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Unusually the louder a man talks the less it amounts to.

Wise is the baggage-smasher who wears a chest protector.

St. Louis maidens are now adorning their hats with mistletoe.

The polish on a man's coat doesn't help him to get into society.

When some men make mistakes they repeat them by way of apology.

Feminine complexions often resemble small boys; they won't wash.

The only way you can hurt some men is by striking them on the pocketbook.

This is the glad season of the year when the plumber gets square with the ice man.

It's a pity women can't strike out from the shoulder with her fist as well as with her tongue.

Better fish remain in the sea than ever were caught. The bride never weds the "best man."

The man who has enough money to enable him to live in idleness won't and the poor man who would can't.

A man seldom drops the coin of fairness into the slot of self-esteem for the purpose of ascertaining his moral avoirdupois.

"I do not object," said a forbearing man to his daughter, "to your trying to make yourself look like a man, but it disgusts me to see the kind of man you succeed in making yourself resemble."

It is fortunate for the country that the founders of the republic left all its honors open to the poor. Some of the men who have attained very high rank in statesmanship had no capacity to save money, and died in poverty. There has been more than one great senator who never paid taxes on an assessment of $2,000, and who never owned a home. And there have been very few great statesmen in this country whose names graced the lists of heavy taxpayers.

In refusing to pardon a city treasurer who violated his trust and was sent to the penitentiary, the governor of Washington lays down the proposition that convicts should be pardoned only when they are proven to have been innocent, and it is shown that the sentence was excessive, or when, while imprisoned, they are able to render the state some signal service. There may be other conditions that would warrant exercise of the pardoning power; but, leaving that out of the question, we are wholly in sympathy with a governor who declines to abuse it by freeing a man whose position, education and opportunities encouraged him to be everything but a thief. The trusted official who sins "against light and knowledge," not because of the spur of need, is, of all criminals, the one to be punished. Clemency toward such an one brings the laws into contempt.

It is generally supposed that the nuggets which are found in the river gravels of Klondike and other auriferous regions have been brought down by the rivers direct from the reefs in which the gold originally lay. Many practical miners and scientific men, however, have long been of opinion that this cannot be the case, for no masses of gold of so large a size were ever found in the reefs themselves. They believe, on the other hand, that the nuggets have grown where they are now found, just as a crystal of salt will grow in a strong brine; but with so insoluble a substance as gold it was difficult to understand how such growth could take place. Experiments carried out in Australia have shown that decaying vegetable matter will cause the deposition of gold from solutions of gold salts, but these salts are not known to occur in reefs. The mystery is now solved. A Slavonic chemist named Zdzigmody has just shown that gold itself can exist in a soluble form. By acting on a slightly alkaline solution of a gold salt with formaldehyde and submitting the product of dialysis he has succeeded in obtaining gold in a colloidal condition, in which state it is soluble in water and can be precipitated by the addition of common salt.

General Lord Kitchener persistently refuses to write a history of his Soudan campaign. "Let us have one general who has not written a book," he is reported to have said. An English writer says of him: "You cannot imagine the sirdar otherwise than as seeing the right thing and doing it. His precision is inhumanly unerring. He is more like a machine than a man. You feel that he ought to be patented and shown with pride at the Paris International exhibition: 'British Empire, exhibit No. 1: Hors concours—the Soudan machine.'"

Clergymen and others who are interested in the discussion of the question of allowing the opening of saloons on Sunday should remember that it is a practical and not sentimental question, and that it involves considerations of greater or less good and evil to the community and not of absolute good and evil. It is not strictly a question of temperance or of Sabbatarian observance, but of doing what can reasonably and beneficially be done in behalf of both and a better observance of the law.

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THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Bad Wreck on the Wabash—A Michigan Man Does Good Work at a Hotel Fire in Pittsburg—Other Items of Interest to Michigan Readers.

Wreck on the Wabash.

One of the worst smash-ups in the history of the eastern divisions of the Wabash took place at Belleville, when freight train No. 60 collided with another freight which was lying at the station waiting for another train from the east. The engineer reversed his engine and jumped, escaping uninjured, while the heavy freight went plowing its way into the rear end of the train lying at the station. The caboose of the first train was driven on the top of the engine of the rear train, and car after car was smashed and piled up. Fire was soon communicated from the engine to the caboose, and this together with five other cars were completely burned, and between 12 and 15 cars were more or less demolished in the smash-up. Fortunately no one was injured.

Michigan Hero at Pittsburg.

Robert N. Thompson, of Kalkaska, a salesman for the Cadillac Lumber Co., was the means of saving at least six lives in a hotel fire at Pittsburg. The fire originated from an explosion of gas. In the first moments after the explosion Mr. Thompson rushed into the hallway of the second floor and stumbled over the unconscious form of a woman whom he dragged into a reception room. Five others, three men and two women, who had been turned back from the stairway by the flames, were shrieking and fighting for some exit, when Thompson forced them all into the big room and locked the door. Knowing that it meant death to go into the hall, he fought the desperate men back until the arrival of the firemen, when all were rescued. Loss of property about $15,000.

Three More Escape From Ionia.

Three more convicts escaped from the Ionia prison. They were John Hubbard, sent from Montcalm county to serve two years and a half for larceny—was one of those who escaped a week ago, and was recaptured at Mulliken; Charles Tracy, Kalamazoo, three and one-half years for burglary; John Bruce, Lapeer, two years for burglary. They were locked in a hospital ward and as they were supposed to be sick were not watched closely. During the night they dug through a brick wall into the corridor, climbed to the top of the cell block, dug holes through the roof and escaped.

Another Sugar Beet Factory.

Two hundred farmers gathered at a half-way house near Mt. Clemens and listened to a talk on the culture of sugar beets by Prof. Smith, of the Michigan Agricultural college, and Supt. Petz, who is visiting this country in behalf of a sugar beet factory in Germany. The proposed factory is to be built on the M. H. Butler farm just outside the city limits, which is owned by A. T. Fisher, of Detroit. More than 1,000 acres have already been pledged in Huron and Warren townships and it is thought there will be no trouble in securing the balance.

Detroit's Bi-Centennial Celebration.

The committee having in charge the preliminaries for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Detroit has adopted the title "Bi-Centenary Celebration." The chief attraction is to be a great open-door exposition with Venetian and aquatic features. The site will be on the river bank and on the river. A committee has been appointed to investigate the middle ground west of Belle Isle, and if necessary to use it obtain permission from the war department. The proposed dates are May 1, to Nov. 1, 1901.

Their Accounts Shy.

Postmaster-General Smith reported to congress that the following Michigan postmasters, who went out of office during the past fiscal year, were delinquent in their postal account with the government: Delray, L. H. Belisle, $130.14; Fair Grove, H. L. Burrough, $109.50; Irving, Stephen Kennedy, $14. In money order accounts the outgoing postmasters of Bad Axe, Church, Coleman, Eastport, Hancock, Houghton, Novi, Rogers, Sunfield, Viola and Vulcan are reported shy a few dollars each.

A Second Judge Needed.

The business of the circuit court of St. Clair county has grown to such proportions that a second judge is needed, and the board of supervisors adopted a resolution asking the senator and representatives of their county to use their best endeavors to obtain the passage of a joint resolution, submitting to the voters at the spring election the question of amending the constitution to create the additional judgship.

Wm. Wonsey, victim of the explosion at the Marine City Favorite Salt works is dead. He leaves a widow.

The Pilgrim Congregational church of Lansing which was just completed has been destroyed by fire. Loss $12,000.

Auditor-General Dix is authority for the statement that the tax sales will be smaller this year by nearly one-third.

Circuit Judge George M. Buck, of Kalamazoo, is a candidate for re-election. B. F. Heckert, of Paw Paw, is also a candidate.

Articles of association for a beet sugar factory with headquarters at Benton Harbor, have been filed. Capital stock $200,000.

Niles citizens are working to secure free mail delivery, swelling the receipts of the office by buying stamps instead of money orders.

Gaylord can no longer boast of having one of the largest men in the state, as "Big Bill" Morton, who weighed nearly 400 pounds, is dead.

A series of revival meetings are in progress at Three Rivers. 'Tis said that the field for labor is a rich one as the devil has obtained a strong hold.

Ann Arbor figures out from the advance sheets of her new city directory that she has a population of 15,000, not counting the floating student residents.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

The opening session of the Michigan state legislature was absolutely uninteresting. In the senate after the drawing of seats the officers selected by the Republican caucus were elected with but very little opposition—the five Democrats voting for Charles A. Ward, of Ann Arbor, for president pro tem. After adopting the rules of 1897 the senate adjourned. In the house, after the representatives had secured their seats the officers chosen by the Republican caucus were formally elected. Speaker Adams made a speech. Wm. E. Gardner protested against the seating of Henry M. Schmidt, one of the Democratic members from Saginaw. Rep. Herrig, of Saginaw, presented the protest and it was received and filed. Schmidt was sworn in and the contest will come up later.

Rep. Colby, of Wayne, in the interests of the Pingree men, moved to amend the rules so as to allow the changing of any rule by a majority instead of a two-thirds vote. The object is to place the Pingree men in a position to force committees to report bills when desired. The motion was tabled and can be called up when most opportune.

Large crowds filled Representative hall to hear the reading of Gov. Pingree's message, which occupied about two and a half hours. There was very little applause, although close attention was given.

Sergeant-at-Arms Shepherd, of the house, was appointed as his assistants: Tyler Carmer, of Oceana county; John Torris, of Detroit, and Chas. S. Despres, of Grand Traverse.

Moses Parshelsky sergeant-at-arms has appointed Hugh C. Bentley, of Hancock, as his assistant. Bentley was in the 34th Michigan regiment.

The first bill to be noticed in this session of the legislature was the Atkinson bill, and it was noticed by Henry M. Cheever, of Wayne.

Reps. Chamberlain, Anderson, Gustin, Scully and Meier were appointed as a committee on the Schmidt-Gardiner contest from Saginaw.

STATE GOSSIP.

West Branch has been visited by a $17,000 fire.

Marshall is preparing for free delivery. It will require three carriers.

There are at present 102 prisoners serving life terms at the Jackson prison.

A steel range in a private house at Saginaw was made a total wreck by exploding.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 feet of logs will be cut this winter in Roscommon county.

Wildcats are plenty in the swamps in Roscommon county and hunters are making quite a stake. There is a bounty of $3 for every cat killed.

W. G. Emerick, of Saginaw, cashier of the American Commercial & Savings bank, resigned to organize the Saginaw Beet Sugar Co., with a capital of $250,000.

A proposition to bond Shiawassee county for $10,000 for the erection of a county building on the poor farm will be submitted to the voters at the next election.

The trial of John H. Gotschell, of Flint, charged with burning Leeland Aitkin's $5,000 barn in September, 1897, has been set for Jan. 16. There will be a bitter contest.

The Saginaw Valley Traction Co., with capital stock of $1,000,000 succeeds the Union and Consolidated street railways of Saginaw, and the Interurban line to Bay City.

The sewerage of Athens is so poor that a pond of water 100 feet long, 20 feet wide and a foot deep has formed on Main street, and the citizens utilize it for a skating park.

Sheriff Snow, of Kalamazoo, has raised the price of prisoners' board from 30 to 40 cents per day. If his bills are not allowed at the higher figure, he threatens to bring suit.

Loud and long is the wail from southern Michigan because of the discrimination of the new Lake Shore railroad time table against Detroit and favoring Toledo and Chicago.

Glenn Hyatt, of Battle Creek, 17 years old, and the sole support of a widowed mother, died of lockjaw. He accidentally shot himself in the left hand while handling a revolver.

Lottie Elwood, a young actress became despondent at Detroit and attempted suicide. John F. Frick, of Ypsilanti, an admirer of the girl then suicided by taking carbolic acid.

Rev. Miller, of the Ross Memorial church, Port Huron, has resigned. He recently denounced card playing and working on Sunday, and differences resulted among his parishioners.

Michigan will be represented by two men in the next graduating class at West Point Military academy. They are Leon B. Kromer, of Grand Rapids, and Thomas H. Jackson, of Ionia.

The Detroit Auditorium was packed to the doors on the night of the Sharkey-McCoy fight to listen to the returns of the big fight and witness the limited round events in which Colwell vs. Hammond and Casey vs. Scrivens took part. The latter were the stars of the big show.

The biennial report of the upper peninsula hospital for the insane, located at Newberry, shows the average daily cost of maintaining the inmates to have been 49.9 cents per capita. The cost decreases as the number of inmates increases. There are about 300 patients under treatment.

During 1898, the Flint & Pere Marquette railway steam car ferry Pere Marquette crossed Lake Michigan 810 times. Three ferries now run, and one or two more are said to be needed.

Rev. A. H. B. Nacy, for more than 10 years pastor of the Sacred Heart church at Hudson, will succeed the late Rev. Fr. John Francis Elsen as pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church at Grosse Pointe.

The St. Clair Mining company organized at Detroit with a capital stock of $50,000 to operate lead, zinc and copper mines at Joplin, Mo., have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

At present Belding is experiencing a boom. The new Sanitary Refrigator Co. have affected a permanent organization with a capital of $100,000. They expect to put 100 men at work inside of 30 days.

Swift & Co., of Chicago, are building a 12,000 ton ice house at Port Huron, where 10 men and a foreman will be employed the year round re-icing cars in transit.

A railroad bridge over the Detroit river at Detroit is surely a go, as the railroads have agreed for the equal and mutual enjoyment of the structure. The site has not yet been determined.

Owing to the failure of an air brake, two Michigan Central passenger trains came together in a head-on collision at Beebee's siding, wrecking the engines and blocking the track. Nobody seriously hurt.

Saginaw merchants are formulating plans whereby debts can be collected. They propose to have a bill introduced in the legislature by which any person earning $1 a day or over can be garnisheed for debt.

John G. Tucker, receiver of the Detroit & River St. Clair railroad, has issued another block of $35,000 worth of certificates, and the money will be used to pay up the indebtedness and complete the equipment.

Frankfort citizens are very wroth because the Ann Arbor railroad company makes South Frankfort its stopping place, and the Frankforters have to go three miles to catch a train or ship their freight. They will appeal to the state authorities.

Incendiary fires have occurred so frequently at Negaunee that the citizens are becoming desperate and threaten to lynch the firebugs if caught. The latest was the burning of the barn of the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co., with 300 tons of hay. Loss $8,000.

The Arenac County Farmers' institute will be held at Au Gres, Jan. 21 to 22. It will be conducted by C. B. Charles. Sugar beet raising will be one of the topics under discussion. The Bay County institute will be held Jan. 23 and 24 at Bay City.

Philip McDonald, a Chicago traveling salesman, was found walking about the streets of Iron Mountain with his throat cut. He was sent to a hospital and will recover. He used a hotel table knife with which to inflict the wounds. Booze, the cause.

While Vernon masons and 350 guests were dedicating a new temple the floor sank eight inches. A catastrophe was averted by Worshipful Master H. B. McLaughlin, who announced a fictition banquet across the street and succeeded in clearing the building.

Fred Linstead, charged with murderously assaulting James Davis, eluded the Port Huron police by disguising himself as a woman. He was arrested and jailed at Sarnia, and extradition proceedings are now necessary. He admits assaulting Davis, but denies that he robbed him.

Secretary Baker of the state health board, thinks the reporting and isolation of consumption overshadows all other Michigan sanitary work at the present time, not excepting the increase of railroad taxation. He says consumption annually causes a money loss of $3,000,000 to the state.

St. Dennis, owner of the grist mill at Clio, has a 99 year lease of a small lake and creek for water power use. As the lake affords the only ice within 10 miles, a number of ice cutters began harvesting their summer's supply, when to their surprise St. Dennis had them arrested. A warm time is expected.

The Massachusetts Consolidated Copper Mining Co. has perfected an organization at Houghton, with a capitalization of $2,500,000. Michigan directors: Thomas F. Cole, general superintendent of the Carnegie iron mines; Capt. Samuel Mitchell, Negaunee; Fred H. Bugle and Abraham Mathews, Marquette.

While John Dumass, Elmer and Emerson Freel were cutting timber near Deckerville, Dumass slipped on the ice, and his gun accidentally discharged, shooting Elmer through the right leg just above the knee, nearly cutting it off. A strap was buckled around the leg and the other boys carried him home.

St. Joseph county voters will be asked to vote at the next election on the proposition of raising $36,000 by taxation to build a new court house at Centerville, the present county seat. A scrap will doubtless follow as Three Rivers and Sturgis have been fighting over the disposition of the county buildings for the past three years.

John Gressel and Joseph Helzenecker, recently discharged by Heusel Bros., Ann Arbor bakers, were arrested on the charge of maliciously placing drugs in the flour and flooding the basement of the bakery. Gressel pleaded guilty and was given 60 days in jail. Helzenecker will stand trial on Jan. 9, although the confession of Gressel implicated him.

During the year 1898 the secretary of state collected $36,499.59 in franchise fees from corporations organized in the state. During the first week in January of this year the amount of such fees collected was $38,482.50.

A meeting for the purpose of establishing a sugar beet factory in the vicinity of Kalamazoo resulted in the farmers present pledging 1,000 acres for that purpose next season. The capitalists are ready to begin building the factory as soon as 3,500 acres are pledged. The organization was extended to include Van Buren, Allegan, Calhoun and St. Joseph counties. M. L. Robinson, of Kalamazoo, will give any information on the project desired.

The recent cold snap was the most severe of the season thus far, the mercury ranging from 3 degrees above to 12 below in different parts of state.

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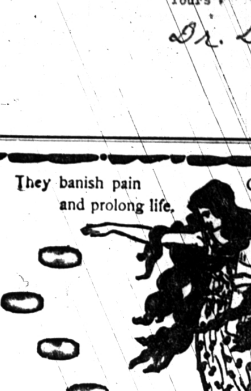

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