IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

A Holland Drunkard Killed His Wife and Tried to End His Own Existence—Safe Crackers Got $2,000 at Brooklyn—Other Items.

Murder and Suicide at Holland.

At noon on the 21st Alex Crawford, of Holland, shot and killed his wife and then sent a bullet through his own brain. Crawford was a worthless, hard drinking man of 40 years, and as he did not support his wife she refused to live with him. Mrs. Crawford, who was a respected woman of 38 years, earned her own living by dressmaking. On the day of the tragedy Crawford met her by appointment at a friend's house to settle some matter of contention. Calling her to the door he caught hold of her and a terrible struggle ensued. He fired a 32-caliber revolver twice without inflicting a scratch on the struggling woman, but the third time placed the weapon close to her left temple and fired, and his victim sank to the ground. Without hesitation he turned the revolver on himself and dropped beside his victim. Mrs. Crawford lived 20 minutes, and the perpetrator of the crime has no chance of recovery.

Kidnaped and Beaten.

Farm Crawford, of Sheridan township, Newaygo county, a worthy citizen, is alleged to have been kidnaped from home on the evening of the 7th by Frank Downing and his wife, living near Kalamazoo, who, it is said, took Crawford under pretext of a guide, drove to an unfrequented spot, when Downing tried to chloroform Crawford, who jumped from the carriage. Downing is charged with firing six shots at him, but one taking effect. He then caught Crawford and is said to have pummeled him most to death, forcing him to admit that he had assaulted his wife before marriage. He then, it is alleged, bound Crawford and drove to Fremont, telling the officer he had a prisoner. Downing was arrested and brought to Newaygo. The case is shrouded in mystery.

Robbers Made a Good Haul at Brooklyn.

The safe in the Exchange Savings bank at Brooklyn was blown open by burglars early on the morning of the 21st, and over $2,000 in currency stolen. The job was the work of three men. Entrance to the bank building was made by breaking the transom window over the front door. This transom is a little more than six feet from the sidewalk and it is supposed that one of the men stood upon the shoulders of the other two men while he broke out the glass, and then crawled inside and tore off the bolts which fastened the door, admitting his companions. The institution is protected by burglar insurance and will lose nothing.

Remarkable Surgical Operation.

The 5-year-old son of Wm. Sutherland, of Kalamazoo, has successfully undergone a very unusual surgical operation. The little fellow was known to be suffering from some intestinal trouble, and the knife revealed two large cancers, half on the small intestine and half on the large intestine and appendix. About a foot and a half of the bowels were removed and the ends joined with a button. The moment the little fellow came out from under the chloroform he jumped up crying "Oh, how hungry I am." The patient is improving rapidly and no signs of discouraging symptoms are apparent.

Washtenaw's Assessed Valuation.

The register of deeds and county treasurer have completed and forwarded to the state tax commission the required report as to the assessed valuation of property transferred in Washtenaw county during the year ending 1900, 1894 and 1898. During the year ending July 1, 1899, there were 610 transfers in Washtenaw real estate, aggregating $840,726. The assessed value of the property thus transferred was $777,089, indicating that the real estate in that county is assessed at 87 per cent of its cash value.

They Want to Appoint Their Own Man.

Pursuant to the action of the state in appointing a tare official to protect the farmers and growers of sugar beets at the Wolverine beet sugar factory at Benton Harbor, trouble appears inevitable, as the Wolverine company claims the state has nothing to do with the matter and refuses to admit the state official, Wm. Quinlan, to the establishment. The manufacturers claim the right to appoint the tare man.

Are Pushing the Work.

The tracklayers on the extension of the Lowell & Hastings railroad from Lowell to Greenville have gotten as far as Belding, and the work is going along at such a rate that it is expected that the first train can be run over the road by December 1. The opening of the new line means much to Belding, which has heretofore had no railroad connection with the outside world except a little stub from the main line of the Detroit, Grand Rapids & Western.

Killed Three Deer in Less Than a Minute.

Cash Centela, the 12-year-old son of a Polish farmer of near Alpena, destinguished himself on the 16th by killing three large buck deer in less time than a minute, and would have killed a doe inside of the minute's time he had not run out of shells. He was stationed on a runway and as the bucks came bounding along he dropped all three. Each of the bucks weighed over 200 pounds. The doe was subsequently shot by Centela's brother.

Farmers around Ridgeway complain of the Hessian fly in their wheat.

Ex-Patrolman James J. Spillane, of Detroit, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor about midnight on the 19th.

The complexion of the common council at Port Huron was not changed by the recent election. It still has a Republican majority.

Petitions are now being circulated, and liberally signed, at Morenci, to bring up the question of bonding the village for a system of water works at the spring election. Electric lights are also being talked of and that question will probably be also voted upon at the same time.

STATE GOSSIP.

Port Huron Democrats are after the next state convention.

A white deer was shot nine miles east of Gaylord on the 16th.

Van Buren's local option law is to be tested in the supreme court.

Many deer, lynx, wildcats, etc., are being killed around Standish this fall.

The Galt house, an old land mark at Niles, was reduced to ashes on the 19th.

By the explosion of a lamp $9,000 worth of property at Ann Arbor was destroyed on the 19th.

Alpena is to have a new factory, which will manufacture starch, bluing and other grocery staples.

Chicken thieves have commenced their annual crusade against the roosts in the vicinity of Royal Oak.

Northville has secured a linoleum and curtain shade factory. The company is capitalized at $50,000.

Another case of smallpox is reported at Coldwater, and it is feared that a public epidemic is about to break out.

New machinery to the amount of $1,475 has been purchased for the engineering shops of the U. of M.

John Page, aged 76, of Hillsdale, was sentenced to six years at Ionia on the 21st for burning a barn in 1898.

Durand has received notice of her $30,000 waterworks bonds to a Chicago firm, receiving $7,000 premium therefor.

The school population of Eaton county is 8,111. Charlotte leads with 957, Oneida has 552 and Sunfield 630.

Chas. G. Cavanaugh, of St. Ignace, who was editor and publisher of the St. Ignace Voice for 7 years, is dead.

On the 14th a Holly train shipped 15,000 pounds of dead to Philadelphia. It is probably the largest shipment ever made in Oakland county.

Walter Witchell, of Escanaba, fell into a vat of boiling water at the Escanaba Waterworks and was instantly killed on the 14th.

An effort has been made to take effect February 1 next, establishing free delivery at Monroe, with three carriers and 15 letter boxes.

The continued springlike weather is a blessing for farmers to finish their husking, as the crop is unusually heavy in most sections of the state.

The soil around Three Rivers must be very poor. One fruit grower near there has spent $7,000 for fertilizers for his land in the past four years.

A flouring mill will soon be in operation again at Lake Odessa, a new mill having been built on the site of the one that was burned last winter.

Northville is to have a bell foundry again, a company having been organized and the buildings, patterns etc., of the old bell company purchased.

There have been a number of cases of appendicitis in Morenci the past three months. Nine than 18 cases—three of them fatal—have been reported.

An operation performed on Jellihad Jolison, of Kalamazoo, showed the lungs to be lined with a stone-like substance nearly an inch thick, and hard, as iron.

Contrary to the announced made last spring that the state treasury would be "busted" about this date, there is in reality $761,377.61 to the credit of the several funds.

Surveyors are now at work laying out a route for the extension of the South Haven & Eastern railroad from Lawton, the present eastern terminus, to Schoolcraft.

Marquette's county clerk has issued 1,023 deer licenses this season and could issue more if he had them. The secretary of state reports that he has no more to give out.

The apple evaporators at Bloomingdale have closed their season's business. During the last three months they have paid out over $15,000 to farmers for apples and to their employes.

Allegan may get a pickle factory before next season, which would be a good thing for farmers of that vicinity, furnishing them a market for all the cucumbers they might grow.

C. R. Ferguson, of Almont, raised 20 acres of chicory this year by way of experiment, and got nearly $1,500 for the crop. It went over 12 tons to the acre, and brought $6 per ton.

Emerson A Holmes, proprietor of the Cross Roads Weekly, got six cents damages from the 25 Metamora citizens he sued for libel. Judge Smith directed the jury to bring in the verdict.

A lady in Oakland township is the mother of twins—a girl and a boy. She has named the boy Henry and the girl Etta, and when she speaks of them collectively she calls them Henrietta.

Burglars entered the house of S. W. Reed at Big Rapids on the night of the 14th and stole $1,165 in cold cash. He was awakened, but before he got down stairs the thieves had fled.

The ministers of Flint are protesting against the practice which requires them to officiate gratuitously at funerals of persons who never had any use for churches of ministers while living.

Before the recent rains the farmers were averse to driving on the new stone road recently made into Capac, but since then they now are glad to use it, and it is the making of a fine road bed.

During the month of October 92 samples of food products were analyzed by the state pure food commissioner. Forty-three samples were proved pure and 49 adulterated. There are 13 cases brought by the commissioner for violating the pure food laws now pending.

The proposition of the Kalamazoo Electric Co. to take the city electric lighting plant off their hands and furnish the city with lights, furnished from the Allegan Gas Light Co. has been discussed sometime by the city council of Kalamazoo, and will probably submit the matter to the people at the spring election.

The work of laying steel on the Rapid Railway company's new extension between Marine City and St. Clair has been commenced. New depots are being built at Algonac and Marine City and the machinery is being placed in the new power house at New Baltimore. About 500 men are employed and work is being pushed all along the line.

The surveying of the route of the proposed electric railroad from Traverse City to Old Mission has been completed. The road will be 17 miles long and will be a great factor in developing the peninsula which it will traverse.

The long continued warm weather has practically ruined the apples of farmers around Belding, and now their potatoes are beginning to rot in the pits where they have been placed for the winter.

Thomas Goedert, convicted in circuit court at Menominee of assaulting Mrs. Mares, an aged lady residing on a farm in Menominee county, has been sentenced to 25 years in the branch prison at Marquette.

Mrs. Emma Jameson, of Grand Rapids, who has been suing Robt. Ramsey, the Portland bridge contractor, for $10,000 for an alleged breach of promise, has lost her suit. It is thought the case will go to the supreme court.

The electric railway which is to run between Rochester and Orion will, if some unforeseen delay does not occur, be in operation by the first of the new year. The roadbed is now graded to within less than six miles of Orion.

Ottawa county boasts of two centenarian residents, both women. Mrs. Ostrosier, of Port Sheldon, the elder of the two, has 108 years to her credit, and Mrs. Sylvia Duram, of near Coopersville, is a good second at 103 years.

Not many poor farmers in the state can boast of raising all their own vegetables, grain, butter and eggs. The Ottawa county farm does and has a surplus of nearly everything raised to sell. And there are 40 inmates there, too.

An old law seldom used was enforced, at Brighton the other day when a farmer was brought before a justice on a charge of cruelty to turkeys. 12 of which he had sold by the legs so they could not run away. He was fined $5 and costs.

Iosco county residents want a grand jury to investigate charges against officers of the defunct State Savings bank of East Tawas, officers of a building loan association and a county official, against whom serious charges are floating around.

The chances are good for the location at Bellaire of a canning factory which will give employment to 150 hands during the autumn season, besides providing a market for the tomatoes, beans, apples and other products of the farms in the vicinity.

Calhoun county farmers seem to be alive to the benefits of rural free delivery of mail, as petitions are being circulated in a number of townships asking that the service be established. Nearly every farmer who is applied to signs the petitions.

Corunna has a bread war started by a new baker in town named Hayes. He has cut the price to three cents a loaf and another baker has come him one better by offering the same price and a ruffle of one cent when the paper sack is returned.

A movement has been started in Gratiot county to agitate for submission at the spring election of the question of local option for the county. The petitions requesting such submission must be signed by at least one-third of the voters in the county.

James Harwood, while hunting in the hills 12 miles south of St. Joseph, shot and killed a large panther. The animal had been in the vicinity for years, and it is believed that Albert Croll, who disappeared a few years ago, was killed by the brute.

At the Michigan State Sunday School convention, which closed at Battle Creek on the 16th, Kalamazoo county won the prize banner contest; Grand Traverse second, Hillsdale third, Calhoun fourth and Gratiot fifth. Wayne county led in amounts pledged.

Big Rapids grocers are having a price-cutting war, and the residents of the city are showing their appreciation of the state of affairs by investing all their surplus funds in staple groceries, many of which are being sold at less than they usually cost the grocers.

The body of Peter Frank, an aged farmer residing about seven miles southwest of White Pigeon, just across the Indiana line, was found on the 16th by a neighbor, lying in the brush near Pigeon river, on the Michigan side of the line. A coroner's jury was summoned from Mottville, who came to the decision that death was caused by apoplexy.

Charles Sheldon, of St. Johns, has a pet fox which he thought was about the cutest little pet that ever meandered down the highway until he got loose and depopulated several henroosts in the neighborhood and he had to foot the bill for damages presented by the owners of the deceased fowls. Now the fox isn't so cute but what he would sell it for 30 cents.

Commissioner General of Education Harris, of Washington, in his annual report to the secretary of the interior, says the common school statistics for 1897-98 show the pupils enrolled in the public schools of Michigan to number 496,025, and the number of teachers 15,673. The value of school property is $18,138,589. The total expenditures for school purposes was $6,781,000.

Frank Taylor, of Mayfield, returned from the upper peninsula on the 15th, having cut short his hunting trip. While hunting deer on Nov. 14 he heard a shot and felt a shock which nearly threw him off balance. After recovering his equilibrium, he took an inventory and found a large bullet hole through his hat and a groove cut along his scalp where the bullet passed. He was evidently taken for a deer.

William Scott, owns a four-story brick block on the principal corner in Stanton and in it is located the opera house. A few days ago a slander suit resulted in a judgement of $500 and costs against the owner. The jury gave the demolition of his building, "for spite," he says, though just how the destruction of his own property is going to spite the people who won the suit against him is what the good people of Stanton can't figure out. Although nearly 80 years of age, he is superintending and assisting the workmen who are tearing down the building.

A continuous procession of refugees is entering Panigue from the north, indicating the proximity of other American troops, probably off the railroad line. These refugees say that the insurgents have not known which way to turn with the Americans occupying so many places in the north. Panique is a rich sugar town. Some of the wealthy Chinese and the poorer natives fled at the first approach of our troops, but they are now confidently returning. The rain has ceased, the weather is fine and the country is drying rapidly.

Chicago building contractors will fight labor unions.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Something of the Hardships of War From a New Point of View—Philadelphia Citizens Protest Against the Liberty Bell Going on Junketing Trips.

Legs Supplied to 27 Soldiers.

The government is engaged in the artificial limb business on a large scale, being under obligation to furnish these helps to every soldier who loses leg or arm in the service. During the last fiscal year there were provided by Surgeon-General Sternberg 27 artifical legs, four arms, one foot and 149 other appliances for disabled soldiers, including the fitting of 1,088 trusses. Provisional hospital treated during the year 1,356 soldiers, and the hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., 187. These figures show something of the hardships of war service from a new point of view. The number of medical officers in the army at the breaking out of the Spanish war was 192. On the 30th of last June there were 393 assistant surgeons, 96 from civil life. During the Spanish war, and up to July 31, this year, 1,563 female nurses were employed by the government. About 700 are now in the service.

The Liberty Bell.

The city of Philadelphia is becoming weary of the Liberty Bell, which is and the old liberty bell junketing across the country from one point to another, to help in the observance of this, that, or the other day, and there are signs that the end is in sight of this kind of performance. The first to protest comes from Boston, which thinks it cannot properly observe the 125th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill without having the old liberty bell on hand. The Hub wants to include the most precious relic of the Republic and if the practice of sending it hither and thither on the request of cities and towns on occasions is to be indulged in without restraint, there will come a day when the bell will be destroyed.

The President at Work on His Message.

President McKinley expects to complete his message to congress within the next few days. He has outlined the salient points of it to the members of his cabinet, and a practical agreement has been reached as to all questions of policy. The determination to retain the Philippines, it is said, is fixed, and with the support of the people of so that congress may have no doubt as to the position of the administration in regard to the matter. According to present intentions the President will leave the question of civil government in Cuba for the consideration of congress, but will recommend immediate attention to the necessity for a stable territorial government of some kind for Porto Rico and Hawaii.

Fire on the Ocean.

The Hamburg-American steamer Patria, which left New York, Nov. 4, for Hamburg, was destroyed by fire on the 14th while at sea. All the passengers were rescued and taken to Dover. The Russian steamer Ceres sighted the Patria, showing signals of distress and demanding immediate help, about 12 miles from North Hinder lightship. Putting on full steam, the Ceres soon reached the Patria and something had learned that Capt. Frohlich was in urgent need of assistance. The boats were got out and with great difficulty all the Patria's passengers, numbering 150, were transferred to the Ceres, which proceeded for Dover, where she arrived just before midnight.

Wholesale Slaughter at Chicago.

A wholesale slaughter of human beings was committed at Chicago on Nov. 17, when Cornelius Corcoran shot and killed three of his children and fatally wounded the fourth and then killed himself. A few days before Corcoran administered laudanum to his five children. He claimed the poison was given them by mistake and was not molested by the authorities. One of the children, however, dying from the effects of the poison had lived previous to the shooting. The man was insane.

Hawaiian School System.

The active encouragement of education in our new colonial possessions is urged, and the present educational system in Hawaii commended in the annual report of the commissioner of education for the fiscal year just closed. The Hawaiian school system is described as remarkable for its completeness, and it is pointed out that out of a total population of 109,020 in 1896, the school enrollment was 14,522.

Xmas Boxes for Soldiers.

Christmas boxes for soldiers in Cuba and Porto Rico must not weigh over 20 pounds apiece and must be delivered to Maj F B Jones, Pier 22, Columbia Stores, Brooklyn, prior to Dec. 15. These boxes will go south on the government army transports free and will be delivered to the soldiers through the transportation facilities of the commissariat.

The whaling fleet now on its way home will bring a revenue to San Francisco of about $1,500,000. The total catch of the nine vessels is 153 whales.

The Democratic national campaign for 1900 was practically inaugurated on the 20th when the members of the national Democratic executive committee met in secret session in Chicago. The campaign of 1900 will cost less by one-half than that of 1896. However a big delegation from Milwaukee, Kansas City and Cincinnati was present and proclaimed the advantages of their respective cities.

Lady Salisbury, wife of the premier of England, who had been in ill-health for a long time past, suffering a second stroke of paralysis in July last, died on the 20th.

Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, who has been preaching at Kansas City, Mo., to thousands nightly, was stricken down with heart trouble on the 17th. His engagement was necessarily cut short, and he was obliged to return to his home at Northfield, Mass.

George Ishee, a half-breed Indian of near Oil City, Ky., returned home from work the other day and found his wife and Albert James in a compromising position. Without a word Ishee sharpened his ax, waylaid James and completely severed his head from his body.

The village of Port Essington, B. C., was wiped out by fire on the 15th.

WAR NOTES.

Thirty insurgents under a major escaped from Bayombong on the 19th about 10 minutes before the Americans entered. Others, it is said, threw their guns into the river and now play the role of Amigos. Many Spanish prisoners escaped from the Filipinos and are at Bayombong, among them former governors of the provinces of Paplac and Zambales. There is also quite a large colony of former insurgent officers collected at that point, including Maj. Ortiz, who acted as interpreter for the Filipino commission, headed by Gen. Alejandrino, which visited Manila in September. Ortiz has donned the Amigo clothing and announces that he has abandoned the insurrection. The Spaniards say that the new insurgent capital is Bengael, and that the American prisoners are at Camitin. They report having seen Lieut. Gilmore and his party in the north.

There has been a revivalof insurgent activity south of Manila, particularly in Cavit province. At Imus on the 18th the Filipinos fired a smooth-bore cannon, but this was soon silenced by the American artillery. In the course of the morning Maj. Cowles with a battalion of the 4th infantry and two guns scattered the enemy from the districts around Imus and in the direction of Perez dasMarinas. The Americans could not pursue the retreating insurgents because their ammunition was exhausted. The Filipinos were under the command of Gen. Mariano Trias.

The American occupation of the country between Manila and Dagupan is proceeding with a rush. Gen. MacArthur is now in the vicinity of Dagupan, which place, with Gen. Lawton at Lawton will probably occupy. The railroad is practically intact beyond Bamban, except for a space five miles to the north and the rails for that portion have been discovered. Large quantities of rolling stock, all of which ever been destroyed. Gen. MacArthur is moving his troops by train and the roads within Gen. Lawton's territory are becoming passable.

Two columns, one from Imus and the other from Bacoor, converged on the Zapote bridge on the 19th, where they found a deserted Filipino camp. Two troops of the 4th cavalry, four companies of the 4th infantry and two guns of Capt. Riley's battery proceeded to Angalos, south of Imus, and coded upon the enemy intrenched at that point. They scattered the Filipinos, but as the latter was subsequently reinforced, the Americans returned to Imus under fire, seven of our men being wounded. Our scouts found 15 dead insurgents at Annalos.

Mail advices received at the war department show that the Filipino insurgents have adopted a new method of interference with the military telegraph system. Thus far the plan of attaching a fine copper wire to the line, running it down the pole or through the foliage of a tree to the ground, where it is attached to a piece of iron driven into the earth. This effectively cuts off communication and is easily discovered when once accomplished.

At Panique Gen. MacArthur discovered Maj. Jonesom, formerly chief surgeon on the staff of the Filipino commander, Gen. Marcando. He resides at Panique and is about to return there to resume his practice. Maj. Jonesom says that all respectable Filipinos are disgusted with the behavior of the insurgents and are very glad that the Americans have the upper hand.

Capt. Rochmeiner recently accomplished one of the best coups of the war. Reaching O'Donnell by a night, march from Capas, on Nov. 18, he surprised the insurgent force, numbering 200, and captured all of them, with their arms, 10,000 rounds of ammunition and four tons of supplies. One Filipino was killed, but there were no American casualties.

Lieut. Johnson with troop M, 3d cavalry, captured 12 barrels containing the wardrobe of Aguinaldo's wife, some personal effects belonging to the secretary of war and much commissary and medical supplies at San Nicholas on the 15th. Senora Aguinaldo probably escaped over the divide, but the secretary of war is thought to be inside the lines.

Hostilities with the Yaquis Indians have been renewed and the town of Vicam has been taken by the Mexicans. Two Americans named Nettleton and Bostwick were attacked by Indians near Huatgato. Nettleton was captured and hanged. The fate of Bostwick and about a dozen other persons in that vicinity is unknown.

Cuban leaders want either Gen. Lee or Gen. Wood appointed commander of the American forces in the island when the Cubans are given authority to elect a president, congress, and other officials for self-government, which they hope to do in February.

The Tenessee regiment will be mustered out at San Francisco on the 23d, and all volunteers will be sent home that the men may be home in time for Thanksgiving.

The St. Charles hotel and six other buildings at Wagoner, I. T., were destroyed by fire on the 19th. The hotel was filled with guests, and there were several narrow escapes. One guest, a Fort Smith traveling man named Whiteside, was burned to death. Two others, names unknown, are missing.

The statehood convention, which closed at Guthrie, O. T., on the 18th, appointed a committee to draw up a memorial to congress asking that Oklahoma be granted statehood with her present boundaries. Delegates to persons was also appointed to go to Washington. The petition will provide for immediate statehood, leaving to congress the right to annex such other lands at such times as it may see fit.

Peter Maher and his pretty wife have been matched again and the present articles call for them to mix it for 25 rounds at the Coney Island Athletic club on Dec. 11, for a $20,000 purse.

Frank Fulton is the name of a painter and paperhanger at Albion, who doesn't have to bother with a ladder when doing inside work. He stands six feet eight inches in his bare feet, and his extreme hight is a great convenience to him in his trade.

The Frankfurter Zeitung announces that Dr. Belck, the well-known German traveler, reports that fighting has taken place between the Armenians and Kurds in the village of Erzorum, Armenia, 50 persons being killed.

Kentucky Democrats have finally conceded that Taylor has a majority on the face of the returns.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

A missionary, a native, but a reliable man, who arrived at Estcourt on the 15th from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there on Friday, Nov. 10. He says that volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their positions onto a flat, where the regular troops, under Gen. Sir Gerald Whitely, outmaneuvered them by outflanking the Boers, administering a crushing defeat and inflicting great loss. More than 200 Kaffirs, the missionary says, were employed by the Boers to bury their dead, and the two trains, each drawn by two engines, carry away the wounded.

Misfortune steadfastly pursues British employment of armored trains, the fascination for which has given the Boers their first and latest victories. On the last occasion the British seem to have walked into a deliberate trap, with the result that, according to the best accounts, 90 men are either killed, wounded or missing. Of these the Failers claim 60 were Durban infantry 40. It is believed that few escaped and that the others are prisoners in the hands of the Boers.

A dispatch from Estcourt dated Nov. 20th says a hard-fought battle took place at Lady smith on the 15th lasting from daybreak until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in which many Boers were killed and many taken prisoners. Another battle took place on the 16th which is described as the heaviest yet fought. The number of Boers killed is estimated at a number of hundreds, while the British losses were comparatively small.

The Boer commando from Rouxville, 150 strong, entered Aliwal North on the 13th and hoisted the flags of both republics in the market square, proclaiming the district republican territory. The Britishers were given 14 days notice to quit.

Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony and British high commissioner, has issued a proclamation declaring that the Boer proclamation annexing territory, impressing men or seizing goods are null and void, and should not be obeyed.

The total British reinforcements that have arrived in South Africa since Nov. 10 are 19,000 men, chiefly infantry, nearly 13,000 horses and mules, three batteries of field artillery, and a number of quick firing Maxim guns.

A British dispatch from Estcourt, dated Nov. 19, reports everything quiet. The Boers are encamped six miles away, and the British are confident that their forces are sufficiently strong to repulse an attack.

The British navy department has engaged the fast steamers Saal, Norman, Donne Castle and Avondale Castle to embark the greater part of the 5th division of 10,000 troops at Southampton for the Cape.

President Kruger has refused the American consul at Pretoria permission to take charge of money sent by England to procure comforts for the British prisoners of war.

The Irish Transvaal committee has appealed for funds to enable it to send an ambulance to the Irish brigade in the Boer service.

Martial law has been proclaimed in many towns in Cape Colony by the governor, owing to the presence of so many Boers.

On the 18th 56 British prisoners, including men of the Royal Fusiliers and and several blue jackets, were taken to Pretoria.

Residents of Ladysmith are living in caves during the day, report, says, to keep away from Boer shells.

Admiral Dewey transferred the deed to the house and lot in Washington, which was presented to him by popular subscription, to his wife on the 20th. The following day Mrs. Dewey transferred the property to the admiral's son, George Goodwin Dewey. This roundabout way was taken in order to make the property secured, it being the wish of the admiral and his wife that a proper succession to the property be made. The admiral will occupy it so long as he lives.

Smallpox has broken out in the 48th regiment (colored) at San Francisco.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York	$4 25@6 00	$4 00	$6 25	$4 30
Good grades	2 25@4 50	2 50	4 25	4 00
Lower grades				
Chicago				
Best grades	6 60@7 00	4 50	5 25	4 05
Lower grades	4 00@5 40	3 75	4 00	3 75
Detroit				
Best grades	3 75@4 50	4 00	4 60	3 90
Lower grades	2 50@3 75	3 75	4 00	3 75
Buffalo				
Best grades	3 00@3 50	4 25	4 95	4 15
Lower grades	3 00@4 00	3 75	4 80	3 60
Cincinnati				
Best grades	3 30@3 65	3 75	4 75	3 95
Lower grades	3 00@4 50	3 00	4 10	3 60
Pittsburg				
Best grades	3 70@4 00	4 25	5 00	4 65
Lower grades	4 25@4 90	3 75	4 75	4 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	73@73½	39@39½	30@29½
Chicago	71@71⅛	33½@34⅛	24@24¼
Detroit	69½@69¾	34@34	27@27
Toledo	68@68¼	34@34¼	29@29¼
Cincinnati	74@74	35@35¼	28@28¼
Pittsburg	71@71¼	36@36	29@29
Buffalo	76@76½	36@35	28@28

Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $11 50 per ton. Potatoes, 35c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 7½c per lb; fowls, 6½c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 7c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 19c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 20c per lb; creamery, 26c.

Chicago engineers are designing the $3,000,000 earthquake-proof steel palace for the crown prince of Japan, which is to be made entirely of Japan steel construction in the mikado's land.

Panama state, one of the confederation of the United States of Columbia, has applied for annexation to the United States. The offer has been ignored by the state department, for the reason that Panama is not recognized as an independent government, and it would be impossible to treat with her in a diplomatic way.

Six men were killed and four seriously, if not fatally injured, in an accident on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad at Humboldt, 20 miles west of Sioux Falls, S. D., on the evening of the 14th.

A dispatch from Sydney, N. S. W., says that a disastrous civil war has broken out in the British possessions of New Guinea, 11 villages having been obliterated, with a heavy slaughter of the inhabitants.

The executive committee of the Republican National league will meet in Washington, Dec. 12, to fix up the time and place for its convention in 1900.

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He Had Not Changed.

From the Memphis Scimetar: Graham Macfarlane relates that the other day he was in a barber shop presided over by a tonsorial artist who is a man of color. The operation of shaving Mr. Macfarlane was about half finished when there came to another vacant a hack driver, who demanded of that the barber owed him for a hack at a funeral. "Come in next week, an' I'll have it," said the barber, as he continued the scrape of the razor on his gear. "Look a-hyar!" said he, "I'se gittin' mighty tired o' comin' eround here after dis yere money. Hit's always de same thing. Come eround nex' week. I'm tired o' comin' eround nex' week. I want dem money! I come in las' week, an' yo' tole me to come in nex' week, an' I comes nex' week and yo' tells me to come de week after. I wants ma money!" With that the barber took the middle of the floor and declared himself. "Look a-hyar, black man," said he, "w'ut yo' pestorin' me about yo' money? Isn't I tole yo' to come nex' week, What yo' expec'? I've done tole yer de same all de time. Nex' week! Nex' week!" I tole yer dat las' week, and I tell yer dat now. I hasn't changed. I'se prepared to do jes' what I says."

Dreyfus Case and the Figure 9.

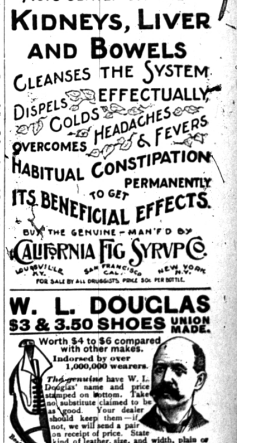
A correspondent of the Westminster Gazette gives this ingenious method for how to remember, in future, that Dreyfus was condemned Sept. 9, 1898. It is as follows: "He was condemned on the 9th of the 9th month, '99—i. e., four 9s. Four times 9 are 36; 36 inches make three feet; three feet—Drei Fuss, Dreyfus. If, then, it is asked what date was Dreyfus condemned, Dreyfus—three feet—36 inches—4x9—the 9th of the 9th month of the year '99."

Electric Headlights.

Once more electricity has taken the place of other illuminants. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad has just commenced to equip locomotives with electric headlights. The famous Fast Mail of the Denver Limited travels at such a high rate of speed that a stronger light than the old style has been found necessary to safety.

Hongkong to London by Autocar.

A member of the Automobile Club of Great Britain is having a motor gypsy van built, and he intends to start in it from Hongkong next February, and to travel to Paris and Calais and from Dover to London. The motive power is to be ordinary paraffin. The car is being built in Paris by Koch, and will be known as the Koch-in-China.—Paris English and American Gazette.



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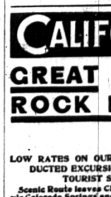

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