IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

Interesting Data Concerning Farmers Institutes — A Double Tragedy at Grand Rapids in Which a Former Business Man is the Central Figure.

State Land Subject to Entry.

The state land office is receiving a large number of inquiries about the various lands at the disposal of the state and the prices of the same. The land commissioner furnishes this information on application. On Oct. 1 the following acres of the various classes of land by counties were subject to entry:

Swamp land at $1.25 per acre.—A total of 71,662 40 acres located in Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lake, Leelanau, Mackinac, Menominee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Muskegon, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

Swamp land at $2 per acre.—A total of 4,179 12 acres in the counties of Antrim, Baraga, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Kalkaska, Midland, Missaukee, and Presque Isle.

Agricultural college land.—A total of 58,051 08 acres in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Cheboygan, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Otsego, Presque Isle and Schoolcraft.

Tax homestead land—A total of 260,445.52 acres in the counties of Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Arenac, Baraga, Clare, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Gratiot, Huron, Iron, Kalkaska, Lake, Mackinac, Manistee, Missaukee, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceola, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Schoolcraft.

There are 21 acres of salt spring land in Midland county, 160 acres of asylum land in Muskegon, and 240 acres of the same class of land in Newaygo county, and 40 acres of state building land in Ottawa county.

The above make a total of 395,798 12 acres of all classes of lands now at the disposal of the state. In accordance with a law enacted by the last legislature 171,000 acres of primary school land have recently been withdrawn from the market for reappraisement for the reason that most of it was being held under the former appraisement at to high a figure. This land is now being reappraised and will soon be restored to market at prices that, it is believed, will move it rapidly. Much of it is excellent for agricultural purposes.

The prices of swamp lands range from $1.25 to $8 per acre; school lands, $4; college lands, $3 to $12.50; university lands, $12; asylum, salt, spring and state building lands, $4.

Farmers' Institutes.

Supt. C. D. Smith, of the Agricultural college, has arranged the following two day farmers' institutes for December: December 4 and 5 at West Branch and Tustin; December 6 and 7 at Sherman, Stephenson and Gladstone; December 8 and 9 at Pomona, Gaylord and Iron River; December 11 and 12 at Cheboygan; December 12 and 13 at Manistique; December 13 and 14 at Norwood; December 14 and 15 at Mio; December 15 and 16 at Sault Ste. Marie and East Jordan; December 18 and 19 at Petoskey; December 19 and 20 at Kalkaska; December 20 and 21 at Chase; December 21 and 22 at Scottville. One-day institutes will begin 10 days earlier than the two-day institutes. Those for November will be held in the following counties on the dates named: Alpena, 20-21; Arenac, 22-23; Montcalm, 21-23; Muskegon, 24; Bay, 27-28; Charlevoix, December 4-7; Manistee, 4-7; Menominee, 5; Delta, 5; Isabella, 5-8; Ingham, 5-8; Kalkaska, 7; Oakland, 5-8; Grand Traverse, 8-9; Gratiot, 11-14; Alger, 12; Calhoun, 12-15; Mason, 12-15; Mecosta, 14-15; Newaygo, 14-16; Midland, 14-15; Luce, 18; Eaton, 19-22; Huron, 19-22. The towns in which these one-day institutes will be held have not yet been selected.

Double Tragedy at Grand Rapids.

Ira C. Hatch was the central figure in a double tragedy at Grand Rapids on the afternoon of the 20th. He shot Miss Ruby Sherman, with whom he had a lovers' quarrel, and then shot himself. The woman died instantly, and he succumbed a few hours later. The scene of the tragedy was in an assignation house and jealousy was inspired by her desire to get rid of him. The woman was about 27 years old and went to Grand Rapids a year ago from Nashville. Hatch was a son of the late Judge Hatch, one of the oldest settlers of the city, and was born in Grand Rapids in 1852.

Bears Plentiful in Benzie County.

Black bear are very numerous at present in the neighborhood of Oliver Hill, about six miles from Frankfort. They have become so tame of late that it is not an uncommon sight to see one or more shambling down the highway taking a morning constitutional or in search of breakfast or a late supper.

A Useful Gift to the U. of M.

Among the gifts to the general library of the University of Michigan recently received is one from the Turkish government, made through President Angell, ex-minister to Turkey. It consists of 168 volumes used for instruction in the primary schools of that country. The books are all in the Turkish language.

Ludington's $100,000 bond issue was sold for $2,000 premium, and now there is a row. It is claimed a Cleveland firm offered $4,500 premium.

Twenty-five car loads of sheep were unloaded at Vernon on the 18th. The owners intend to operate a big sheep ranch in Shiawassee county.

John F. V. Blake, who is frequently mentioned in the Transvaal war dispatches as captain in the Boer service, is a former Grand Rapids man.

Durand is putting on metropolitan airs. The houses will all be numbered, the names of streets shown by signs on the corners, and a directory issued.

Calhoun county must raise $165,593.92 by taxes this year, of which $67,773.25 will be used for state purposes and $67,720.67 for the county

Boiler Explosion at Ludington.

A terrible boiler explosion occurred at Ludington on the evening of the 19th which completely wrecked the electric light plant. The force of the explosion blew boards, iron sheeting and scattered fragments 200 feet into the air. One 16 foot tubular boiler was hurled 50 feet into the air and landed in the kitchen of a house one block distant. Four men were in the power plant when the explosion occurred, but all miraculously escaped injury. Low water is supposed to have caused the accident.

Three Oaks Woman Out $700.

Some time ago a man giving his name as Martin appeared at the Berrien county abstract office and secured an abstract of a title to a farm owned by Alanson G. Charles in Chikaming township. The stranger had a deed apparently properly made out and borrowed over $700 of Mrs. Anna Wells, of Three Oaks, giving a mortgage on the farm. It has developed that the deed was a forgery, and Mrs. Wells is loser of the entire amount. Martin cannot be found.

Smallpox at Benton Harbor.

For two weeks a strange disease has been baffling the doctors of Benton Harbor. The symptoms of the disease have in every case somewhat resembled smallpox in a mild form, and the disease was pronounced Cuban itch. The homes where the cases existed were placed under quarantine and carefully watched, and the disease is now confined to five houses, with 10 cases, and on the 23d the health officers pronounced the disease smallpox.

Another Murder in Detroit.

Early in the morning on the 15th while Joseph Merdian was a guest at a house of ill repute in Detroit, a quarrel between he and the landlady, Mrs. Emma Stevenson, was entered into which resulting in the woman pulling a revolver and shooting him Merdian lingered until the evening of the 18th when he died. Deceased was a married man. Mrs. Stevenson's trial is set for Oct. 27th.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Heavy rains in Genesee county have put out all the brush fires.

Mrs. Mary Featherstone, of Flint, celebrated her 102d birthday on the 23d.

The annual reunion of the 6th Michigan cavalry will take place at Ionia, Dec. 27.

There are five insane persons confined in the St. Clair county jail at Port Huron.

Leslie's water works plant is almost completed. Nearly two miles of mains have been laid.

Four new cases of diphtheria were reported to the health officer at Lansing on the 23d.

The assessed valuation of Genesee county, as equalized by the board of supervisors, is $20,000,000.

The village of Montrose has been incorporated. An election for village officers will be held Nov. 22.

It cost Ingham county $8,259.50 to support her poor last year and it has cost $3,774.92 so far this year.

The Michigan Telephone company is laying a cable across the straits from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace.

A barn near Memphis and also one at Caro were struck by lightning and burned to the ground on the 22d.

The Owosso coal mine will shortly add to its force of men. The men will be imported from Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Owing to the value of the hardwood forests in the upper peninsula a veneer factory will be established at Marquette.

William Spellman, alias Larry, one of the Richland bank robbers, was sentenced to 11 years at Jackson on the 23d.

St. Clair county supervisors have raised the price allowed the sheriff for board of prisoners from $1 to $3.50 per week.

The board of supervisors of Monroe county has granted the petition of the residents of Maybee to incorporate as a village.

The Carp River furnace, near Marquette, which has been idle for the past eight years, has resumed operations again.

Three saloon-keepers of Grand Ledge, who violated the law by keeping open on July 4 last, have each been fined $50 and costs.

Calhoun county received $2,200 in fines last year and paid out $2,289 for the relief of soldiers of the Spanish-American war.

Eugene McIntyre, of Ann Arbor, is the champion sparrow killer of Washtenaw county. He has killed 12,500 during the past summer.

It is reported that the smallpox plague in Saginaw county is spreading. Forty-two cases are reported in the quarantined district.

Norman Arsy, of Clarendon, reports killing a beef critter and finding in the stomach the inner tube of a bicycle tire some four feet long.

Several of the big beet sugar factories which have been built in various parts of the state the past year will begin operations this week.

Horse buyers who are now traveling through Shiawassee county complain of a great scarcity of animals for sale, even though the prices offered are high.

Wm. Gordon and David Moody, of Saline, now know when the hunting season opens, but it cost them a nice stiff fine for hunting out of season on the 18th.

The Commercial National bank of Detroit was awarded the contract for Monroe's municipal electric lighting bonds for $20,325. The bond issue is for $20,000.

Berrien Springs has almost landed that canning factory she has been after. The villagers subscribe for $5,000 worth of stock and provide a site, and in return get an industry which will be a good thing for the village and the farmers in the neighborhood.

From all over the state come complaints of shortage of freight cars to transport crops to market. Hay shippers have no chance whatever, all available cars being used for grain and apples, and even those commodities cannot be taken care of in proper shape.

The Port Huron Merchants & Manufacturers' association hereafter will take no false advertising schemes and patronize only the newspapers.

There are several cases of scarlet fever in Lawrence and Hartford, Van Buren county. Schools have been closed three weeks on account of diphtheria.

One day recently a poultry dealer at Breckinridge paid the farmers in that vicinity nearly $2,000 for one and a half carloads of poultry, which he shipped to Chicago.

Farmers in Ingham county in the vicinity of Bell Oak, are all agog over the reported discovery of oil in that township. Several options on farms have been secured by a prospector.

The supervisors of Jackson county have adopted a resolution that the "Beulah Home" farm in Leoni move out of the county before Jan. 1. The home was established to reclaim street arabs.

The supervisors of Delta county evidently believe that an annual fair is a good thing for the county, for they have appropriated $500 toward the maintenance of the county agricultural society.

Bay county supervisors have agreed to submit to the electors of that county at the April, 1900, election, the proposition to bond the county for $100,000 for the purpose of extending the stone roads system.

The average number of patients in the insane hospital of the University of Michigan for the summer of 1899 was 57.5 as against 48.25 for the previous year. This is an increase of about 17 per cent.

The contract for the new homeopathic hospital building at the University of Michigan has been let. The site for the hospital was a gift to the University from the city of Ann Arbor, costing the city $17,000.

It is reported that within a year at least 2,500 more men will be employed in the copper mines near Calumet. It is said that Calumet & Hecla alone will employ no less than 1,500 new men before the middle of next summer.

An old Indian woman hunting for ginseng, found the body of a middle-aged man in the woods between Boyne City and East Jordan. There were a lot of bones in some clothing. A bottle half full of laudanum indicates suicide.

The total registration of students in the University of Michigan on the 17th was 3,187. The largest enrollment is in the literary department, where 1,279 were registered; in the law department, 782, and the medical department, 460.

The remains of Samuel Horner, of Niles, was found in the St. Joseph river, near that village, on the 18th. When the body was recovered the pockets were found to contain large stones, which gives rise to a murder theory. Horner disappeared Oct. 9.

The secretary of the treasury on the 23d issued a warrant in favor of the governor of Michigan for $23,509, being the first installment of the amount due for expenses incurred by the state in aiding the United States to raise the volunteer army in the war with Spain.

Robt. McCurdy, who lives near Ann Arbor, claims to have been Bun-flammed. He was in Philadelphia recently and paid a big price for a horse that could trot a mile in 2:16. He ordered it shipped to Ann Arbor. The horse has arrived and is practically a worthless animal.

A daughter crime was committed near the village of Cascade, Kent county, on the evening of the 18th, when the 9-year-old daughter of J. W. Russ was seized on her way from school and assaulted. The child managed to reach home but was in a pitiable condition.

Attorney-General Oren has been asked to assist in the investigation of several apparently flagrant cases of fraudulent assessments in Roscommon county, where it is claimed certain supervisors have been ignoring the law and favoring the lumbering interests to an unusual degree.

Potato digging has been in progress in northern Michigan about two weeks, and the result is very disappointing to the farmers. The crop is not average by more than one-third of the yield of former years, and in many instances not more than 20 or 25 bushels to the acre is being obtained.

John H. Adams, of Homer, dropped about two spoonsfuls of gasoline into the bunghole of a cider barrel, with a view of burning out the bugs. He then touched a match to the vent, and has been unable to locate the barrel since. Mr. Adams is thankful that his life is spared to tell the story.

The state board of auditors vigorously deny that the state pledged itself to pay a bounty of $2.50 per month to men born in Michigan, who served in Cuba or the Philippines. A paragraph to that effect is going the rounds and many ex-soldiers have applied for blanks so as to obtain the bounty.

The building of the board of supervisors of Washtenaw county have decided to adopt five or six rooms in the upper story of the county house for a detention asylum for the insane until the patients can be accommodated at the overcrowded state institutions. The jail has been used heretofore.

Men are scarce in Oceana county. Farmers are offering $1.50 and $1.75 per day to dig potatoes and pick apples, and can't get help at these figures. The apple season is drawing to a close, after harvesting a large and profitable crop, but the potato digging has just commenced. The quality is good, but the average yield will only be about 65 bushels per acre, owing to the dry weather through July and August.

Oct. 22d was the first Sunday since the season of quail and partridge opened, and it is dollars to doughnuts there were more men out hunting for the birds than there was in church.

Some residents of Hartford petitioned the village council to pass a curfew ordinance to keep young people off the streets at night, but the councilmen were possessed of good sound horse sense and declared with emphasis that it was the business of parents to attend to their own children, and if they couldn't keep them at home nights there wasn't any use of the authorities trying to. The curfew ordinance was not passed.

The Barry County Agricultural society will clear about $1,250 over and above all expenses as a result of the county fair held at Hastings this year.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Montana's Oldest Inhabitants Agree That the Recent Fall of Snow was a Record Breaker for That State—A Bad Wreck on the Wabash.

Klondikers' Terrible Experiences.

After a voyage of 28 days from Cape Nome, during which two men died from starvation and others were half crazed from want of food and water, the schooner Hera arrived in port at Seattle, Wash., on the 24th with nearly 200 passengers on board. From the statement of passengers it is learned that the agent of the ship at Nome guaranteed them plenty of good provisions on the way down. They were charged $50 for their passage. When they were a few days out, meat, sugar and butter ran out. The menu consisted of salt pork and canned mutton. There was a little dried fruit, but only enough to supply the first three times, with dried peaches and twice with dried prunes. From that time on for nearly 24 days their food consisted of flour and coffee. There was plenty of flour, but the water was short. Four days before the boat reached Seattle the last of the unpalatable salt horse was consumed. Had it not been for rain storms which fell for a few days they would have been without water also.

Political Appointments Forbidden.

The postmaster-general has issued a formal warning to all postmasters against the levying of political assessments, and simultaneously the civil service commission has called attention to the law governing the subject, and of the commission's intention to enforce it. This general warning is similar to that issued heretofore prior to political campaigns, and, it is understood, follows complaints of specific violation of the law received from Ohio and other states where elections are to be held this year. A notice has also been promulgated, to be posted in all postoffices, directing employes that they are not obliged to make contributions for political purposes, and will not be molested or discriminated against for failure to so subscribe or contribute.

Chicago Man has 42 Wives.

Forty-two wives scattered throughout the world, four of whom are in Chicago, was the confession made on the 24th by Walter L. Farnsworth, a Chicago candy commission man, who was arrested the day before charged with bigamy. He admitted that he was a man of many aliases. "I cannot tell exactly how many women I have married, said he. "I know of 11 in Europe, four in China, three in Peru, one in England and over 20 others in different parts of the world, but to save my soul I could not tell how many. I married them for different reasons. I did not live long with them. They will all tell you I was good to them."

12 Feet of Snow in Montana.

A special from Helena, Mont., says that the northern part of the state is digging out from the snow. For four or five days recently snow came down almost unceasingly. At the town of Choteau, county seat of Teton county, it was 10 to 12 feet deep in drifts and at least three feet on the level. The oldest inhabitants agreed that nothing like this fall of snow has been seen in October for 20 years. Eight sheep herders are known to have perished and 15 more are missing and have been given up for lost.

Falls Heir to $80,000.

City Councilman J. L. Reilly, of Cleveland, has fallen heir to $80,000. Four years ago while in San Antonio, Tex., Mr. Reilly stopped a runaway team, probably saving the life of the driver, a wealthy farmer of Palmer, Tex., named John Wallace. His arm was so badly injured in the struggle that for a time amputation was thought to be necessary, but eventually it healed. On the 21st Mr. Reilly received notice from San Antonio that Mr. Wallace had died and left him a legacy of $80,000.

Another Kentucky Feud.

Tom Whitamore and Dan Parker were ambushed on the 23d on Horse creek, en route to Clay county circuit court at Manchester, Ky. The former was killed and the latter injured. Bob Travis was also killed at Hamlet. Circuit Judge Eversole, fearing assassination, did not go to Manchester and the opening of court was delayed. Griffins and Philipsons are present in large numbers, heavily armed. Manchester is crowded and the situation looks grave.

Wreck on the Wabash.

A bad wreck occurred on the Wabash road about four miles from Wabash, Ind., on the night of the 23d by which one man was killed and one fatally injured. Thirteen loaded cars broke loose from a freight train and ran down grade to a point where there is a sharp curve in the track. Another freight was coming west at a lively rate of speed and struck the cars with terrible force. The engine was thrown 20 feet from the track and the cars were smashed into splinters.

Astor's Big Sale.

William Waldorf Astor, according to reports that were current in Wall street, N. Y., on the 23d, has disposed of 30,000 shares of Chicago and Northwestern preferred, the market price of which is more than $200 a share. If the stock was disposed of for $200 a share it would mean a deal of $6,000,000.

In a fit of insanity Frank E. Babcock, a farmer residing near Redwood Fall, Minn., murdered his wife and three sons and then shot himself in the mouth, dying instantly.

Two excursion steamers plying between Chicago and St. Joe, will next season be fitted with stage and scenery, and patrons will be permitted to attend a theatrical performance while en route.

Baron Speck von Sternberg, German member of the Samoan commission, paid a visit to the United States embassy on the 18th. Later Ambassador White said to a reporter that negotiations have now been set on foot, which, doubtless, will result in an arrangement insuring peace in the islands and safeguarding the interests of the three powers.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

The Boers hoisted the flag of the Transvaal over Vryburg on Oct. 18, and are about issuing a proclamation that Bechanaland now forms part of the Transvaal. This is regarded as a move on the part of the Boers to induce the colonial Dutch to join the republic without incurring the risk hereafter of the charge of high treason if the Boers are ultimately defeated. Col. Kekewich, on hearing of it, immediately issued a proclamation notifying the people that if any British subjects were found assisting her majesty's enemies, either directly or indirectly, such person would be punished summarily as a base rebel. Several arrests of Cape Dutchmen have since been made.

The colonial office at London has received a cablegram stating that President Steyn of the Orange Free State has issued a proclamation announcing that part of Cape Colony which is north of the Vaal river. This means Griqualand west and Bechuanaland and is apparently in consequence of the Free State forces having seized the railway and all stations north of Kimberly, except Mafeking, unless Mafeking has fallen since the last news from there, which is now more than a week ago.

A special cable from London says: London was startled on the 24th by direct cheapers that the war office had deliberately suppressed news of a crushing British defeat at Glencoe, with heavy loss. The London correspondent of the Paris Temps says that the Boers were defeated in the novel attack on Glencoe and sustained such losses that the war office wishes to await news of another favorable engagement before announcing them.

Gen. Gatacre of the British forces made the latest strategical movement on the 24th and effected a junction of his forces with those of Sir George Stewart White, slightly to the north of Ladysmith. The two are now in a position to offer battle. The two sections of the Boer army, which outnumber the entire British force three to one, are now only 40 miles apart. Hence it will be necessary for the British forces to make swift and telling action.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, made a statement in the house of commons at London on the 23d on the question of the expenditure entailed by the Transvaal war. In part he said: "As British colonies had been invaded, he considered it to be consistent with all the laws of war that it was brought to a successful termination. The Transvaal taxpayer should at any rate have to bear part of the cost."

A fierce battle was fought between the British and Boers at Glencoe, Natal, on the 20th. The attack was made by the Boers at daylight and after a hard fight, lasting until 1:30 p. m. the Britishers succeeded in routing the enemy and capturing their artillery. The British loss was 250 or 300 killed and wounded while the Boers suffered a loss of 800 or 900.

Mrs. Fred Lingham, of Belleville, Ont., has presented a silken flag to the Belleville detachment of the Canadian contingent going to the Transvaal and promises the Belleville man who places it on the walls of the Pretoria jail, where the national flag was confined by the Boers during the Jamieson raid, shall receive the finest gold watch purchasable in Canada.

Secretary Chamberlain, in addressing the house of commons on the 19th, made a strong language in defense of his conduct that the speaker made him withdraw some of it. He was condemned by members of the opposition, but the vote showed a big majority for the government.

Notwithstanding the fact that a fund of $135,000 has been raised for Transvaal refugees, in London, a petition has been addressed to the lord mayor asking that a fund for the widows and orphans of heroes of the war be opened.

At Ladysmith on the 18th the only thing that saved the British from falling prisoners was the timely work of a Maxim gun, which held the Boers in check and permitted the enemy to retreat to a more comfortable position.

In a second attack on Glencoe on the 22d 300 Burghers were killed and wounded. The Boers were compelled to make a disorderly retreat over the plains, many prisoners and horses being captured.

The official London dispatch says that the British casualties at the battle of Elandslaagte was 72 killed and 175 wounded, grand total, 247. Two men are also missing.

Word has been received of a big slaughter of Boers near Mafeking, when 1,500 were led into a death trap and the mines exploded at the hands of the British.

The 21st Essex, Ont., Fusiliers will be entitled to send eight men of the 1,000 that the Canadian government will send to Britain's aid in the Transvaal.

Elandslaagte, a Boer position, was taken by the English on the 22d. It is reported that they also captured the Boers' wagons, equipment, horses and wagons.

The prisoners who were captured when the armored train was destroyed by the Boers at Kraaipan are now reported alive and well treated.

The house of commons by a vote of 271 against 32 on the 20th, decided to appropriate $50,000,000 to be used in the war against the Boers.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Fourteen buildings were destroyed by fire at Chicago on the 22d, entailing a loss of $120,000 and painfully injuring 12 persons.

A Rock Island train struck a wagon containing a party going to a charivari near Seymour, Ia., on the 18th and killed one person and injured nine others.

Four men are known to be dead, and probably eight more perished in Teton county, Mont., in a recent snow storm. The dead are all sheep herders. The snow is four feet deep on the level in parts of the county.

In accordance with action taken last year this year's annual meetings of the various state live stock associations, which have always heretofore been held in Lansing, will be held in Detroit. The dates have been set for Dec. 19, 20 and 21, so as to avoid conflicting with the annual sessions of the State Grange and State Association of Farmers' clubs.

WAR NOTES.

A special from Washington says that these important military appointments have been decided upon: Brig.-Gen. John C. Bates, U. S. V., and colonel of the 3d infantry, regular army, to be major-general of volunteers to fill the original vacancy caused by the increase in the enlisted force; Maj.-Gen. H. W. Lawton, U. S. V., and colonel of the inspector-general's department, regular army, to be major-general of the regular army, vice Burke, retired; Brig.-Gen. Frederick Funston, U. S. V., to be retained as brigadier-general of volunteers, to fill the original vacancy caused by the increase in the enlisted force.

The insurgents around Calamba and Angeles have bothered the Americans lately with their repeated attacks, like most of the Filipino attacks, consistent of the shooting of a lot of ammunition into their opponents' camp from long range. Maj. Chatham's battalion of the 37th infantry, three companies of the 21st infantry, a battery of the 5th artillery and a gatling gun sailed out on the morning of the 23d from Calamba, drove the Filipinos from their trenches and pursued them for three miles, inflicting heavy loss on them. One American was killed and three were wounded.

Director of Posts Vaille at Manila has sent to Postmaster-General Smith at Washington, a letter entering an absolute denial of a published charge of censorship of the mails at Manila. Mr. Vaille says: "I wish to state positively that there has never been a single letter for the states opened in this office or by anyone after it was mailed at this office and before its dispatch to the states. It is inexcusable for anyone connected with the army in Manila to make the assertion that there was any censorship of the mails."

A special from Washington says that the belief at the war department is that the series of promotions and retirements following Shafter's removal from the active list, will result in Gen. Lawton getting the brigadier-generalship and that the next vacancy in that rank, in January, 1900, following the retirement of Gen. Anderson will be filled by Gen. MacArthur.

Three insurgent officers entered Angeles on the 24th and applied to Gen. MacArthur for permission for a Filipino commission, headed by a Filipino major-general, to visit Gen. Otis, in order to discuss peace terms and arrange for the delivery of more American prisoners, as yet, it is said, no consideration methods for the release of the Spanish prisoners.

The steamer Senator, which brought the 51st Iowa volunteers from Manila, and about which considerable anxiety was entertained, fearing she might have been caught in a typhoon, arrived at San Francisco on the 22d. All the men are well and experienced no sickness aboard ship.

The latest from the battle fields is to the effect that Gen. Rio Del Pilar has offered to surrender his army and deliver Aguinaldo to Gen. Otis for $500,000. He also circulates a rumor that if Otis declines to buy him off that he will enter Manila and kidnap him.

Gen. Young's advance guard of Gen. Lawton's column entered San Isidro on the 19th. One American was killed and three wounded. Gen. Pio del Pilar commanded the Filipinos. Their loss is unknown. One Spaniard and 15 insurrectos were captured.

An American officer was killed and two men were wounded by the Filipinos in an attack on a launch with Gen. Lawton's exposition in the Rio Chiquita, near San Isidro, on the 22d.

Scouting detachment, 36th infantry, on the 22d encountered insurgents southwest of Santa Rita, scattering them, killing six, capturing eight, and ten rifles. No casualties.

It is understood in military circles that Secretary of War Root in his annual report will recommend the establishing of a regular army composed of 100,000 men.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

New York—	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
Beef grades	$4 15@5 85	$4 00	$6 75	$4 75
Lower grades	3 25@5 00	2 50	4 75	4 65
Chicago—				
Beef grades	5 00@5 75	3 75	5 25	4 45
Lower grades	4 00@5 50	3 25	3 75	4 10
Detroit—				
Beef grades	4 00@5 50	3 50	4 65	4 23
Lower grades	2 50@4 75	2 40	3 75	4 00
Buffalo—				
Beef grades	4 00@5 00	4 25	5 50	4 60
Lower grades	3 00@4 00	3 60	5 00	4 25
Cincinnati—				
Beef grades	5 35@5 75	3 90	5 15	4 40
Lower grades	4 40@5 00	2 60	5 00	4 10
Pittsburg—				
Beef grades	5 02@5 00	4 40	5 25	4 50
Lower grades	3 75@4 92	3 00	5 00	4 21

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No 2 red	Corn, No 2 mix	Oats, No 2 white
New York	73@73¼	37@37¼	29@29¾
Chicago	72@72¼	36@36¼	22@22¾
*Detroit	70 70¼	35@35¼	26@26¾
Toledo	71@71¼	34@ 4	23@23¼
Cincinnati	71 71¼	35@35¼	2 @23¼
Pittsburg	72@72¼	37@37¼	26@26¾
Buffalo	71 71¼	36@ 6¼	27@27¾

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 timothy, $11 00 @ 12 00 New Potatoes, 45c per bu. Live Poultry—spring chickens, 8 @ 9c per lb; fowls, 7c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 7c; geese, 6c. Butter—Creamery, fresh, 16c per lb; dairy, 17c per lb; creamery, 2 c.

On the 18th 19 insurance companies doing business in Missouri each paid a fine of $1,000. The fine was for the violation of the anti-trust laws.

The assessed valuation of Saginaw county as reported by the commissioner on equalization is $27,637,357, of which $2,914,624 is personal property.

The America's cup will not cross the ocean this year on the Shamrock. On the 20th the Columbia won the third and last race necessary to hold the cup, having won the three straight races. In the last race the American flyer crossed the finish line a mile ahead of the challenger.

A cold-blooded double murder, evidently committed for the sole purpose of robbery, has come to light at Lynn Camp Creek, Hart county, Ky. The victims were an old woman named Mrs. Sis Pepper and her grandson. The remains of the old lady was terribly mangled, having been chopped almost to pieces with an ax.

Sis Thomas Lipton of the Shamrock announces that he will issue another challenge for a race in 1901. It is proposed that new boat will be made 20 minutes faster than the Shamrock, and will cost $500,000.

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THE SUMMER'S OUTING.

A Traveler Tells About the Beauties of a Trip to the Coast.

During these long evenings of fall and winter, many a plan will be laid for the bright warm days of summer, coming bye and bye, when Nature again assumes her lighter garments and decks herself in green of field and flame of flower, appropriate dressing for her midsummer mood.

Plans made in advance are most apt to be realized and be as fruitful of results as expectancy painted them. If I were to place before the readers of this paper an ideal outing for the summer, I would direct their attention to the scenic division of the country, where the eye may be pleased, the mind broadened by contrast with Nature, and where health giving winds blow away the miasmi from dulling minds as well as aching bones. A tour of the West is one of the most cherished hopes of the rich traveler and equally is the more humble, but provident clerk, or artisan entitled to enjoy the awakening of the senses caused by revelations of countries new to him. "The Overland Route" comprises the scenic and historic plains and mountains lying between the Mississippi River and Western Slope. Great minds have dwelt upon the romances of the old trails and wrought into story and song the incidents of travel, dangerous and, in the early days, not free from intense suffering. Greater minds have spanned the trackless waste with rails of steel and placed upon them puffing leviathans from the shops, and attached to these magnificent palace cars and all the appurtenances of "comfort while traveling. The "Overland Route" is the name adopted by the Union Pacific system which crosses the now fertile, once arid plains of Kansas and Colorado, invades the awe inspiring canons, deep and forbidding, but wonderfully attractive, as danger ever is, passes under frowning cliffs and around giant promontories, climbs and reaching toward the skies, not unlike sentinels, which protect the secret of the mine until men's necessities make the uncovering useful for the people. There is no grander scenery than that which the Union Pacific traverses between Denver and the surrounding points, and in its Westward course, through Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The Colorado parks are themselves a revelation to the uninitiated and Salt Lake and its environs afford study and entertainment and pleasure for bright minds. "The Coast" are words which have an indefinite meaning to those who have never visited the Western outpost of our prosperity and advancing civilization, but it should be seen and known, and now, while there is time to study about the country, is the time to lay your plans. No more enjoyable outing can be than that found in all the standard guide books describing the Union Pacific trip to the Pacific coast.

A Remarkable Career.

Jno. M. Smyth, head of the great house of Jno. M. Smyth Co., of Chicago, commenced life in a very humble way, but by dint of hard work and great business ability has built up the largest concern of its kind in the world. His name is a synonym for honesty and fair dealing. The great guitar bargain shown in another column of this paper should be of interest to those who are musically inclined, and their mammoth catalogue of everything to eat, wear or use should be in the hands of everyone.

A Flash from the Khedive.

A well-known Englishman, Nassau Senior, whose wife was a sister of the author of "Tom Brown's School Days," used to keep diaries in which he wrote down all the conversations he heard. On one occasion he was presented to the late khedive, who had been warned of this little habit. "Oh, yes, I see," said his highness, "Mr. Senior is the trumpet, and I am to blow down it."

A Miscalculation.

The father-in-law (sarcastically)—Isn't it pretty soon in the day to borrow money from me? Why, you've been back from your wedding trip only three days. The Bridegroom—I know it, sir, but when we started out I had no idea that the wedding trip would fall so near the end of the month.

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