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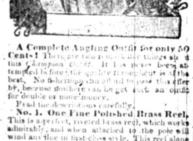

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The ability of the gas company to make both ends meet depends on the meter.

There is a great rush to Europe. Americans don't want Europe to be short on American gold.

Lord Rosebery went up like a rocket and there is an eminent fitness in the manner of his coming down.

We heartily sympathize with Mr. John D. Rockefeller. It hurts most any of us to lose a million dollars these hard times.

The more the world sees of "Napoleons of finance" the more it longs for the appearance of some financial Wellingtons.

"Choice Havana cigars" will never be a short crop as long as Florida is in the Union, and the Connecticut seed leaf holds out.

Mrs. Hetty Green was, of course, praying for the counsel opposed to her, who, she believes, have been preying long enough on her estate.

Philadelphia may be slow and poky, but it has retired its last horse car from the public streets, and that is more than Chicago has done.

If Japan cannot annihilate those Formosa pirates, just call on Uncle Sam. He at one time showed how to do it, and could repeat the dose if necessary.

The New York Times calculates that New Yorkers extend annually about $5,500,000 on churches, while theaters absorb about $6,500,000. The moral seems to be obvious.

John L. Sullivan announces that he is "dead broke." It may afford some consolation to John L. to reflect that a good many better actors than he is have often found themselves in the same position.

After filling the summer and winter with noise about the great war in China and the terrible engines of destruction by land and sea, it is disappointing to read that the whole number of Japanese killed in battle from first to last was 590. The trolley cars rival that record and never say a word about it.

Germany's demand of $750,000 from Nicaragua, which means $1,500,000 in Nicaraguan money, if followed by force, means the practical overthrow of Nicaraguan independence, with a sort of foreign protectorate managing it as one would a farm. This may be fun for Europe, but it is hard lines for the Latin republics.

New York has a novel business—that of a company which offers to test gas meters without charge, if the meters are found to be correct, and for half the overcharge refunded by the gas company on all money paid if the meters are found to be fast. The company advertises that over $40,000 rebate has been made to consumers by gas companies in the past four years. The gas companies must have the inventor of the machine.

Man has natural wants—food, clothing, shelter; he consumes, he should produce; hence activity—labor. He thinks, he reasons, he learns, he progresses; hence science—learning. He has enthusiasm, attachment, passion, feeling; hence emotion—love. Labor, learn, love. Man must be able to do all these, or he retrogrades and degenerates. Any state of society which prevents a man from fulfilling his destiny, which is to do all these, is therefore false and incomplete.

The secret of high social development and the maintenance of a dense population in comfort and luxury is the diversification of industry and the multiplication of means of subsistence. Moreover, this is the secret of that solid and fortified basis of social existence which is able to endure the accidents of the physical and commercial world, and to survive the rally from crop failures and temporary closing of markets, business depression, industrial paralysis, and financial convulsions.

The announcement that the French government will sanction the use of a lottery loan suggests in a forcible way the advance the United States has made in public morals as compared with Europe during the last quarter of a century. Much as we have still to achieve in the way of improvement, Americans as a people have a higher standard of political morality than any European people. It is only a pity that they exercise so little care in determining the character of their pantatas and politicians.

A traveling hypnotist has been sued in Ohio by his confederate, who demands the sum of $15 for pretending to be hypnotized when he wasn't. His hypnotic influence was merely arranged on a promissory basis, the same as political influence.

There is nothing strange about a forgers fondness for the Sunday-school. Neither does it in any way reflect upon Sunday-schools. Swindlers of all sorts must needs disguise themselves in the external appearances of respectability, or they could not swindle anybody.

A doctor has discovered the curious fact that the skull of a man who has died from delirium tremens contains no alcoholic gas. A small opening in the skull soon after death permits this gas to escape, and it can be ignited, and burns with a bluish flame.

The ugliest relic of the Dark Ages that has come down to us is the superstition that a man who has made a fortune by fraudulent means may wash the blood off his hands by devoting a part of his ill-gotten boodle to charitable objects.

A golden diadem, encrusted with priceless jewels, awaits the man who is willing to acknowledge that he couldn't beat the railroad officials in managing the road, and in running the local trains so as to give much better service to the public.

A great many hundred years ago Anacharsis said to Solon: "These written laws are just like spider's webs. The small and feeble may be caught and entangled in them, but the rich and mighty force through and despise them."

WITH WOLVERINES.

BRIEF ITEMS ABOUT MICHIGAN PEOPLE AND THINGS.

Six Men Burned to Death at Detroit—Forest Fires in Various Sections of the State Destroy a Great Amount of Valuable Property—Wallin Burned.

Destructive Forest Fires.

Wallin, a lumbering town near Thompsonville, was entirely wiped out by fire. Forest fires were raging over a week. About 20 houses, one store, a hotel, coal-kilns, warehouse and Sullivan Lumber company's saw mill, with about 2,000,000 feet of lumber, were all burned. About 20 people were badly burned. When a relief train arrived many people were found on the ground with their faces on the moist dirt to prevent choking to death. The fires are still running and the towns of Clary, Morley and Odin-Oden were in great danger.

The house of "Father Smoke," an Indian at Bay Shore, was burned, and several farm houses were burned in the clearings north of Petoskey. All trains on the C. & W. M. were stopped.

The village of Kinde, Huron county, is said to be in great danger. Wires are burned and no particulars could be obtained.

Forest fires which had been burning nearly two weeks along the M. C. railroad came within a few rods of Mackinaw City when welcome showers quenched them.

Dispatches from Thompsonville and other towns in that vicinity say that rains quenched the forest fires temporarily, when it seemed that Thompsonville and Clary were doomed. An appeal has been issued by the mayor of Thompsonville for assistance for the Wallin sufferers. He says:

Every family is left without bed or anything to wear or eat. They just saved what clothes they had on. They are all except one very poor and we have given them all the assistance we can, but we are a small village and cannot give them enough to go to keeping house.

The settlement at Hubbard, Isabella county, was completely surrounded by fire. Hubbard & Dingvall's camp, the saloon and a large amount of crops were destroyed, and the postmaster shipped the postoffice outfit to Midland while the other citizens prepared for a hasty exit by rail if it became imperative.

Rains were most thankfully received along the Muskegon river. In Emmet county crops were damaged fully $12,000 and buildings almost as much more before rain fell.

Welcome Rains.

The whole state is giving thanks for the rains which broke the drouth of nearly two months' duration and quenched the forest fires which were threatening death and destruction in every part of the lumbering districts. Reports from all sections tell of the reviving effect of the rain upon corn, potatoes and fruit; and while other crops are beyond help it seems to be the most general opinion that a fair yield of those mentioned will be secured.

Men and Horses in a Big Fire.

Case's livery stable, one of the largest in Detroit, was destroyed by fire which was discovered at 2 a. m. About eight employes were sleeping on the fourth and or top floor and about 100 horses were stabled in the basement. The building was an old one and a firetrap of the worst kind. The fire department worked most heroically to save the men and horses and adjoining property. Two men were taken out on ladders and one employe who succeeded in reaching a window fell from the fourth story to the sidewalk and was probably fatally injured. He was identified as John Cummings, of Jackson. At 4:30 a. m. the firemen had controlled the fire and on the fourth floor found the bodies of six men who had been suffocated. Of the 100 horses about 25 were rescued by the firemen and the others were found in their stalls in a terrible state of fright, but not badly injured. The floor above them was supported by heavy iron girders and this alone saved them from the falling timbers. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

Mackinac Park Commission Organized.

The first meeting of the commission appointed to assume charge of the Mackinac Island state park, was called to order by Gov. Rich, and the following officers were chosen: T. W. Ferry, president; Peter White, vice-president; Editor Wm. Clark, of Lansing, secretary; A. L. Stephens, treasurer. George T. Arnold was designated as acting superintendent. It was decided to advance rentals to $100 for front and $60 for back lots. Regulations were adopted prohibiting the sale of liquor. Authority to lease the officers' quarters and barracks was conferred, and Jas. F. Keightley was given a 30-year franchise to operate telephones and an electric light plant.

Upper Peninsula Miners Strike.

The men employed at the mines at Negaunee, with the exception of the Buffalo group, went out on a strike. They demand a general advance in their pay, but as yet the management of the companies has shown little disposition to grant it. The management of the Lillie mine, where the strike started, positively refuse to give it, and say they will close indefinitely. About 750 of the strikers marched to Ishpeming to induce the miners there to go out. The remonstrances of the men at work were of no avail and finding resistance useless they laid down their tools. About 2,000 men are idle.

That Knights of Pythias Trouble.

The supreme lodge Knights of Pythias filed a bill of complaint at Detroit for an injunction restraining the so-called Improved Order of Knights of Pythias from using the ritual, seal, insignia, banners, flags, etc., of the Knights of Pythias. The supreme lodge of the Improved Order was in session at Detroit was the reason the suit was begun there.

The Improved Order is composed of Germans who seceeded from the original parent body because the supreme lodge refused to allow the work to be performed in any but the English language. A hot fight is anticipated.

Triple Drowning Off South Haven.

H. Tittsworth, of South Haven, took his new yacht Artist out for her trial trip in company with the builders, Messrs. Coats & Stillson. When about four miles out a squall struck and capsized her. The life-saving crew went out immediately and soon after the tug McClure, but the yacht was so far away that the men were all drowned before the crew could reach them. The boat sank quickly because she had a great amount of ballast which could not be shifted, and being new they had not as yet put in any air cans to buoy her.

Tom Sanford, of Ludington, tried to suicide after a quarrel with his wife, but took an overdose and lost it all.

George Silver, a deaf mute about 40 years of age, residing in Gaines, was killed on the C. & G. T. tracks near Flint.

A number of girls, rag pickers, quit work at the Botsford paper mill at Kalamazoo, because of a proposed cut in wages.

Odd Fellows and Maccabees of Muskegon, Oceana and Newaygo counties hold their annual picnic at Sylvan Beach, July 17.

Hon. D. D. Aitken, of Flint, has announced himself as a candidate for governor of Michigan in 1896 on the Republican ticket.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Milan has electric lights now.

Gov. Rich now rides a bicycle.

The creamery at Pigeon has burned. Loss $4,000; no insurance.

Escanaba is talking municipal ownership of the electric light plant.

The farmhouse of I. S. Sharpsteen was burned near Harbor Springs.

Andrew Hiller, an aged German suicided at Ann Arbor. Despondency.

An unknown old man was killed by a freight train near North Bradley.

A dairyman's association for Livingston county was organized at Howell.

Someone shot and killed a horse in the pasture of L. Conklin, near Lawton.

John Nordhouse, of Grand Haven, is now Secretary Morton's private secretary.

The residence and barns of Addison Coryell burned near Ypsilanti. Loss, $5,000.

Thieves stole $200 from the safe of the rectory of Holy Cross church at Marine City.

Leonard Merveene, aged 18, was fatally injured in a bicycle collision at Grand Rapids.

Patrick Conroy, aged 78, was killed near Corunna by being dragged by a runaway team.

The annual meeting of the State Funeral Directors' association was held at Grand Rapids.

By the bursting of a large tank in the Menominee brewery over 65 barrels of beer were wasted.

Fire destroyed the sawmill plant A. Petit, near Perrinton, with a loss of $5,000 and no insurance.

Gertie Andree, aged 23, was burned fatally at Holland. Her clothing caught fire from a cook stove.

The second trial of Dr. Seaman in the famous Emily Hall Case at Detroit resulted in a verdict of guilty.

W. J. Kemp, of South Haven, became insane from grieving over the loss of his little boy, who was burned.

The dwelling of Cornelius Traas was burned at Holland. The family had a narrow escape. Loss $1,000.

Alexander Briggs, proprietor of the American hotel at Romeo, was drowned in Nolan lake while fishing.

The main building of the Greenville Implement company was completely destroyed by fire. The loss is $15,000.

The manufacturers of plaster in Michigan and Ohio met at Grand Rapids and decided to raise prices by restricting output.

The Michigan Commercial Travelers' Mutual Accident association was incorporated at Grand Rapids with about 40 charter members.

The Port Huron city council has ordered all Bell telephones taken out of the city offices and Harrison telephones substituted.

Cannon Ball, a 3-year-old colt owned by C. Gauntlett, of Milan, dropped dead during a race at Fostoria, O. He was valued at $1,500.

Reuben Miller struck William Askey at Onondaga, knocking him down. In falling Askey struck his head on the steps, fracturing his skull.

A horse became frightened at a merry-go-round at Vassar and ranaway throwing Cora Hanley, aged 16, out and causing fatal injuries.

Policeman Hamilton, of Battle Creek, found Jack Pickle on the street apparently very drunk. He was locked up and next morning was dead.

Carl Topping, aged seven, fell into the St. Joseph river at Niles and was drowned. A brother two years' older, narrowly escaped a like fate.

The schooner Naiad was totally dismasted in a squall on Lake Michigan and was taken to Charlevoix by a tug. She lost her mate and a sailor.

By the bursting of a large grindstone in the Detroit Steel and Spring works two men were probably fatally injured by being struck by flying pieces.

Bishop Ninde, of Detroit, and Presiding Elder Whalen, of Saulte Ste. Marie, were tendered a reception and elaborate banquet at Menominee.

The Solvay Process company, of Delray, has filed amended articles of association, increasing its capital stock from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000.

Israel Giles, aged 6, fell from a load of wheat in a field near Napoleon. The wagon passed over him, breaking his neck and killing him instantly.

Forty stonecutters working on the new courthouse at St. Joseph struck for nine hours' work for 10 hours' pay. They were paid off and discharged.

The village of DeWitt is excited over the disappearance of Omar Dills, a prominent citizen who went to Detroit, June 24 to sell a valuable span of horses.

The annual state convention of the Young People's Union of the United Brethern church was held at Grand Rapids with 30 delegates in attendance.

Orrin Thompson, while unloading coal with a steam bucket at the West Michigan coal house at Petoskey, was struck by the shovel and fatally injured.

Bay City mills have a contract to saw up 20,000,000 feet of logs taken from the Spanish river district in Ontario, by the Minnesota Lumber company of Polo, Ill.

Rudolph Schultz, aged 59, suicided at Detroit by shooting himself because he was unable to work and had been dependent upon his wife and daughter for 10 years.

Dr. W. H. Gunn, a Montcalm county convict at Jackson prison, severed the brachial artery of his left arm and slashed his throat in his cell in attempting suicide.

Edmund Post, two and a half years of age, was run over by an electric car at Saginaw, receiving injuries from which he died. The mother witnessed the accident.

The Epworth League training assembly has begun at the Epworth resort, near Ludington. Congressman R. P. Bishop made the opening address. A large number attended.

The inspectors of Jackson prison talk of establishing a shirt factory in in the institution. It is believed that this industry, conducted on the contract plan, will soon be added.

When the steamer City of Mackinac was crossing Thunder bay bound for Mackinac island Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Hamilton, of Marion, O., were made the parents of a bouncing boy.

James Cairnes' team from Prairieville, ran away with a load of butter and eggs at Kalamazoo. It demolished $200 worth plate glass, and wrecked the rig, but broke only two dozen eggs.

George DeHaven, general passenger agent of the C. & W. M. railroad, has resigned to accept the position of managing editor of the Chicago Daily Mail, recently purchased by Geo. Booth, of Detroit.

Peter Johnson, Gaylord Shirley, Otto Ellsworth and Bert Husselman, locked up at Paw Paw for burglary tunneled out through the jail vault, and before discovered three of the four had reached the high-fenced yard that surrounds the structure, and one had succeeded in scaling the fence.

C. G. Cady, of the firm of Jackson & Cady left Pinckney June 29 and foul play was feared. Investigation showed that he had been caught and securely bound and delivered over to a young lady of Lansing—Etta Rice by name—by a little villain known as Cupid. The knot was tied on the quiet at Erie, Monroe county.

Chief Clerk Louis Fuller, of the passenger department, has been appointed acting general passenger agent of the D., L. & N., and C. & W. M. railroad system, in place of George De Haven, resigned.

Owing to low water the Allegan Water company can supply water only eight hours in 24, leaving the city without fire protection and throwing many men out of work by stopping factories.

Grand Rapids newsboys were given an outing at Lake Michigan park, Muskegon. The G. R. & I. donated a train and merchants filled a car with eatables. The Evening Press conducted the affair.

The law and order element at Memphis are determined to stop the sale of intoxicants in that town. Henry Brown, proprietor of the American house, was arrested for selling liquor without a license.

Amos Calvin, a resident of Big Rapids, was killed while stealing a ride on a freight train. The train ran off the track and several others were injured. Calvin leaves a family in destitute circumstances.

The legs and lower portion of a man's body were found in a tightly nailed box in Mitchell's bay at Algonac. The find created a great sensation and it is believed that a murder may be revealed.

The Michigan Bill Posters' association and the National Bill Posters' association held their conventions in Detroit. Nearly every city east of the Mississippi, and many west of it, were represented at the latter.

While Henry Whiley, an employe of White & Co., lumbermen, was assisting in unloading a car of logs, he lost his balance, fell forward and several logs passed over him. He was frightfully crushed. Probably fatal.

John Haven thought his house near Bloomingdale was infested with rats, but when he explored his garret to trap them he found a rendezvous for bats. He started a war of extermination and killed over 100 of them.

Prof. H. C. Adams, of Ann Arbor, took a trip east and left a young man to care for his house. He forgot to turn off the water which was running into a tank in the garret. The whole house was flooded. The young man has fled.

Fire destroyed the house occupied by John Holmes at Coleman. Mrs. Holmes went to a neighbor's for a few minutes, leaving three small children in the house. The two older children were removed, but a nine-months-old baby was burned to death.

The state fair will be held at Grand Rapids this year on the grounds of the West Michigan Association, September 9 to 13. A citizen's guarantee fund of $5,000 has been raised to cover any possible loss and elaborate preparations are being made for the big show.

Miss Homeria Bouton, the past three years a teacher in the public schools of Pentwater, has gone on the road as a traveling saleswoman for the Pentwater Bedstead company. She takes takes the position made vacant by the death of her father a couple of months ago.

The distress occasioned by the long drought caused Rev. Fr. Bauer, of Traverse City, to announce a special service to pray for rain. About 150 gathered at the church in the morning and earnest supplication was made. A heavy shower came that night.

The following cadets have been appointed to enter West Point in June, 1896: Geo. R. Spaulding, Monson, Second district, with Andrew J. Weatherwax, Jackson, as alternate; Jay P. Hopkins, Cassopolis, Fourth district, with Wm. H. Yore, Benton Harbor, as alternate.

Chase H. Osborn was elected president of the Michigan Press association at the Benton Harbor meeting. T. G. Stevenson, of Marshall, was chosen vice-president; E. O. Dewey, Owosso, secretary; L. E. Slussar, Mancelona, treasurer, and Byron Schermerhorn, of Hudson, historian.

Over 25 flour manufacturers attended the summer session of the Michigan State Millers' association at Grand Rapids. Among the numerous papers discussed was "The Correct Price to Pay for Wheat in Michigan." The Michigan crop this year will be only 65 per cent of the average and will not begin to supply the mills in the state.

Michigan's official representation at the dedication of the Michigan monuments at Chickamauga, Sept. 18, will consist of 89 men, 49 of whom will be members of the regiments which participated in the battle. Aside from this, it is expected that several hundred citizens of the state, who will pay their own expenses, will be present.

The row in the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids was investigated by the board, and the result is that Mrs. Trask, of Greenville, matron of the woman's annex, who had been suspended by Commandant Graves, was reinstated. Then a resolution was adopted declaring that Mr. Graves, in taking the action he did, acted for the best interests of the home.

The first convention of the Michigan Hardware Dealers' association was held at Detroit, with the foremost men in the business in the state in attendance. Officers elected: President, F. S. Carleton, Calumet; vice-president, Henry C. Weber, Detroit; secretary-treasurer, Henry C. Minnie, Eaton Rapids. The next meeting will be held at Saginaw in February.

The prosecuting attorney of Iron county recently preferred charges against the three superintendents of the poor of that county, setting fourth that they were wholly incompetent and also guilty of official misconduct. One of the members resigned, but the other two have been given a hearing before the board of supervisors at Crystal Falls. Both members were removed, but will probably appeal the case.

The three mills of the Niles & Ohio Paper company, and the two of the Michigan Wood Pulp company, at Niles, have been closed down on account of low water in the St. Joseph river. The mills are overcrowded with orders, thus making the shutdown prove a great loss to the owners of the mills. About 150 men are deprived of employment. The river is now lower than it has been for the past 25 years.

The Employers' Aid fund of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company, at Calumet was organized in 1877. The employes pay 50 cents a month and the corporation pays into the fund an amount equal to the aggregate paid by the employes. A surplus of $128,275 has accumulated, the greater portion of the which is invested in Calumet & Hecla stock, and the interest on which goes to swell the annual surplus. Last year the employes paid in $19,243 and the total paid out in benefits was $26,672, other items bringing the total expenditures up to $36,804.

Terry Tufft, his wife and three children, were drowned by their boat capsizing on Lake Keuka, Bath, N. Y.

A bad wreck occurred at White Sulphur, O., on the Big Four, resulting in the wrecking of 14 cars of whisky, feed, tobacco and candies, amounting to $75,000. Dick Hurley, a molder of Cincinnati, was killed.

Minnie Fletcher, who was stenographer for Z. T. Lewis, the forger-broker of Dayton, O., says that Lewis represented himself to her as a single man. There are sensational reports regarding them. Mrs. Lewis, her son and daughter, aged 20 and 22 years are at the Oakland hotel, St. Clair county, Mich., and claim to know nothing of Lewis' affairs. The wife is prostrated from their disgrace.

HERE AND THERE.

VARIETY OF NEWS ITEMS FROM VARIOUS PLACES.

One Death and Nearly 200 Persons Badly Injured by a Floor Giving Way at Atlantic City.—Christian Endeavorers' Big Convention at Boston.

Serious Accident at Elks Convention.

The convention of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Atlantic City, N. J., was marked by two important occurrences—an accident in which nearly 200 people were injured and one man killed, and the reuniting of the two factions of Elks.

The accident was the falling of the second floor of the Casino in which a social session was held. A few of the large gathering escaped, but the majority went crashing down with the heavy timbers and furniture. The electric lights were all cut off and darkness added to the horror. Fred Klaproth, of Camden, N. J. was killed. Among the seriously injured were Miss Greening, of Detroit; C. M. Foote, Minneapolis; Byron W. Orr, Chicago; W. E. Wells, East Liverpool, O., Mrs. Coulton, Pittsburg; Wm. Baxter, Lima, O. Upwards of 100 others are injured.

At a meeting of the grand lodge, held previous to the social session, Meade D. Detweiler, of the Jamestown faction, made the final step toward reuniting the Elks. There was enthusiastic cheering when he ascended the stage, shook hands with Grand Exalted Ruler Hay and addressed him by that title.

Officers elected: Grand exalted ruler, Wm. G. Meyers, Philadelphia; grand esteemed leading knight, George Reynolds, Hartford, Conn.; grand esteemed loyal knight, B. M. Allen, Birmingham, Ala.; grand esteemed lecturing knight, W. H. McDermit, Columbus, Ohio; grand treasurer, Percy G. Williams, Brooklyn, N. Y.; grand secretary, George T. Reynolds, Saginaw, Mich.; grand tyler, Geo. W. June, Indianapolis.

Deadly Cyclones in the East.

A terrific storm swept over the vicinity of Hackensack, N. J., doing great damage. At Cherry Hill, a small village, it developed cyclonic fury, attended by a demolition of the village and three deaths. In addition to the wreck in Cherry Hill, almost every house along the river from that place to Riveredge was damaged to some extent. The loss to property in a direct way has been estimated at about $100,000, and this is not taking into consideration the damage to crops.

The first cyclone in many years in New York City resulted fatally in one instance, besides wrecking a large amount of valuable property. The cyclone descended upon the upper part of East New York, known as Cypress Hills, continued on its way to the lower plains district, and from there traveled to Woodhaven. One life was lost, a woman who was struck by a flying beam, and the damage to property was great. A number of people were badly hurt.

Christian Endeavorers at Boston.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor which was held at Boston and was attended by 50,000 young people was preceeded by meetings of the board of trustees to settle several important questions, the first being the offer of H. H. Kohlsaat, of the Chicago Times-Herald, of $5,000 a year for three years toward the expenses of the society's headquarters, provided they were removed from Boston to Chicago. The offer was declined. Plans were promulgated to expand the society into a world's organization.

The formal opening of the convention was a most enthusiastic meeting. The greetings received by the founder and president of the society, Francis E. Clark, and by Gov. Greenhalge were truly tremendous. Secretary Baer reported 7,750 new societies the past year, making a total of 41,229, covering every country of the world save five—Russia, Italy, Greece, Sweden and Iceland. The society has a total membership of 2,473,740.

A Gigantic Swindle, with Bogus Bonds.

Z. T. Lewis, of Urbana, O., is a fugitive for justice. He was a bond broker and operated on a large scale. He handled immense quantities of county and municipal bonds and was considered perfectly reliable. Recently suspicons became aroused among Dayton bankers and an investigation showed that they held $50,000 of bogus bonds received from Lewis as security on loans. When this become known stories of bogus bonds came pouring in from all directions, but Lewis had made his escape and is supposed to be in South America. At least $100,000 worth of worthless paper is reported and it is hard to tell how much the $3,000,000 worth of collaterals he has put out the past year is forged.

13 Killed in a Wreck in Quebec.

A terrible accident occurred at 3 a. m. at Craig's Road station, on the Grand Trunk railway, near Levis, Que. A very large pilgrimage was on the way to the shrine of St. Anna de Beaupre. There were two sections of the train, one running a few minutes behind the other. The first section was standing at the Craig's Road station taking water when the second section, passing the semaphore, dashed into the rear Pullman coach of the first section, smashing it to kindling wood. The Pullman coach was telescoped into the first-class cars of the first section. The officials of the Grand Trunk railway report that the number killed is 13, and that 29 were injured.

John Sherman too Old for President.

Senator John Sherman, of Mansfield, O., when asked his views on presidential politics said he was not a candidate and added: "If all the people of the United States should join together and offer it to me I would not accept the position. I am too old. No man of 72 has the right to underake the work and responsibility which comes to the chief executive of the United States. It is a position of wear and tear and it should have a younger man."

NEWS ITEMS CONDENSED.

Employes of the Pullman Palace Car company, Pullman, Ill., deny that their wages have been raised, as was reported by the company two weeks ago.

Prof. Norton S. Townsend, of the Ohio State university, who had held the chair of agriculture in that institution ever since it was founded, is dead.

A horse afflicted with the glanders was found running loose in Kalamazoo streets and was killed after several other horses had been exposed to the disease.

Officer Regan, of Chicago, was called to arrest Herman Burkholdt, who had become insane. The madman fought so fiercely that the officer had to beat him to death to save himself.

The headhunters of the Solomon Islands attacked the Sydney, N. S. W., trading schooner Amelia, and butchered Capt. D. Kerr, Mate Samuel Smith, and ten men, and set the vessel adrift. The British cruiser Orland has been sent to the islands to teach the natives a needed lesson.

A dispatch has been sent out from Montreal saying that the cause of the wreck at Levis, Que., where 13 were killed, was that Engineer McLeod was asleep at the throttle owing to being compelled to work three nights in succession in addition to his regular run, because the Grand Trunk management had cut down their force.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

After fasting 68 days A. M. Kennedy died at Delavan, Kas.

The Sons of Temperance held their annual convention at Cleveland.

The German Epworth League of the United States held an enthusiastic convention at Chicago.

The American Wire company closed down their plant at Cleveland for three months owing to the strike.

Two little Cleveland girls, Lena Groh and Stella Schlaudecker, were instantly killed by an electric motor.

Nebraska reports a splendid wheat crop—fully two-thirds of a full crop. Corn and oats were never better there.

Lawrence Burton, of Sonora, O., was arrested at Kansas City, Mo., for running away with $1,400 of his wife's money.

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

The body of Andrew Lasilla, a Russian traveler, was found near Toledo. A bullet hole in his head gives the appearance of murder.

A stay of execution has been granted in the case of Harry Hayward, under sentence of death at Minneapolis for murder, until October.

The 14-months-old child of John T. Irwin, of South Bend, Ind., got hold of a pan of gasoline and drank it. The child died in great agony.

A caisson of the big bridge now building at Nage Hamed, near Alexandria, Egypt, by a French firm collapsed and 40 workmen perished.

The 12 principal glass manufacturers west of Pittsburg met at Anderson, Ind., and formed a combine to raise prices 25 to 40 per cent.

Chas. Schlick, white, was arrested at St. Louis for committing a crime similar to that of "Jack, the ripper." Ella King, colored, was his victim.

Flora Gedeon and Mary Tomasch, who accompanied an excursion from Cleveland to Chippewa lake, O., were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

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

About 700 Chinese attacked Hsinchu, Island of Formosa, and 200 of them were killed and many were captured. On the Japanese side the loss was 11 men.

The Caddo Indians in Indian Territory are worshipping an old Indian—squirrel—because it rained after his incantations and after several week's drouth.

Harry Jackson, a Chicago crook, was instantly killed at Portland, Ind., Gus Gar was fatally wounded and Ed Barker was arrested while trying to burglarize a store.

Capt. Bundy, for 37 years a missionary among the sailors on the Great lakes, has sold his gospel boat, Glad Tidings, and will seek retirement in his old age at Chicago.

The Spanish steamer Paliehto landed 12 men of the crew of the Austrian bark Ida B, at Havana. The Ida B. was wrecked on May 30 and her crew had to take the boats. For 12 days they traversed the ocean without food or water.

The wife of Richard M. McDonald, Sr., in jail at San Francisco awaiting trial for forgery and embezzlement in connection with the wrecking of the Pacific bank, has fled with about $100,000, which her husband had entrusted to her to provide for his legal defense.

A prize of $5,000 is offered by the Chicago Times-Herald to the successful competitors in a horseless carriage or vehicle motor race between Chicago and Milwaukee. Definite details will be announced in the near future. The date of the contest will not be far from November 1.

The French line steamship La Normandie reports that on her last trip from Havre to New York she caught on fire in the lower hold amidships. The crew volunteered to a man to go down and the fire was overcome after 15 hours work. Very few passengers knew of their danger.

Nathan Goodrich, clerk at the T. & O. C. freight office at Fostoria, O., was riding on a hand car with his wife and little son when the car was struck by an engine. Mrs. Goodrich and the little boy were killed, both being horribly mangled. Mr. Goodrich was seriously hurt and he may not recover.

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 $150,000, at Lynn, Mass. James H. Winslow, an employe, is thought to have perished. He was 68 years old and in feeble health.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Best grades	$5 00 @5 50	@3 80	$6 30	@5 50
Lower grades	2 25 @4 50	2 00	3 50	5 30
Chicago—				
Best grades	4 90 @5 40	4 25	5 50	5 30
Lower grades	2 25 @4 00	2 00	3 00	4 80
Buffalo—				
Best grades	4 90 @5 30	4 80	5 80	5 40
Lower grades	2 25 @4 70	2 25	3 30	4 80
Detroit—				
Best grades	4 00 4 25	3 80	4 50	5 00
Lower grades	2 00 @3 90	2 00	2 70	4 80
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	4 40 @5 00	3 80	5 00	5 30
Lower grades	2 25 @4 10	2 20	3 00	4 90
Cleveland—				
Best grades	4 25 @4 50	3 60	5 00	5 30
Lower grades	2 00 @4 00	2 00	2 00	4 90
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	4 90 5 40	4 40	5 00	5 40
Lower grades	2 25 @4 10	2 00	3 00	5 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat. No. 2 red	Corn. No. 2 mix	Oats. No. 2 white
New York	72½ @72⅝	50 @50	33 @33¼
Chicago	66¾ @67¼	44½ @45¼	27¾ @28¼
*Detroit	69½ @70½	45 @45½	31¼ @31¼
Toledo	70¾ @71	46 @46½	24 @24¼
Cincinnati	67 @67¼	47 @47¼	27 @27½
Cleveland	69 @70	54 @54	32½ @32¼
Pittsburg	69½ @70¼	47 @47	28 @28

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $16 @16 50 per ton. Potatoes, southern, $1 per bu. Live Poultry, chickens, 8½c per lb.; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 9c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 12c per doz. Butter, fresh dairy, 13@15c per lb; creamery, 18c.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Dun's says: A business flood so strong and rapid that the conservative fear it may do harm is out of season in July. But the seasons this year lap over and crowd each other. May frosts and frights, it is now evident, kept back much business that would naturally have been finished before midsummer and the delayed accumulation of one season gets in the way of efforts to begin another on time. But the volume of business, however it may be measured, is remarkably large for the month, even in a good year. The exaggerated fears about crops have passed, the syndicate is believed both able and determined to protect the treasury and the time draws near when the marketing of new crops will turn into a national balance if speculation does not hinder. The latest news indicates an enormous crop of corn, much the largest grown, if the weather favors. The rapid rise in prices of iron has brought into operation many additional works and there is a rush to buy before prices advance further. Influential manufacturers are sending out warnings that the rise may easily do mischief. As the sales of wool are about four times the weekly consumption it is obvious that the market is essentially speculative, but the rise has set the country ablaze so that western holders are asking even higher prices than heretofore. But buying by most manufacturers is already affected and at the prices now asked for wool some manufacturers are doubting whether a corresponding value for goods can be realized.

Attorney General Crane, of Texas, has given his opinion in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight case at Dallas, in October. The opinion was in reply to an inquiry as to whether the law enacted in 1891 prohibiting prize fighting was valid and operative. He holds that the law is operative and being valid it is the duty of the sheriff of Dallas county to see that it is enforced.

Frederick Hellmann, 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.

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DEAD COMES TO LIFE.

Remarkable Case of Suspended Animation Reported From New Jersey.

There is an excited but happy father and mother in Pittsgrove, N. J., and a wondering child and a number of astonished neighbors, says the New York Advertiser. The parents are happy because their baby was given back to them apparently from the dead. Nobody is wondering its mother clasps it to her breast and cries over it half a dozen times a day, and the neighbors are astonished to think that a doctor and experienced nurse should lay the child out for burial when it was alive. The case is a remarkable one of suspended animation. To all appearances the child died, and then, after being unconscious nearly twelve hours, it came back to life. The child belongs to Louis Erdner. Early Tuesday morning it was taken sick and a physician was summoned. The doctor treated the little one, but after a time pronounced it dead. The body was laid on a cot and covered with a sheet. The mother then sent word to her husband, who was at work a couple of miles from home. On his way to the house in the evening Erdner stopped at the office of Undertaker Evans and engaged him to care for the body. The father selected the coffin and made all the arrangements for the funeral. About two hours later the undertaker with an ice box, arrived at the house. Instead of finding a grief-stricken family the undertaker found an excited but joyful one. Shortly after the return of the father the child, which had previously been cold, showed signs of life and again became warm. The doctor was summoned in haste, and he with but little effort restored the child. It was weak and pale all night, but yesterday it seemed to recover all of its health and was crawling about the rooms as though nothing unusual had happened.

Canada's debt is now $316,029,502. That means about $65 for every man, woman and child in the country, and it costs about $12,000,000 a year to pay the interest and charges at the low rates now prevailing.

It is worth remembering that Mount Logan, near the boundary between Utah and Wyoming, is the highest peak in North America. Professor Mendenhall, formerly chief of the coast and geodetic survey in Washington, made this statement.

ONE MAN'S SUFFERING.

The Trials and Tribulations of a Battle Creek Citizen—How He Comes to Tell This Story.

(*From the Battle Creek Moon.*)

Among the moulders at the works of the Michigan foundry company can be found Mr. Amos Maynard; he has lived in Battle Creek for over ten years, is honored and respected by all who know him; such is the man who makes this statement, he says: "I have had kidney trouble for years, and it has made my life miserable. The heavy lifting, necessary in my business, made me worse. I have been compelled to lie in bed in a helpless condition for as long as nine days at a time; the greatest pain was from my back, which sometimes felt as though a bayonet was being run through me in the region of my kidneys; many citizens of Battle Creek knew how bad I was. I could not move without the greatest caution, for as soon as I attempted to stoop over, bend to one side, or even turn in bed, the pain was simply unbearable. I wore porous plasters constantly for the little temporary relief they brought me. Whenever I caught the slightest cold it went straight to my kidneys and made me worse. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and got some. I have taken in all four boxes of them, and I now feel as active as ever. A few months ago I would have ridiculed the idea of being cured so quickly, and being able to work as I can now. All the long standing pains are gone, and the former traces of kidney disorders found in my urine have disappeared. I have recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to many friends who were troubled as I was, and in every case I have learned they proved as beneficial as with me. Doan's Kidney Pills would be cheap to me at almost any price."

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