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If you would move mountains grab a spade and go to work.

Fortunate is the man whose errors are sufficiently ludicrous to pass current as jokes.

Harriet Beecher Stowe is the only woman who is not afraid to mention her age. Harriet is 83.

The downfall of the whisky trust is causing much joy all over the land. May all the others go the same way.

The first fatal parachute drop of the season occurred at Marcellus, Mich., and Fred Pate, of Battle Creek, was the victim.

That "Quick Marry" club at the University of Michigan was organized by young men, but it does not follow that the idea originated with members of that sex.

A Nebraska tornado struck a mule and blew it thirty rods before discovering that it was fooling with a dangerous animal. Both luckily escaped without injury.

The Richmond Times encourages the idea of a change of name for New York. It says the city is getting bad enough to need another alias. This view of the matter is entitled to respectful consideration.

A popular subscription of five cents to be contributed by every person who sympathizes with Laidlaw in his effort to wring that $40,000 out of Russell Sage would enable him to keep up his legal fight and eventually win.

And now there is trouble at Superior, Wis. Only a few weeks ago Rev. C. S. Starkweather, an Episcopal clergyman, was elected mayor of that city, and much in the way of reform was quite naturally expected of him. But now it is claimed that the mayor has granted the saloon keepers and gamblers certain concessions that are not in accord with the views of people who do not even claim to be reformers. A full investigation is to follow.

In England an oak sprang up and grew through the hole of a millstone. It filled the opening and lifted it with its growth. The question was, will the stone kill the tree, or will the tree burst the stone? Finally, with a noise like that of a gun, the stone was shattered and some of the pieces were thrown outward many feet. An acorn is more than a match for a millstone, and a mustard seed can move a mountain. Faith is a vital force. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Public cycles propelled by two men and capable of accommodating two passengers are reported to be traversing the streets of London. Should this mode of getting about become widespread and popular, the question arises, What will the poor passenger do in case of an overcharge? He usually has some difficulty in getting off with both purse and life when toted about by one man and a horse; he will doubtless walk rather than cope with two men.

Governor Matthews of Indiana is having a hard fight with the gamblers who run the race track at Roby. They have for the time being beaten him in his efforts to close the track by securing an injunction, but he declares that he will have all the pool sellers arrested for gambling. Matthews is a hard fighter and he will win in the end. The Roby race track, which is near the Illinois line, has been an eye-sore to Indiana for some time and until recently the governor has made the pace hot for them, but the owners of the track have secured an injunction from a judge, and acting upon this will seek to carry on their unlawful business. There is no doubt that Governor Matthews has the sentiment of the state with him, and he will never let go until he has fought the Roby gamblers to a finish.

The postmaster of Radford, a little town in Virginia, complains that "his money order trade has been busted" by a man who has opened a "Bee Hive" store in town, and advertises liberally. People who formerly bought money orders to send to the Philadelphia and New York department stores now patronize the home store. If the owners of small stores in Illinois will be as enterprising in the way of advertising as is the "Bee Hive" man of Radford, they will not need legislative enactments to enable them to keep in business. Of course, the big stores have many advantages, but the greatest advantage they have is the possession of sufficient nerve to advertise liberally and sufficient hustle to keep pace with their ads. A little hustle and the liberal use of printers' ink in the country districts will enable the country and small town merchant to hold his own against all comers.

The new woman at Bryn Mawr College is responsible for the latest and best joke about the Delaware peach crop. In Delaware, they say at Bryn Mawr, the people eat what peaches they can and can what peaches they can't. The new woman who is capable of that kind of thing will make her way.

A "tall man with a blonde mustache" is going about Central Illinois claiming to be John the Baptist. He is doubtless an impostor. He doesn't answer the authorized description of John the Baptist in any particular.

Does Mr. Brockway of Youngstown, O., who has vowed never to deal with Chicago merchants again on account of the erection of that monument to the Confederate dead, realize the misery and distress his hasty act may bring upon thousands of innocent persons?

There is nothing like thoroughness. A farmer near Moline, Ill., made up his mind one day last week to commit suicide. He shot himself four times in the head, cut his throat with a razor, and tumbled himself into a well. He succeeded.

The New York Mercury wants Chicago "to stop blowing about having 25,000 more children in school than New York until New York builds schoolhouses for 50,000 children who cannot now be accommodated," and the Chicago Inter-Ocean asks: "But will New York build the schoolhouses?"

The chances are that Cincinnati will be the cleanest city of the Union. The women have organized "a street-cleaning brigade." A woman knows how a broom should be used.

IN TWO PENINSULAS.

NEWS OF THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN.

Farmers About Sturgis Warn a Family to Cease Their Devilish Deeds—Attorney-General Elucidates a Point in the Labor Law—Fire at Croswell.

Crop Report for July.

The Michigan crop report for July says: The estimate here given is the yield of bushels of wheat per acre for the state, 9.88 bu.; southern counties, 9.14 bu.; central, 11.13 bu.; northern, 11.82 bu.; upper peninsula, 14 bu. The estimate for the state is the lowest ever made in July. The light crop is mainly because of the drouth that has prevailed all the season and still continues, yet other causes have worked injury. The number of bushels of wheat reported marketed in June is 522,311, as compared with 866,361 reported in June, 1894. The acreage of corn is slightly in excess of and the condition is 91 per cent of the average. Oats are estimated at 61 per cent of an average crop. The acreage of potatoes is 6 per cent in excess of average years and promises 86 per cent of an average crop. Corn and potatoes seem to have stood the drouth remarkably well and with abundant rain now would yield fairly well. Meadows and pastures were probably never in poorer condition at this date and the spring seeding to clover is nearly all lost. The outlook for apples and peaches is not very encouraging.

Take the Law into Their Own Hands.

The St. Joseph Protective association, which is composed of many of the best farmers in St. Joseph and Branch counties, held its annual meeting in Sturgis. The most exciting question of discussion was the Rommel case. After numerous mysterious fires, railroad wrecks and other depredations were committed in the vicinity, of which the Rommels were suspected four of the sons of Michael Rommel were arrested on a charge of burning John McKartie's barn, and after three trials one was convicted and sent to prison. Since then witnesses in the cases have been receiving threatening letters and one of the witness was shot at, the bullet passing through his hat. The regulators drew up a resolution saying if these depredations and letters were not stopped, they would take the law into their own hands. Then they went to Rommel's house and read the resolutions to the family. Fully 100 men composed the committee.

A Clear Opinion on the Child Labor Law.

Attorney-General Maynard has given Labor Commissioner Morse an opinion that proprietors of factories, etc., are subject to the penalty prescribed for the violation of the law prohibiting the employment of children under 14 years of age, even though they do not personally employ such juveniles or authorize such employment, so long as the work is done on their premises. For instance, is the proprietors let a contract for doing work in their factories by the piece, they are amenable to the law if the contractor employs children under the specified age to do the work. The proprietors cannot escape the penalty by delegating the employment of children to others.

Plans for a $1,000,000 Dam at Muskegon.

Plans have just been matured to give Muskegon an unlimited water power. A dam is to be constructed across the Muskegon river at its influx into Muskegon Lake, at a cost of $1,000,000. Two years will be required to build it. Lumberman John Torrent is at the head of the scheme. The area covered will be fifteen square miles. The power can be supplied at one-third the present cost, or $20 per horse power per annum. The dam will be one and one-half miles wide and will rise 22 feet above water level.

Three Deaths by Accident at Detroit.

For some days Detroit had been remarkably free from serious accidents when there was suddenly an epidemic of them and three deaths occurred in one day. Harry Clark, aged 24, jumped from one car and stepped directly in front of another; he was dead in 15 minutes. Thomas Duross, aged 70, while crossing Jefferson avenue was killed by an electric car. John McLellan, aged 19, while riding on a high load on a truck which he was driving, was jolted off and crushed to death beneath the heavy wheels.

Fire at Croswell.

Fire visited the village of Croswell and came near wiping it out of existence. H. D. Franklin's barn was set on fire. The flames spread to the Anderson house and barn, which were soon consumed. Several other buildings were also on fire, but were saved by the fire company. The Lexington fire company responded promptly to a call for help. H. D. Franklin's loss is $3,500, no insurance. M. McLean's loss is $12,000; $4,000 insurance.

Married 65 Years, but Want a Divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Van Dusen, of Glendora, Berrien county, have agreed to disagree after being married 65 years. Divorce proceedings have been commenced, while the wife has gone to Arizona and the husband has departed for the east. The difficulty between the couple arose over their property, which Van Dusen wanted to sell.

Fatal Ending of Two Boys' Quarrel.

During a Sunday ball game at Albion Ernest Kushrow, aged 10, and August Nauss, aged 12, sons of German families had a quarrel. Kushrow seized a bat lying near and struck Nauss a blow in the face, and he fell dead.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Ludington will issue $10,000 school bonds.

D. Dolph, aged 13, was drowned at Muskegon.

L. S. Adams suffered a severe sunstroke at Mt. Morris.

The Sunday school rally at Saranac was attended by 5,000.

Morris Hannon's farmhouse burned near Mt. Morris. Loss $1,500.

Bronson wheelmen will build "bicycle paths" to neighboring villages.

Robert Pollard, aged 83, drowned himself at Blissfield because of illness.

Geo. P. Robertson was fined $25 at Adrian for selling hard cider to minors.

Little Harold Jones walked into a brush fire at Fountain and was fatally burned.

Morgan Ingraham, deaf and dumb, of Clare county, was struck by a freight train near Freeland and was killed.

The Kern Brewing company, which recently burned at Port Huron, will be rebuilt. The total cost will be $60,000.

Wm. Ely shot himself near Saginaw. He was married, aged 40, in good health, and the cause of the deed is a mystery.

The residents of the west end of Decatur turned out to fight brush fires which threatened destruction to buildings.

Cattle poisoners have again appeared in the vicinity of Dryden. Several fine cattle have recently been lost by this route.

J. H. Leach's livery barn, the First Baptist church, I. N. Smalley's barn and other buildings burned at Concord. Loss $5,000.

About 75 students are in attendance at the Hope college summer school at Holland.

John Burzloff, a well-to-do farmer, hanged himself with a towel in jail at Standish.

M. D. Brainard will construct a deer park and an artificial lake on his farm near Vassar.

Gov. Rich assisted in the unveiling of the cornerstone of a new armory building at Monroe.

The Salvation Army has taken Coldwater by storm, many conversions being reported.

Sam Thompson, aged 23, fell under an electric car at Kalamazoo and was instantly killed.

Leonard Rogers, a pioneer farmer, aged 82, of Horton, took fly poison by mistake and died.

Judge H. D. Campbell's barns house and contents burned at Silver lake, near Traverse City.

Ed. Ryan's large grain storehouse and one residence were burned at Calumet. Loss $10,000.

Frank Menore, aged 45, a veteran of the late war, committed suicide by drowning at Wyandotte.

While suffering from despondency Horace Rogers, an Allegan farmer, suicided with carbolic acid.

Edward Ruthadt, aged 17, was taken with cramps while bathing at Traverse City and was drowned.

There are over 400 acres of cucumbers planted in the vicinity of Bangor. It is a good year for them, too.

Carl Whitehurst, aged seven, fell into the river at Lansing while playing about a boat and was drowned.

Jackson voted down a proposition to bond for $50,000 to extend suburban waterworks to protect factories.

The cornerstone of Berrien county's new court house was laid at St. Joseph, with 10,000 people present.

George Craig's livery barns together with five horses and other contents burned at Ann Arbor. Loss $2,500.

Two large barns on the farm of Mrs. James Campbell, south of Hudson, were burned, causing a $1,500 loss; insured.

A stock company has been formed by Dowagiac business men to manufacture an improved railway car truck.

Mrs. Dennis Goddeyne, of Bay City, has been appointed a deputy sheriff in fulfillment of an ante election promise.

Because her husband deserted her, Mrs. Thomas Seymour, of Alpena, took paris green from the effects of which she died.

The five-year-old son of W. J. Kemp, played with matches at South Haven. His clothes caught on fire and he was fatally burned.

The large barns of Wm. Collins, with all their contents including a valuable team burned at Laingsburg. Loss over $3,000; no insurance.

Horace Welch captured a giant frog near Hudson. It was nearly a foot long and weighed over a pound. It has a voice like a young bull.

Battle Creek people have sent an invitation to the state board of health to visit their city and inspect the disease breeding mill pond there.

Hon. C. D. Randall, of Coldwater, has been elected vice-president for America by the international prison congress in session at Paris.

August O'Neil, age 23, was found at the bottom of a deep well near Caro, after being missing for three weeks. Needless to say, he was dead.

The warehouses and offices of the Central City Oil company, and one residence were totally destroyed by fire at Jackson. Loss, $10,000.

Seven barns and a farmhouse with their contents, owned by John Brewer, burned to the ground near Romeo. The loss is $6,000, well insured.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Haslett Park association of spiritualists will be held at Haslett Park, near Lansing, August 1 to September 2.

S. L. Ballentine's wholesale store at Port Huron was gutted by fire, the second and third floors, clothing and shoes, especially. Loss about $10,000.

The Universalist church society at Benton Harbor dedicated a $10,000 edifice at Benton Harbor. Rev. J. S. Cantwell made the dedicatory address.

Mrs. Alice Brink, wife of a brakeman on the L. S. & M. S. railroad, committed suicide at Grand Rapids by taking morphine. Ill-health was the cause.

Kalamazoo is to have a Belt line railroad. The promoters feared an injunction from railroads and worked all day Sunday to get in their crossings.

A strong electrical storm passed over Calumet, and during its progress the steeple of the Catholic church at Lake Linden was struck by lightning and demolished.

Fire at Ionia destroyed Fleming & Miller's grocery store, a meat market next door, Marsh's barber shop, and the residence of Hamlle Beals. Loss $8,000; insurance $2,500.

Michael Price, aged 70, filled up on lumber camp firewater and laid down for a sleep on the railroad near Alpena. The next train cut off his leg and he died soon after.

Frank Hady, aged 14 years, got beyond his depth while bathing at Lansing and was drowned. His older brother endeavored to rescue him and barely escaped with his life.

While digging a sewer at Sault Ste. Marie, Wm. Price was buried alive and lay under four feet of earth for a quarter of an hour. He was rescued alive but is still unconscious.

Melburn E. Rockwell, who was in St. Joseph county jail as an accomplice with Del Swartz in the murder of Willard Johnson, near Colon, last October, has been discharged.

John P. Hopkins was sentenced from Grand Rapids to Marquette prison for four years for larceny from a store in the day time. He robbed a book store, taking a book worth about $1.

The lady bicyclists of Cadillac recently met and decided to wear the bloomer and appeared in that costume in the parade on July 4. They asked for police protection against the hoodlums.

The annual 10 days' camp meeting at Crystal Springs, Cass county, which is attended each season by thousands of Methodists from Michigan and adjoining states, will commence August 20.

Attorney-General Maynard handed down an opinion to the effect that circuit court jurors are under statute entitled to pay only for such time as they are actually in attendance upon the court.

Chester Strong, aged 45, had been taking improper liberties with little girls at Morenci. A band of regulators carried him into the woods and strung him up to a tree. He was cut down before he was dead, however, and told to disappear. He did so, in a hurry.

Mrs. Daily, an aged Marshall lady, died recently and bequeathed a sum of money to establish a home for old ladies. Now a movement is on foot to raise sufficient funds by popular subscription to effect a suitable building, and then use the bequest as an endowment fund.

The body of Thomas Brown, of Milwaukee, was found floating near the beach on Lake Michigan, near Ludington, north of Lincoln Harbor. His coat, waistcoat and boots were on a log 200 feet away. A 44-caliber revolver with one empty shell, was found. There was a bullet hole over the heart.

The reunion of the Seventh Michigan infantry was to have been held at Lapeer this month, but it has been deferred until August 21 and 22, the dates of the reunion of the veterans of Lapeer county.

John H. Roberts, of Grand Rapids, has been commissioned by Chief Fernow, of the forestry division of the Atlanta Exposition to take charge of the forestry exhibit from the northern states, and to prepare it.

An old sawmill, owned by Rust, Eaton & Company, burned at Zilwaukee. It was one of the oldest sawmills in the state, having been built in 1848. It had been idle for two years. The loss will not exceed $10,000.

The formal opening of the new Detroit railway at Detroit, was a great event as it marked the beginning of three-cent fares. Mayor Pingree was motorman of the first car and was cheered along the whole line.

About one-fourth of a crop of hay will be realized in portions of Lapeer county. Wheat will not yield over five bushels to the acre. Pastures are all dried up and corn, oats and potatoes are suffering for want of rain.

The second session of the University of Michigan summer school opened with a good attendance, which Prof. E. A. Lyman, who has charge of the arrangements for the school, claims will far exceed that of last year.

Quartermaster-General Kidd filed his official bond and accompanied by Brig.-Gen. Hawley and Assistant Quartermaster-General Avery, went to Island lake to arrange for the approaching encampment of the M. N. G.

Someone threw a big cannon firecracker into Bursch's saloon at Saginaw. The result was a terrific explosion, which tore the top off the bar off and extinguished all the lights in the room. The alleged joker escaped.

Editor M. E. Brown, of the Battle Creek Moon, and Justice Henry, of Battle Creek, swore that while fishing on Gardner's or Massasauga lake, they saw a huge sea serpent with a head as big as a bushel basket and whiskers two feet long.

The Lewis Dawes murder case at Grand Rapids, has flattened out, and the prisoners, William Mead, Bessie Mead, Nellie Drum and Douglas Tibbitts, were all discharged. A chemical analysis of the stomach revealed no traces of poison.

Menominee has a full fledged mystery. A water logged skiff was picked up in the river. In it was found a handkerchief, a coat, a half filled whisky bottle and a meerschaum pipe. To whom these articles belong is puzzling the authorities.

Arrangements are being made for one of the biggest Sunday school and temperance rallies ever held in southern Michigan at Holcomb's grove, Athens, July 19, 20, 21. Every Sunday school and temperance organization in four counties are invited.

The report of the state salt inspector shows the quantity of salt inspected in June as follows: Manistee, 1[illegible]; Mason, 63,590; Bay, 51,921; Saginaw, [illegible]; St. Clair, 44,721; Iosco, 19,765; Huron, 5,500; Midland, 2,603; making a total for June of 359,172 barrels.

John C. Bodewig, one of the alleged Battle Creek train wreckers, was released on bail and was rearrested immediately on attempted jail delivery and again released on bail. Soon after he was again arrested on the charge of interfering with a U. S. mail car.

John Adair, of Battle Creek, commander of the Patriarchs Militant of Michigan, has made the following staff appointments: A. Hufford, Grand Rapids, chief of staff; R. Gomm, Battle Creek, acting adjutant-general; Julius King, Battle Creek, inspector-general; Dr. S. S. French, Battle Creek, brigade surgeon; Mayor John Mykins, Battle Creek, chaplain; C. A. Chase, Kalamazoo aide de camp.

A Wayne county farmer who has had some experience in the dehorning of cattle, says he has found a way to accomplish the same result without the cruelty. When the calf is about a week old the incipient horns are visible and are then soft and tender. At that time he rubs them for a minute or two with crystallized potash, and the horns never grow any more. The calf is not hurt in the least.

The friends of Del Swartz, who was sent from St. Joseph county to Jackson prison for the murder of Johnson, have had detectives searching for Henry A. Cowan, whom they believed to be the murderer. Cowan was caught at last at Cambridge, Ill., and brought to Centerville, but it now seems that he can prove a clear alibi. Since being placed in jail he has had a severe attack of heart failure, from which the physician says it is doubtful if he recovers.

The executive committee of the great tent Knights of Maccabees has decided that Valley City tent, of Grand Rapids, must strike from its records all reference to the mass meeting at which resolutions were adopted condemning Commander Boynton for his removal of Great Record Keeper Houghton, and is also required to apologize and pass resolutions expressing loyalty to the present officers. The tent will probably appeal to the great camp itself, waiting for the next review.

Bloody Riot in Boston.

The Independence Day parade of the patriotic societies of Boston and vicinity at East Boston ended in a pitched battle between some of the paraders and the spectators in which sticks, stones and revolvers were used with fatal effect. John W. Wills, a laborer, one of the spectators, was shot and instantly killed. Michael Doyle had his head split open and will die. A young man named Stewart had his nose cut off with a saber in the hands of one of the paraders. Patrick Kelly sustained a serious scalp wound. A. S. Bates, an officer, lost several teeth by being struck in the mouth with a brick. A score of others were quite severely injured. The introduction of the emblem of the American Protective association—the "little red school house"—into the parade was the cause of the riot. The members of that society comprised two-thirds of the entire number marching.

Robbers Stopped a Train With Dynamite.

The Southern Pacific overland train, northbound, was stopped by three highwaymen near Riddles, Ore., and robbed. Sticks of dynamite were placed on the rails which disabled the engine and brought the train to a stop. The robbers looted the express and mail cars and also held up the passengers. The workingmen and the ladies on the train were not molested. The amount secured is estimated at $4,000.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Naval Constructor Hanscom, of the Boston navy yard, has succeeded in rendering wood fireproof.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of the Battle Creek sanitarium, is to start a big medical college at Chicago.

Bob Fitzsimmons was acquitted of the murder of Con Riordan, his sparring partner, at Syracuse, N. Y.

Charles D. Sherwood, ex lieutenant-governor of Minnesota, was found dead, floating in the lake at Chicago. Suicide.

Eleven of the Seventh Day Adventists on trial at Dayton, Tenn., charged with working on Sunday, were found guilty and fined. They refused to pay and went to jail to work out their fines.

Frederick Heilmann, a well-to-do mason contractor of Chicago, killed his wife, his four children and himself by closing his house as tightly as possible while the family slept and then turning on the gas without lighting it.

IMPORTANT NEWS.

INTERESTING CHRONICLE OF GENERAL NEWS MATTERS.

Storms of Wind, Rain, Lightning and Hail Cause the Loss of Several Lives and Great Destruction of Property in Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Deadly and Destructive Cyclones.

A storm, awful in its terror and total in its work of destruction wiped out the town of Winona, on the Current river branch of the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway in Shannon county, Mo., at 11 o'clock at night. It is known that eleven persons lost their lives and eight men are missing. Vivid flashes of lightning pierced the downpour which came like the falls of Niagara. Houses were smashed and hundreds of men, women and children were dashed about like corks in the water. It was like a shipwreck. In all thirty buildings were destroyed. The total loss is not less than $50,000. Winona has a population of 650.

A cyclone which struck Baxter Springs, Kas., killed five people outright and two others were injured and are not expected to live. A dozen people were seriously injured. Cooper & Hodgkirk's dry goods store was destroyed, the Methodist, Christian and colored churches were blown down and a dozen residences and as many barns were totally wrecked. The freight and passenger depots were almost demolished and much damage to freight resulted. Several fine residences and many small houses and outbuildings were blown away. In the Kansas & Texas Coal company mine at Weir City, where many miners were engaged, the water rushed in with such rapidity that the miners barely escaped with their lives. Every mule in the shaft was drowned. One person was drowned at Columbus and two at Ottawa, Kas. At Van Buren, Ark., a mother and her babe were drowned. A family of five was encamped on the bank of Fish Creek in the Indian territory. Nothing of their belongings were found except a part of a wagon on a pile of driftwood. At Thomasville, Mo., where the rainfall was four inches in one hour, five persons were lost. Three at Fayetteville, Ark., one at Paola, Kas.; one at Richards, Kas. This gives a known and probable loss of 43 lives. This total will be increased when the receding waters permit a thorough search. The loss in property can be placed in the millions. Dwellings, fences and farm buildings were carried off and highway and railroad bridges swept away, together with a vast amount of crops, both growing and stored.

A heavy storm passed over Lake Geneva, Wis., which unroofed buildings and demoralized shade trees. The hail broke a large amount of glass and ruined corn, oats and what little fruit was left by the spring frosts. The steam launch Dispatch was chartered just before the storm by a party consisting of Father Hogan and Miss Hogan, and Dr. Franz, assistant superintendent of the Elgin, Ill., insane asylum, his wife and child. The boat was in charge of John Preston. They were caught by the storm, and the boat was swamped and all on board were drowned.

One of the most furious wind and rain storms known for years passed over Chicago, doing much damage. Charles Klein, John Ross and Charles L. Shook, who were out in a boat when the storm burst, and no trace has been found of them and it is thought that they were lost. Great damage was done throughout the city. Windows of many large stores were blown in and heavy damage done to goods by driving rain. Several houses in the outlying districts were struck by lightning and seriously damaged. Two small residences were completely destroyed. August Boedlow was killed. Dispatches from many points in the central and northern portions of Illinois and southern Wisconsin tell of furious storms.

Milwaukee reports wires down in nearly every direction, but meager reports show that a severe storm approaching a cyclone passed over the southwestern part of the state, probably doing serious damage. It is reported four men who were out in a boat near Waukegan were drowned.

Canton, Kas., was struck by a tornado and great damage was done. Many houses and barns were entirely demolished and a score of persons are reported injured.

After three days of terrible heat El Reno, Okla. T., was visited by a terrific wind and sandstorm. The North Methodist African church, the residences of Fred Hulz and M. Wilson, and the Texas livery stables were demolished and many other buildings were damaged. Several people were painfully injured.

Smoky Hill river at Marquette, Kas., overflowed its banks and on the south side extends back to the bluffs two miles distant. The water rose to the second story of the houses nearest the river and some of the people were taken out in boats.

A storm at Anselm, N. Y., one to two miles wide, damaged 30,000 or 40,000 acres of grain, threw buildings from their foundations and deluged the country. Four inches of rain fell in a few hours.

CASUALTIES.

Burling W. Grault and M. Roy, prominent in New Orleans society, were drowned there. Grault fell overboard and Roy tried to save him.

Six persons were drowned at Lake Geneva, Wis., by the capsizing of a pleasure boat.

The village of Canton, Kas., was almost totally destroyed by a cyclone. Twenty-five persons were hurt, many it is thought fatally.

Five sailors were drowned in Lake Michigan, off Chicago, in Sunday's storm.

The furniture store of E. C. Eckhart, 3739 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, was damaged by fire. The loss is estimated at 2,000.

Fire partially destroyed the new pavilion at Lake Park, Milwaukee.

Fire at Scotia, Cal., destroyed the Pacific Lumber Company's plant. Loss, $250,000.

The Morgan Lumber Company's yards and buildings at Reedsburg, Wis., were burned. Loss, $12,000; insurance, $4,000.

The town of Lorenville, Ont., was almost destroyed, twenty-five dwellings being burned. Loss, $30,000, with very little insurance.

A farmer named Lyle, of Madison, Wis., was robbed of $400.

M. Dolan, a street-car conductor, was robbed and murdered on a lonely street in Spokane.

Charles Finley, aged 21, of 105 North Third street was drowned while swimming north of Milwaukee.

Two negro arc light trimmers were killed by coming in contact with a live wire at Augusta, Ga.

Adolph Stang, 8 years old, was drowned while bathing in Lake Michigan at Clark Station, Ind.

An eastbound Union Pacific fruit special was wrecked at Rawlins, Wyo., three cars being destroyed. Two boys stealing rides, Frank Bodie and William Hayes, were fatally hurt.

John Rice, 19, was drowned while bathing at Paris, Ill.

George Peters, 29, was killed by a live electric wire at Davenport, Ia.

Frank Barton was beaten probably fatally by tramps at Ottumwa, Ia.

Dennis Knapp was run over and killed by a wheat-cutting machine at Hartland, O.

W. C. Davenport, 19, was shot fatally by a companion accidentally at Jeffersonville, Ind.

THE NEW GIRL.

President Cleveland Would Have Prefered a Boy, but is Happy Just the Same.

Buzzard's Bay: News reached the village that a girl baby had been born at Gray Gables. This report was soon verified by Dr. Bryant, who announced that the happy event occurred at 4:30 o'clock p. m., and that both mother and little one were doing as well as could be expected. This is the third child to be born into President Cleveland's family; and all of them are girls. Ruth is four years and Esther two. The new baby had been expected by the summer residents of Buzzards Bay. Although Mrs. Cleveland herself had given no suggestion of it, and had been seen on the drives about the village almost daily until a week before. The only regret is that the new comer is not a boy. People who say they know, declare that it was also Mr. Cleveland's greatest desire his child be a boy.

600 PEOPLE FELL.

A Bridge Gives Way Under a Large Crowd—40 People Severely Injured.

A serious accident occurred at Bristol, Ind. During a boat race on the St. Joseph river, a crowd of 600 persons was jammed on a three span iron bridge. During the finish of an exciting race the bridge gave way and the mass of humanity was precipitated into the water 10 feet below. Thirty-eight persons were seriously injured, and many of them will die. Physicians from Elkhart and other neighboring cities were telephoned for. Luckily the water was but five feet deep or many would have undoubtedly been drowned.

Seven Deaths at a Picnic Riot.

At Siberia, Perry county, Ind., a large number of inoffensive Germans were holding a picnic in the woods when a gang of hoodlums made their appearance, and after filling up on liquor began to insult the picnicers and their wives. The Germans stood this some time, but were forced into a fight to protect their wives and children. In a few minutes the row became a riot in which everybody took part. For over an hour the battle was kept up and finally the hoodlums were forced to flee. It was then found that three men were dead, four fatally hurt and fifty seriously injured.

Harrington Out of the Weather Bureau.

Washington: Mark W. Harrington, of Michigan, is no longer chief of the weather bureau of the department of agriculture. He was originally appointed to the office by President Harrison and has served five years. A call was made recently for Prof. Harrington's resignation. He declined to resign and was removed by President Cleveland. The relations between Secretary Morton and Prof. Harrington strained for many months.

Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Willis L. Moore, of Illinois, to succeed Harrington.

Bismarck Very Ill.

Friedrichsruhe: Prince Bismarck is seriously ill and is unable to partake of food. Count Herbert Bismarck and the other members of the ex-chancellor's family have arrived.

Berlin: Prince Bismarck's health has been serious for over a week. He has been suffering from great physical depression combined with severe neuralgia in the face and is able to take only liquid food.

FOREIGN.

The relations between France and Brazil are severely strained. It is feared war will result.

There is a report that the seal fishing on the Labrador coast last spring was almost a complete failure.

It is alleged that ex-United States Consul Waller, arrested in Madagascar and taken to France, is ill in prison and denied proper medical treatment.

The Russo-Chinese loan is said to be signed.

The fishing smack Rambler, belonging in Yarmouth, England, has been sunk in the north sea and five of her crew drowned.

The director of the Manila observatory announces an infusion near the south cusp of Venus, visible since June 9, which disappears daily at 4 o'clock.

A large military balloon burst on the grounds of the balloon department of the German army at Berlin, seriously injuring five persons. The cause of the break is not known.

Prince Bismarck is very ill at Friedrichsruhe. Members of his family have been summoned.

The viceroy of the Chinese province of Szechuan is blamed for the murder of foreign missionaries and the destruction of their property.

The abolition of the house of lords is to be an issue in the coming political campaign in England, according to Lord Rosebery.

Omaha has been stirred up by one of the bloodiest tragedies in its history. The room of a man named John Selan was discovered in a terrible condition, blood being splattered all over all the furniture, the walls and floors and everything showed that a life-and-death struggle had taken place. Later Selan's body, horribly mutilated, was found in the river.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 00	5 00
Buffalo—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	4 00	5 00
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3 00
Detroit—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4 80
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburg—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4 50
Lower grades	2 00	[illegible]	2 91	[illegible]
Cincinnati—Best grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lower grades	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo	[illegible]	47	[illegible]
Cincinnati	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland	[illegible]	48	[illegible]
Pittsburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Detroit—Hay No. 1 Timothy, $16 50 per ton. Potatoes [illegible] per bu. [illegible]. Live Poultry [illegible]. Eggs, strictly fresh 12c per doz. Butter, fresh dairy [illegible] per lb. creamery [illegible].

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Dun's says: The mid-summer reports from all commercial centers are of especial interest [illegible] business [illegible] better [illegible] increase in retail distribution of products [illegible] demand for goods [illegible] the wages [illegible] at the same time [illegible] show that the rapid advance in prices has so not checked the buying of a few classes of products [illegible] parts of the country the outlook for fall trade is considered bright.

Bradstreet's says: Favorable trade conditions heretofore reported continue to exercise a preponderance [illegible] general advances in prices of staples and in wages of industrial employes are a prominent feature [illegible] the extent of the voluntary advances in wages reported within a month or two [illegible] resources of voluntary statistical bureaus which have endeavored to keep track of them latest advices being [illegible] industrial workers have received an advance averaging 10 per cent.

The inter-collegiate Prohibition convention was held at Cleveland with a large attendance of prominent college temperance workers.

Ex-secretary of state Foster has returned from Hong Kong, having concluded his duties as the agent of China in negotiating peace with Japan.

Fire, which started in L. A. Mayo's hardware store, in which a large quantity of powder and fireworks was stored, destroyed property of the estimated value of $[illegible] at Lynn, Mass. James H. Winslow an employe, is thought to have perished. He was 64 years old and in feeble health.

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Don't exasperate a big man who can't swim well. You will meet him on shore later.

Don't imagine that everybody admires your "style" as much as you admire it yourself.

Don't talk about drowning accidents as if you could have prevented them if you were there.

Don't laugh at the fat man—he can stay in longer, and, perhaps, swim further than you can.

Don't have your tintype taken in a wet bathing suit, unless you want your self-esteem shaken.

Don't get too fond of swimming backward. Floating logs are usually harder than most men's skulls.

Don't scream and yell, for if you really should need help nobody would think you were in earnest.

Don't go swimming off the dock. Policemen sometimes manage to be "around" on these occasions.

Don't be gay and try to swim with your hands "under-fed." A man can "fold his" [illegible].

Don't go under the fresh water "shower" on leaving the "briny." Doctors' bills are sometimes expensive.

Don't dive straight to shallow water. You may have a headache when you come to the surface—if you ever do.

Don't lie on the beach too long between "dips." A sun-burned back is not the most comfortable thing in the world.

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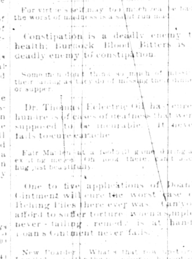

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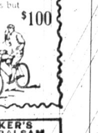

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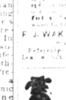

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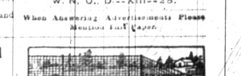

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