings. The plant is a rare native of South America, known properly as the Aristolochia Gigas Sturtevantii, and is said to be the only one of its kind in the United States. It was on exhibition at the world's fair, but was so small at that time as to attract little attention.

THE real ruler of Korea is said to be the premier, whose name is Min Yung Jun. According to all accounts he must be the "boss" premier. A few years ago he was worth practically nothing, and now, at the age of forty he is a millionaire, rides about town in a chair, seated on a leopard skin, accompanied by hundreds of cheering followers and nimble-footed dancing girls, and has a home containing scores of rooms. The "boss" does not seem to be confined to American politics.

THE grand council of the Swiss canton of Neuenburg has decided that funerals shall hereafter be paid for by the public. The canton in the future is to defray all expenses save that of the coffin, which the family or relatives will provide. If necessary, however, the coffin will be supplied also. The expense of cremating bodies, however, must be borne by the friends or family. Under this arrangement such distinctions—common enough in many parts of Europe—as "first class" and "second class" funerals will be impossible.

FROM Venice to Westminster abbey is a wholly suitable journey for the slab of oriental porphyry which is to cover the grave of Robert Browning, and equally suitable is the decoration of an English rose above the inscription and the Florentine lily below.

THAT Chicago burglar who broke into a smallpox-infected house and was arrested as he came out empty-handed is in a bad fix. It's a case of either pesthouse, county jail, or both with him, and he will not even be given the privilege of choosing.

THE United States has been invited to send an officer to China to inspect the practical rifle practice now prevalent there. No guaranty of safe conduct nor a Dowe coat accompanies the invitation, but it is probably well meant.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has informed his daughters that they need not expect to be great heiresses, as he intends to bestow most of his money on public institutions. This may save the girls annoyance from impecunious counts and dukes.

MICHIGAN MATTERS.

IN CONDENSED FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

A Woman Found Dead in Her Home near Battle Creek Under Suspicious Circumstances—Farmer's Fatal Quarrel—Bronson Depot Robbed.

Elmira Badly Scorched.

The entire business portion of the village of Elmira west of the railroad track is in ashes. The fire started in the railroad depot and destroyed the Middaugh house, Beebe's hardware, Bellinger's store and meat market, Comb's store, the Craven block, Gregg livery, the Royce block and many other buildings. The total loss is placed at $25,000, partly insured.

Elmira has 500 people, is a lumber town and is situated on the G. R. & I. railroad, 150 miles north of Grand Rapids.

A Probable Murder.

A bloody shooting affray occurred near Linwood and as a result Amos Gardner has a bullet in his left breast. The wound is probably fatal. Myron Stevens is in jail, with face badly cut and pounded. The men are cousins, both about 45 years old. Stevens owned a farm a mile west of Linwood, which Gardner was working on shares. They had a quarrel over the division of a portion of the crops, and the fight and shooting followed.

Shot by His Wife.

Ira Hurd, of Allegan, was shot and killed at his home. Mrs. Hurd says she fired the fatal shot thinking he was a burglar, but there are circumstances surrounding the case which indicate that she did not do the deed. It is said that Hurd had told his wife that he was going to Hopkins to be away all night, but instead he watched the house and at midnight entered to spy upon his wife whom he suspected of unfaithfulness.

Daring Depot Robbery at Bronson.

About 4 a. m. three men entered the telegraph office of the Lake Shore road at Bronson, knocked down the operator, F. L. Warne, and bound and drugged him to insensibility. Then they took the keys and about $2 from his pocket and rifled the money drawers of the Western Union Telegraph and the ticket case. The operator was found unconscious by Ed. Squires, the mail carrier. Warne says the men were strangers to him.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

A gold cure institute has been organized at Ionia.

A brand new knitting factory will soon be in operation at Homer.

Fire in the stores of H. W. Van Dyke, of Escanaba, did $5,750 damage.

Dowagiac entertained the Nineteenth Michigan infantry in reunion.

Mahlon Everett, 87 years old, still works at the carpenter's trade at Kalamazoo.

There are 11 candidates for the nomination for sheriff for Montmorency county this fall.

A Lenawee farmer sold a pig which gained 102 pounds in 42 days. It was fatted on wheat.

The grand encampment of the I. O. O. F. of Michigan will be held at Hillsdale next month.

The annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Muskegon valley was held at Newaygo.

Lawton's enormous grape crop is now being harvested, and from six to 10 carloads are the daily shipments.

The South Winthrop mine, near Ishpeming, will resume operations under the management of ex-State Treasurer Brasted.

The North Michigan conference of the United Brethren was held at St. Louis, with Bishop Wright, of Dayton, O., in the chair.

Thomas Barrett was sentenced to Jackson for 10 years for burglary at Saginaw. He tried to feign insanity, but without success.

Hillman roughs plastered Rev. Mr. Brooks, of the Latter Day saints, with rotten eggs, and the community is wild with excitement.

The soldiers' and sailors' reunion for Gratiot, Isabella, Clare, Gladwin and Midland counties was held at Coleman with a sham battle, ball game, etc.

Brakeman E. Wigglesworth fell under the wheels at Holly while trying to jump on a switch engine. His leg was smashed, and it is feared he cannot recover.

A reunion of the Seventh Michigan cavalry (Custer's brigade) will be held in Representative hall, Lansing, on Friday, October 19. A history of the regiment will be given.

George Anderson, of Lawton, has a spunky horse. Anderson struck the unruly animal, whereupon the horse kicked Anderson in the stomach and chest, breaking two ribs.

The Seventh Day Adventists conference and camp meeting at Lansing is the biggest affair of the kind ever held by this church. Fully 3,000 people attended the opening meeting.

Wood worms are beginning their deadly inroads on the burned timber near Iron Mountain. Lumbermen are sprinkling salt on the timber to attract moisture and keep the pests away.

Bay City commandery, K. T., is going to make a modern crusade of the Holy Land, starting February 6, 1895, on the steamer Friesland. The K. T. lodge at Jerusalem is already making preparations to receive them.

The through and local freights on the Chicago & West Michigan railroad collided at Benton Harbor, badly demolishing five freight cars and one engine and shaking up three tramps who were stealing a ride.

Oscar Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, of Ann Arbor, have sailed for Europe on their way to the interior of Africa, where they will locate as missionaries, under the auspices of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.

Seney in the upper peninsula, has 500 people, with 13 saloons, one church and no depots. One railroad, they say, shelters its passengers in a box car, with umbrellas chained to the side. The other keeps a coach.

August Fuhrman, Jr., a farmer of Belknap township, Presque Isle county, an only son of August Fuhrman, Sr., one of the prisoners now in state prison for the murder of Albert Molitor, committed suicide. Despondency.

Bert Brockes, an estimable young man of Barker Creek, Kalkaska county, became suddenly insane and made a murderous assault upon Miss Leiphart, his sweetheart, with a jackknife. He was sent to the Traverse City asylum.

Fourteen different men assaulted Bertha Ostrander, after making her drunk, at Hemlock City. Five of her assailants were arrested, including three married men. The girl lives one and a half miles from Lee's Corners, in Midland county.

John C. Hallman, of Yale, was walking along Michigan avenue by the city hall, at Detroit, when a wild-appearing man made a rush at him, and calling him some unintelligible name struck him six times about the head and shoulders with a long-bladed knife. The assailant was arrested, and said his name was Thomas Ryan, of Detroit. He is thought to be insane.

Ludington will contribute about 20 students to the U. of M. this year.

One Marquette firm has paid out $5,000 to huckleberry pickers this year.

There are not less than 20 young ladies in Saginaw who wear bloomers.

A case of smallpox is reported in the family of Scott Hamlin, near Rives Junction.

One of the canning factories at Benton Harbor put up 18 tons of tomatoes every day.

The Standard Oil company is going to make Alpena a supply point and employ 30 men.

Owing to competition from a new stock company, Saginaw expects to get milk for 3 cents a quart.

Louis Koch, of Bay City, recently fell into a vat of scalding brine, and died from the effects of his injuries.

About 1,000 acres of flax have been raised in the vicinity of Berne this year. There's a flax mill in the village.

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph propose to drain the marsh between the two cities and donate the land to prospective factories.

Rats got so numerous and voracious in Bay City that the citizens imported a professional rat-catcher from Philadelphia to clean them out.

The Standard Cloth factory, at Ludington, was sold by the sheriff at assignee's sale to Eugene Scofield for $1,680. It is valued at $3,000.

The Au Sable & Northwestern railroad is now within nine miles of Lewiston, Montmorency county, and will be extended to that place this fall.

The special election held at Harbor Springs to bond the village for $18,000 to purchase the water works plant of E. Shay & Son was carried by 123 majority.

Ithame H. Clark, a Jackson teamster, 45 years of age, cut his throat with a penknife. A physician was summoned, who saved the man's life. Family troubles.

The body of Charles Pease was found at St. Joseph floating in the St. Joseph river. He separated from his wife and told her he would drown himself if she would not live with him.

The Diamond Match Co. have let contracts for cutting 60,000,000 feet of pine the coming winter and camps are already being opened by the contractors in Ontonagon county.

Upton McLain, an old resident of Erie, mistook a bottle of corrosive sublimate for whisky. A stomach pump saved his life, but his throat and mouth were badly burned.

The Colby mine at Bessemer will be worked this winter and a new shaft will be sunk. About 400 additional men will be required. It is stated that the men will receive $2 per day.

Albert Kuppenheimer committed suicide at Grand Rapids by hanging. He was 41 years old, a member of the tobacco firm of Kuppenheimer Bros., and had been in business 20 years.

Clara Plass and Mary Thompson escaped from the Industrial school at Adrian by tearing off a board from the high fence. They attempted to walk to Detroit but were captured.

The farmers about Centerville have decided to take a day off, and will make a united effort to destroy all the thistles and noxious weeds that grow in profusion along the highways.

I. R. Wilson, of Grand Rapids, has caused the arrest of Nelson Addis, a wealthy Williamston farmer, for undue intimacy with his wife and has also sued Addis for $10,000 damages.

John Bruce, an old soldier, was found dead in a house kept by a colored woman at Grand Rapids. Foul play is suspected. Bruce was 58 years old and an inmate of the Soldiers' Home.

They are going to try the cumulative sentence on William Curley, who assaulted Foreman S. G. McCleary at Jackson prison. A warrant has been issued, the law treating Curley just the same as if he were a free man.

Willis French, of Girard, lost a cow under mysterious circumstances. A post mortem revealed five 8-penny nails and a piece of trace chain over an inch long in the animal's stomach. The nails had pierced the bowels and produced death.

Two little boys were arrested at Saginaw blind drunk. At their examination they insisted that the whisky was found in a lumber pile, but the judge suspects they tried to screen some saloonkeeper. They were given six days apiece.

William Tillett is missing from his home in Stony Creek, near Rochester, and his relatives fear that he has either killed himself through fear of again becoming insane, or that he has had a second attack of insanity and wandered away.

Otto Proul, of Port Huron, attempted to kill a rat on the street by kicking it. He missed fire and the rodent ran up his trousers' leg. The man's yells attracted the attention of a policeman who grabbed Proul's leg and choked the offender to death.

All the salary amendment fraud cases, although noticed for trial at this term of court in Ingham county, are likely to go over. The two first trials took so much time that they crowded off a lot of civil cases, which lawyers now insist shall be tried.

Convict Curley, a Detroit burglar doing five years at Jackson prison, hit Foreman John McCleary, a free man, on the head and face with a pointed steel drill. Free men and a convict pulled Curley away, or he would have killed McCleary, who was badly wounded.

The will of Deacon James W. Converse, of Boston, has been filed at Grand Rapids. He leaves a cool $2,000,000 in Boston and about $1,000,000 in Grand Rapids. The money all goes to relatives, the deacon declaring that he gave the churches all he intended to in his lifetime.

Artesian wells, with a capacity of 500,000 gallons daily of pure water, have lately been sunk near Niles for the new water works. While the last well was being drilled a vein of fine coal was struck. Investigations are being made to find the extent of the vein, which may prove valuable.

James Lovely, a prominent business man of Ludington, and his paramour, Miss Mertie Eaton, daughter of a wealthy Scottville farmer, were both arrested on a charge of adultery preferred by Lovely's wife. Lovely has already served two years at Jackson on a conviction of illegitimate parentage.

John Vaness, only 19 years old, is under arrest at Saginaw for a most skillful robbery in Chicago. He was in the employ of F. M. Sprochule & Co., and he made away with $2,000 worth of jewelry and got out of town before he was suspected. He was chased all over Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, and finally captured at the home of his uncle in Saginaw. About $700 worth of jewelry was found in his clothes.

The engineer of the special train with the first section of Cook & Whitby's circus, when nearing the bridge over Au Sable river, discovered a lot of ties laid across the track and covered with sand. The intention was evidently to throw the train into the river. It is supposed to have been the work of boys and men who lost about $500 at Au Sable the day before with the gamblers. The train was stopped as the cow catcher struck the first ties.

A flash which filled the room followed the lighting of a match by C. C. Hopkins at Lansing. Leaky gas pipes. Hopkins was badly burned.

The Fourth Michigan cavalry held its annual reunion at Jackson.

The supreme court has only 170 cases on the docket for the October term against 284 last year.

Two Hillsdale ladies created a sensation when they rode through the city on bicycles and wearing bloomers.

George Bacon, a blacksmith at Seneca Station, near Adrian, was fatally injured by having a base ball strike him.

The large dairy barns owned by George Kellar, at Three Rivers, were burned. They were struck by lightning. Loss $3,000.

Both the Wheeler and Davidson ship yards at West Bay City will start up on new vessels. This will give employment to 600 men.

William K. Van Doren filled up on whisky at Adrian, and sat down on the Lake Shore track. A train ran over and killed him. He leaves a wife and five children.

At a special election held at Milford to vote upon the raising of a bonus of $6,000 for the Day Manufacturing company, of Detroit, to locate there, it was carried by 61 majority.

The fiftieth anniversary of the ordination into the priesthood of Rev. F. J. DeBroux, was celebrated at Monroe with due regard for the venerable priest by the Catholics and townsmen.

Farm houses belonging to Joel Moore, John Hawn, Frank Oyler and John Fisher were burglarized at Dowagiac. The burglars were captured by the city police, and $100 worth of stolen property recovered.

One of the most disastrous fires that has been experienced in Escanaba for a number of years occurred in the burning of the double store of M. W. Vandyke. The Dunn store used as a saloon immediately adjoining was badly damaged. Vandyke's loss is $40,000.

Attracted by a terrible stench emanating from a deserted camp building near Stephenson, a hunter found inside 12 head of dead cattle, nearly decomposed. Many cattle have recently disappeared, and it is believed they were locked in the hut and starved to spite men who held mortgages on them.

The town of Edwardsburg, Cass county, has a sensation. William Wilson, aged 40, is under arrest, charged with assaulting the 11-year-old daughter of Eugene Smith, of that place. Wilson is a prominent business man of the village, and his alleged victim is the daughter of respected parents.

80,000 New Troops to Move Upon Pekin.

London: The Daily News commenting upon a dispatch stating that Japan has a fresh army of 80,000 men ready to take the field, says it is unlikely that they are going to Korea and that there can be but one other destination, namely, a dash upon Pekin. The Japanese general has announced with unnecessary frankness his intention to seize Mukden, but he is known to be a master in the art of deceiving the enemy and now could easily send an army to Pekin, a great part of the way by sea.

A dispatch from Berlin to the Standard says it is stated that the Japanese army, which is to march to Pekin, will be accompanied by the Japanese squadron to the mouth of the Pei Ho river. The army and fleet will remain in constant touch.

Trotted a Mile in 2:03 3-4.

At Galesburg, Ill., the great trotting queen Alix beat the world's record by coming under the wire in 2:03¾. It was a noble performance from start to finish. The start was made in splendid style, Alix coming down as regularly and steady as clockwork. When the quarter was reached there was a general exclamation, "Thirty and a half; she will beat it." From that to the half she seemed to fly, making it in 1:01¾. The third quarter she increased her pace a trifle, making it in 1:32¾. When she started up the home stretch Alix was moving without apparent effort and finished the heat in the fastest time ever made by a trotter—2:03¾—and thus dethroned Nancy Hanks' record of 2:04.

Gen. Ezeta to Unite All Central America.

San Francisco: Gen. Antonio Ezeta, the Salvadorean refugee, and his attorneys, Messrs. Rubens and De Quesada, have left surreptitiously for Mexico. The consolidation of all Central America with Mexico is being considered. Furthermore, Ezeta's intention is to raise an army there and proceed at once to oust his enemies. Whether it was to regain possession of Salvador only, or to effect a union of some sort, of which he has long dreamed, is not known, but there is little doubt that it is one or the other.

A Canal from Lake Michigan to Toledo.

A corps of engineers have just completed a trip up the St. Joseph river and its branches through Michigan and Indiana in the interests of Toledo capitalists to build a canal to Chicago. The line of this canal as shown by the survey is from Chicago across Lake Michigan to Elkhart, Ind., thence through a series of lakes and rivers to the Maumee, close to the state line down the Wabash canal, taking in Defiance and Napoleon, O., and making Toledo the terminus.

Cruel Hazing by College Students.

Students of Mount Union college at Alliance, O., had a very high time in giving a fresh arrival a mock initiation into one of the Greek fraternities. The unfortunate young man was painfully tortured in various ways, and finally placed astride of a coal bank mule and ridden through the ladies' boarding hall. Prof. Mathias, in attempting to put a stop to the rowdyism, was quite severely injured.

Queen Lil Wants $200,000 Damages.

San Francisco: It is stated on what appears to be good authority that the errand of H. A. Widemann, of Honolulu, to this country is for the purpose of commencing a damage suit against the United States on behalf of the ex-queen of Hawaii. The amount of damage asked for is $200,000 and the friends of the ex-queen declare that this government has been instrumental in mulcting her to fully that amount.

Chinese Kill Russians.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says it is reported that Chinese marauders have attacked the station of the new Ussuri section of the Siberian railway, plundered the telegraph office and killed eight Russian employes. It is feared the government will make this a pretext to interfere in the Korean struggle between China and Japan.

Six Colored Men Drowned in the Ohio.

By the capsizing of a boat in the Ohio river at Pomeroy, O., David Mutter, Robert Thompson, Daniel Harrigan, Ment Chester and Ernest Thomas were drowned; all colored and single. Three other occupants of the boat were rescued.

The Michigan Street Railway association (owners) was in session at Grand Rapids with nearly 40 street railway companies represented.

Fire started in O. H. Green's livery stable at Oxford from unknown causes. Owing to meager facilities for fighting the flames gained headway rapidly, burning eight business places. Loss, about $5,000.

The eleventh annual reunion of the First Michigan Sharpshooters was held in the Light Guard parlors at Detroit. Officers elected: President, George H. Saxton, Lansing; first vice-president, L. N. Cese, Detroit; second vice-president, Robert Beach, Grand Haven; secretary, Fred Stone, Lansing; treasurer, Wesley C. Williams, Battle Creek; historian, Wm. C. Wixcey, St. Louis; orator, F. Whipple, Port Huron.

DEADLY TORNADO.

NEARLY 100 PEOPLE KILLED BY A CYCLONE.

Minnesota and Iowa Visited by a Heavy Storm Which Carried Death and Destruction to Several Towns—80,000 Japs to Attack Pekin.

St. Paul: A narrow strip of country 200 miles long was laid waste by a hurricane which in many places developed into a regular cyclone. In the path of the "twister" are ruined towns, devastated farms and several hundred dead and injured people. Starting about ten miles south of Spencer, in northwestern Iowa, the storm swept across the state just north of Emmettsburg and Algona, wiping out the little town of Cylinder and damaging Burt, Britt, Forest City and Manly. After passing by Mason City and ruining the country northwest of Osage, it bore off to the northeast, crossing the Minnesota line, and wrecked the little town of Leroy, where a bad fire added to the destruction. Spring Valley was right in the path of the cyclone and suffered severely. The little towns of Homer and Lowther were badly damaged. After crossing the Mississippi and doing considerable damage to farm buildings near Marshland, Wis., the storm seemed to have spent its force. A smaller storm did some damage at Dodge Center, which was not in the path of the main cyclone.

The path of the storm was not wide, but it had all the characteristics of the deadly tornado and the dimensions of a cyclone. Just how many lives have been lost is uncertain, but in Iowa Mason City reports 14 dead in that vicinity; Britt, 19; Algona, 36; Osage, 5. In Minnesota Spring Valley and vicinity reports 3 dead, and Leroy, 6. This does not include the fatally injured, and it is believed that other fatalities occurred in the more remote country districts.

Although the storm's path was narrow it is estimated that $500,000 damage was incurred to property.

$1,500,000 AND THREE LIVES

Was the Loss Inflicted Upon Portland, Oregon, by Hungry Flames.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Portland, Ore., broke out in the dock of the Pacific Coast Elevator company, and raged for three hours, destroying property valued at nearly $1,500,000. The scene of the fire was across the river from the main part of the city, and it was at least 15 minutes before more than one engine could respond to the general alarm. When the engines arrived the fire was beyond control, and in half an hour from the time it started the docks for half a mile were on fire. Nothing could be done but to let the fire burn itself out.

The large steamboat, Williamette Chief, took fire and was burned. She was used as a towboat and was valued at $45,000.

Three men are supposed to have perished in the elevator. Charles Anderson, a man named Brown and one named Murray were seen at an upper story window of the elevator, and it is thought they were all burned.

California A. R. U. Strikers Sent to Jail.

Judge Ross, in the federal court at Los Angeles, Cal., sentenced Gallagher and Buchanan, American Railway Union strikers, to eight months imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of $500. The outcome of the trial has caused a sensation. The men are among those who attempted to intimidate non-union men on the Southern Pacific railway during the strike. There are many other cases pending of a similar nature.

Colorado's Gold Output.

The gold product of Colorado for 1894 will reach $12,000,000, the largest in the history of the state, and a conservative estimate shows that the state will produce at least $20,000,000 and possibly $25,000,000 in 1895, and that thereafter the gold product of Colorado will reach that of silver and even exceed it.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The ship Glenesslyn and 50,000 cases of coal oil were burned at Brooklyn.

The free trade party has been snowed under in the Australian province of Victoria.

T. V. Powderly has become a lawyer and will probably open an office in New York.

Honore Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec, who has been ill for some weeks is sinking rapidly.

Three thousand Hebrew shirtmakers in New York struck for a restoration of their old wages. These were recently reduced 50 per cent.

James A. Burroughs became violently insane at Marine City, chasing everybody who came in sight. He caught Mary Parker, aged 19, and chewed her left arm in a horrible manner.

While Daniel Stevenson, living near Clearfield, Ia., was driving with his wife and three children, they were run down by a runaway team and Stevenson and two of the children were killed.

Charles F. Wilson was sentenced at Syracuse, N. Y., by Justice Williams to be electrocuted at Auburn state prison during the week beginning Nov. 6, for participation in the murder of Detective James Harvey.

Fire, originating in the feather working establishment of Daniel B. Ely & Co., at St. Louis, destroyed the large brick building in which that concern, together with four others, were burned out, entailing a total loss of $140,000.

Five laborers were buried under a mass of earth almost as compact as stone while at work making an excavation at Philadelphia. One man was fatally injured and died a few minutes after his body was recovered. Four others were seriously injured.

The striking garment workers gained their first victory at Boston, when eight contractors signed the agreement proposed by the strikers and gave the requisite bonds. As a result nearly 1,000 men and women returned to work. About 20 other contractors have signed the agreement.

News comes from Behring Sea that the decision of the tribunal of arbitration at Paris has proved to be a failure as far as the protection of the seals is concerned. Fully 90 per cent of the seals that have been taken this season, it is reported, were killed outside of limits prescribed by the arbitration.

Washington: The expected indictments against Messrs. Havemeyer and Searles of the sugar trust, who refused to answer questions asked them by the senate investigation committee, have been finally framed in the district attorney's office and only await the action of the grand jury, which will present them to the court.

Philadelphia has the finest city clock in the world. The face, which is ten yards in diameter, can be seen from every part of the city. The minute hand is four yards long and the hour hand a little over half that length.

A Milanese pianist named Gravagni has won a bet by playing for twenty-five consecutive hours without a rest. He began at 11 at night and played until midnight on the following day, under the supervision of a jury of eight musicians, his selections ranging from Wagner to comic opera.

TWO WERE KILLED.

Platform of a Clubhouse Collapsed at Akron, O., with Frightful Results.

Joseph Ryan, aged 18 years, and Patrick Casey, aged 21 years, were so severely injured by the falling of a platform at the Excelsior Athletic club at Akron, O. that they died in a few hours.

The platform was at the second story of the brick block and was the only means of gaining access to the club rooms, being approached by outside stairs. The platform was crowded with young men waiting for the doors to open to witness an exhibition. As the doors were opened there was a rush and the platform crashed to the ground, 25 feet, carrying 60 people with it. All were injured, the two mentioned fatally and a score of others seriously.

Ohio Democrats in Convention.

The Democratic state convention of Ohio was held at Columbus, with Hon. Frank Hurd, of Toledo, as chairman. Mr. Hurd praised the advance made by the present administration toward free trade, and predicted an era of Democratic prosperity. The platform declares that the McKinley law caused the business depression, reduced the revenue and led to the necessity for issuing more government bonds. "We dissent," says one plank, "from the president's views, construction and treatment of the silver question, and favor the unlimited free coinage of silver at the legal ratio of 16 to 1 and with equal legal tender power." The platform denounces the last general assembly of Ohio, Gov. McKinley's administration and the A. P. A. It favors liberal pensions, a "corrupt practices" law, limiting amount of money to be expended by candidates and a law prohibiting free passes. A majority of the committee on platform admitted to adding to that document a proposal to elect United States senators by the people. This was regarded as a clear thrust at Senator Brice, and it was only after a very hot fight that it was adopted; 467 to 328.

The following ticket was nominated: Secretary of state, Milton Turner, of Guernsey; judge of the supreme court, James D. Ermiston, of Hamilton; member of the board of public works, Harry B. Keffer, of Tuscarawas; state commissioner of common schools, Dr. J. A. Leech, of Franklin. The state central committee elected as chairman Allen W. Thurman, of Columbus.

Three Negroes Lynched.

Three Negroes broke into the store of H. C. Patton, a prominent merchant at McGehee, Ark., and after beating him into insensibility with clubs, dragged him to the rear of his store, and cut his throat from ear to ear. The Negroes then rifled the store of a small amount of money and what goods they could carry away and fled. Within a few hours they were captured and a mob of 300 enraged citizens who strung them up to telegraph poles, and their limp and lifeless bodies perforated with buckshot were dangling in the air near the scene of the crime.

The Whisky Trust Will Fight.

Chicago: The whisky trust is in earnest. It has made the first move toward contesting the legality of the section of the new tariff law which increases the tax on spirits from 90 cents to $1.10 per gallon. There was filed in the office of Collector Mize a protest against the new law. The protest is not against the increase in the tax, but against the increased bonds which the distillers are compelled to give to secure the payment of the tax on the spirits bonded before the new law went into effect.

Three Killed by Lightning.

The residence of Marshall Corey, a prominent farmer near Owingsville, Ky., was struck by lightning. Corey, his wife and a daughter aged 18 years were instantly killed. Several others were in the house and are injured, but it is thought not fatally.

A dispatch from Vienna says that telegrams received from Cracow and other places state that the czar had a fit of apoplexy during his stay at Bjalowesh, which left him weak.

THE MARKETS.

New York.

Cattle—Natives	$4 00	@	$5 10
Hogs	6 25	@	6 55
Sheep—Good to choice	2 60	@	3 50
Lambs	3 10	@	4 50
Wheat—No 2	56⅜	@	57
Corn—No 2	60¾	@	61¼
Oats—No 2 white	36¼	@	36½

Toledo.

Wheat—No 2 spot	52	@	52
No 2 December	54¼	@	55
Corn—No 2 mixed	56	@	56¼
Oats—No 2 white	30½	@	31

Buffalo—Live Stock.

Cattle—Mixed shipments	2 25	@	4 00
Sheep	2 60	@	4 00
Lambs	3 00	@	4 40
Hogs—Choice weights	6 30	@	6 40
Common and rough	5 90	@	6 25

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	@	53
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	@	6 00
Sheep and lambs	2 25	@	4 50
Wheat—No 2 red	51½	@	51½
Corn—No 2 mixed	58	@	58½
Oats—No 2 white	31	@	31½

Chicago.

Cattle—Best steers	4 00	@	6 00
Common	2 75	@	3 50
Sheep	2 00	@	3 25
Lambs	2 50	@	4 30
Hogs—Mixed	5 50	@	5 85
Wheat—No 2 red	52	@	52¾
Corn—No 2	52¾	@	53
Oats—No 2 white	30¾	@	30¾
Mess Pork, per bbl	13 75	@	13 85
Lard, per cwt	8 85	@	8 90

Detroit.

Cattle—Good to choice	3 65	@	4 00
Lower grades	2 25	@	3 60
Hogs	5 25	@	5 70
Sheep	1 50	@	2 50
Lambs	2 50	@	3 25
Wheat—No 2 red spot	52	@	52
No 1 white	55	@	55¼
Corn—No 2 mixed	56	@	56¼
Oats—No 2 white	33	@	33¼
Hay—Timothy	10 50	@	11 00
Potatoes, per bu	55	@	60
Butter—Dairy	18	@	21
Creamery	23	@	24
Eggs—Fresh	15	@	16
Live Poultry—Chickens	9	@	10
Fowl	8	@	9
Ducks	7	@	8
Turkeys	8	@	9

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

NEW YORK: Dun's weekly review of trade: Plenty of material for encouragement and also for discouragement can be found by those who seek that and nothing else. But business men who want to see the situation exactly as it is, find accounts so far conflicting that it is difficult to strike a balance. In the aggregate business is about a tenth larger than last year, but still falls about 25 per cent below a full volume for the season. The iron business, after its great increase of output last month, shows a disappointing weakness at all eastern and central markets, with consumption not large enough to keep fairly employed the mills in operation. In boots and shoes the demand continues large. In textile fabrics there has been a distinct decrease in trade. Breadstuffs are weaker, possibly because the government official report went so far in predicting short crops as to cause a reaction in opinion. While lower estimates of corn are commonly accepted, the price fell 3¼c. Failures during the week have been 212 in the United States against 321 last year, and in Canada 48 against 40 last year.

NEW YORK.—Bradstreet's review says: The condition of general trade this week is an improvement over one week ago, in that favorable features reported then have been maintained. The surprisingly good reports of business south, and with some exceptions west, are indicated by special advices. Activity reported in almost all lines at Chicago a week ago is continued, merchants being satisfied with the volume. Price movement is downward, cotton having sold at the lowest price on record, and wheat having also made another "lowest record" for that cereal. Other decreases are shown in hogs and cattle at western markets. In addition, anthracite and bituminous coal prices have been weak; those for lumber likewise at some eastern markets, and quotations for pig iron generally. Steady quotations during the week are announced for pork and lard at eastern markets and advances have actually taken place in leather, coffee, and to a relatively small degree, in wool.

A CANAL BOAT OUTING.

AND THE BOAT WAS FAST ASHORE, TOO.

How Four Clerks Fared—For Under Sixty Dollars They Spent a Month in Rest and Peace—Fried Eels, Bacon and Eggs Were Their Diet.

One good result hard times has brought about, and that is the introduction of thrift into American households, and many of our young bachelors who once regarded saving as a synonym for meanness, are now exercising their ingenuity by making two short ends meet. For several years past four young bookkeepers have been accustomed to take their vacation together, and have spent their short but merry weeks at Atlantic City. This was plainly impracticable this year, says the Philadelphia Times.

One of the party had been at Bordentown a few weeks before and came back full of a plan that seemed feasible for an outing that would be novel and not costly. Captain Mose Homsher of the Golden Harp, had in his own words, "got tired of sailing on the Raritan canal for his wittles and close," and so beached his boat in a sheltered nook on the Delaware about a mile above Bordentown, and in company with his first lieutenant, Joshuway, kept house, and here the captain was approached, and at once made a bargain to rent his boat and cabin furniture for one month for the sum of $15. Our quartette took possession and laid in stores, three bushels of potatoes, fifteen pounds of bacon, sugar, tea, coffee, hard tack and flour.

The situation was a lovely one; a huge beech and chestnut overshadowed the boat, which was as dry as a bottle, the cabin was roughly furnished, and held six bunks.

And now vacation began in earnest. Hammocks were hung in the hold, which was as clean as whitewash could make it, and pipe in mouth everyone took his ease.

Next morning the volunteer cook realized his error. All the rest developed a remarkable fastidiousness in taste. The man who took tea swore at the syrupy character of his beverage and the coffee drinkers made remarks that were not complimentary. At last Boston, with an air of cold ferocity, turned on them.

"You're just a lot of quill-driving chumps and have been livin' at three dollars a week hash houses until you don't know good grub when you get it," said he. Then he resigned, and inside of eight days every man had had his hand and been fired by the rest. When they were almost at their wit's end a farmer allowed one of his numerous daughters to come and take charge, and the refining influence of a young lady with a terrific red head and weighing 200 pounds was felt on board the Golden Harp. Moral: Take a hired cook with you when you camp out.

Our friends had a flat-bottomed boat and of course tried fishing. Eels and catties were plenty, but all their hopes of catching six-pound bass were frustrated, as they only got thirteen small ones in twenty-one days. In fact they made the usual mistake of using hooks that would have landed a codfish. One thing amazed them, and that was their luck in catching snappers. The shore seemed alive with them, and Miss Maria could cook them, too, and seldom went home at night without one in her basket.

Jansen was the gunner of the party and he certainly told some wonderful yarns about his shooting. He had bad luck here—a few kildeer and sandpipers made up his bag, but one day he came home, and with a look of calm superiority laid down a splendid duck.

"That," said he "is a green-headed ripple diver. I've killed a boat load in a day down in Chesapeake."

Enter Miss Maria.

"I say, whar did you get that duck?"

"Oh, that's a rather rare specimen in these parts. I shot it up at the mouth of the creek."

"See here, young man, you're rather fresh. That's one of pap's puddle duck. They ain't no wild ducks here now. You'll catch it."

Poor Jansen—it was true. Farmer Birch laughed at the green-headed ripple diver and told the party to eat it, which was done, and Jansen hung up his gun for the rest of the month.

The nights were delicious. There had been no rain for weeks, and the air was very dry. Seated on the deck and watching the play of moonlight on the river was a pleasure that kept them up half the night, while the silence was only broken by those curious sounds made by the shore birds feeding.

After a few nights experience sleeping in the bunks of the Golden Harp the crew took to the steerage. Talk about the Smithsonian's collection of bugs. There were no doubt four times as many in the cabin of the Golden Harp, and Boston declares that they barked. They certainly bit ferociously, and finally drove everyone into the hammocks.

Time was flying and at last the arrival of Captain Homshen gave all hands liberty to leave. Despite the bugs, mosquitoes and snapper soup, they had a delightful time, and it just cost $58, a cheap outing.

How a Snail Breathes.

The breathing operation in a snail is one of the queerest processes imaginable, and is carried on without the least semblance of lungs. The orifice through which he takes his supply of "the breath of life" is, of course, called the mouth, notwithstanding that it is situated in the side of his great sucker-like foot. The process of breathing is not carried on with anything like regularity, as it is in most creatures, the mouth simply opening occasionally to let in a supply of fresh air, which is expelled by the same opening as soon as the oxygen has been exhausted. The snail's peculiar mouth is provided with a tongue set with hundreds of fine teeth.

Crawfish.

Crawfish, it is said, will drop their claws when they hear a sudden and loud clap of thunder. Lobsters do the same. The impulse, when suddenly alarmed, is to throw off the heavy claws and scurry away to a place of safety. The claws at once begin to grow again, and in ten days or a fortnight are as big as ever, but the crawfish does not make his appearance in public until they are strong and hard. To do so would only invite another crawfish to make a dinner of him.

Patents Applied For.

The patents applied for in Washington last year numbered 40,000. The total number of patents outstanding January 1 was 545,900. The receipts of the patent office were $1,200,000, and the expenses $150,000 less.

THE HIGHEST AWARD.

Royal Baking Powder in Strength and Value 20 Per Cent Above its Nearest Competitor.

The Royal Baking Powder has the enviable record of having received the highest award for articles of its class—greatest strength, purest ingredients, most perfectly combined—wherever exhibited in competition with others. In the exhibitions of former years, at the Centennial, at Paris, Vienna and at the various state and industrial fairs where it has been exhibited, judges have invariably awarded the Royal Baking Powder the highest honors.

At the recent World's Fair the examination for the baking powder awards were made by the experts of the chemical division of the Agricultural department of Washington. The official report of the tests of the baking powders which were made by this department for the specific purpose of ascertaining which was the best and which has been made public, shows the leavening strength of the Royal to be 160 cubic inches of carbonic gas per ounce of powder. Of the cream of tartar baking powders exhibited at the Fair, the next highest in strength thus tested contained but 133 cubic inches of leavening gas. The other powders gave an average of 111. The Royal, therefore, was found of 20 per cent greater leavening strength than its nearest competitor, and 44 per cent above the average of all the other tests. Its superiority in other respects, however, in the quality of the food it makes as to fineness, delicacy and wholesomeness, could not be measured by figures.

It is these high qualities, known and appreciated by the women of the country for so many years, that have caused the sales of the Royal Baking Powder, as shown by statistics, to exceed the sales of all other baking powders combined.

MAMMOTH SUPPLY KITCHEN.

A Providence Institution Which is Constantly Gaining in Patronage.

The Supply Kitchen at Providence, says the Journal of that city, has now been in existence considerably over two months, and progress in the work which it has undertaken is the verdict from those who are closely connected with it. Since it first started many improvements and additions have been made, and the method of running the institution has become more systematized. Last month expenses were nearly paid, but the goal has not been quite reached as yet. It is thought, however, that with the present attendance, which averages 300 daily, money sufficient will be taken to make both ends meet after all necessary articles for running the kitchen have been procured. Most of the cooking is now done in the cellar, and a large oven for baking has been put in, a bulkhead has been added and a screened cupboard in the restaurant for the cooked food on hand has recently been finished. All these improvements have drained heavily on the funds of the association and the money taken in daily from the patrons. Two Aladdin ovens are now kept in operation day and night, beans and meats being put in just before the kitchen is closed and coming out in the morning all ready to be used. A dumb waiter from the cellar to the first floor now carries the food up after it is cooked.

An innovation introduced recently is steak and chops for breakfast, costing ten cents an order. The family trade is constantly increasing and cold ham and all kinds of baked meats, bread and soup are sold in large quantities. An encouraging feature in connection with the patronage of the kitchen is that the same persons who came when it was first opened are still among the number to be seen there, either procuring food to take away or getting it at the long counters to eat at the room. The prices continue the same and the menus furnish a considerable variety to choose from. The following is one of the dinner bills of fare for one day last week: Clam chowder, baked haddock, boiled cod, roast beef, corned beef, roast lamb, roast pork, baked beans, potatoes, corn, tomatoes, Indian pudding, boiled rice, rhubarb pie, apple pie, prune pie, brown and white bread, bananas, tea, coffee and milk. The items vary from two to six cents in cost. Saturday is the busiest day of the week, and sometimes as many as 500 are fed on that day. The question now before the management is the feasibility of opening for a short time on Sunday. The kitchen is closed on that day and a good many who depend on the restaurant for food have now to go elsewhere or provide for themselves at their home.

"The Bells."

Henry Sartain, son of the famous engraver, tells this story of how, in 1851, Poe's poem of "The Bells" was first published in Sartain's Magazine: "Poe came into the office one day, and, handing father a stanza in manuscript, asked him what he thought of it. Father looked it over, and said he thought it pretty good. 'Is it worth $5?' asked Poe. Father said he thought it was, and paid him the money. The poem was the first stanza of 'The Bells.' A week or so later Poe again sauntered into the office with the remark: 'Well, John, I see you haven't printed my poem yet.' Father replied that he had not, because of lack of space. 'Well, I've got another stanza here. Will you let me have a five on it?' The man looked so utterly wretched that father paid him the money and took the stanza. Still another installment of two additional stanzas followed within a month, and then it was that the poem was first printed."

Just Like Them.

Some tired teachers in one of our schools for whom the small boy had been making life a burden were discussing the situation. Said one:

"Well, we won't have them in the next world, drumming their feet or doing something to disturb us all the time." To which another teacher replied with a laugh: "No, but they can flap their wings."

The Origin of Dyspepsia.

Doctor—It's merely a case of dyspepsia ma'am.

Wife—And what does that come from?

Doctor—It comes from the Greek ma'am.

Wife—Ah, I thought he'd been getting at something. He was all right as long as he stuck to tea.

Japanese papers say that the oldest married couple live in their country. The man is 133 years old and his wife 135. The eldest daughter is 108 and the oldest son 105.

There are women who sometimes think on Sunday that they have religion, but when the clothes line breaks down on Monday they find out that they haven't.

Customer—Is your beef very nice to-day? Market Man—Yes, ma'am. "Well, you may give me a few sweepstakes. I have heard my husband speak of enjoying them."