IN OUR GREAT STATE.

THE HAPPENINGS IN MICHIGAN BRIEFLY RELATED.

The Annual Report of Gen. Pond Shows the G. A. R. Society to be in a Prosperous Condition—An Ypsilanti Man Cut His Throat in Spite of His Child.

G. A. R. Annual Report.

The annual report of Gen. C. V. R. Pond for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, places the present membership of the G. A. R. in this state at 15,531, as against 15,831 at the close of the preceding year, showing a net loss for the year of 300. As a matter of fact there was a loss of 348 by death during the year, and therefore there has really been a gain in membership of 48. There were received during the year by muster, 534; by transfer, 252; by reinstatement, 553. Four posts have been organized and three have surrendered their charters. The losses in membership during the year have been by suspension, 954; by transfer, 210; death, 348; honorable discharge, 69; by disbanded posts, 58. Over $2,000 has been expended from post funds for the relief of over 200 families of soldiers, and this amount does not include a large relief given by individual members of the order and by the Woman's Relief Corps, which will probably amount to $5,000 additional.

Sold at Mortgage Sale.

The plants known as the Ohio Paper Co. and Niles Paper Mill Co. located at Niles, have been disposed of by mortgage sale and were bid in by C. A. Chapin, of Chicago, for the Niles Board and Paper Co., an organization formed there some few weeks ago. The Ohio Paper Company's plant brought $148,000, while the Niles Paper Co.'s plant was bid in at $47,000. Mr. Chapin was the only bidder on the ground. The mills will be operated by the purchasers as heretofore and no cessation of operations will occur. The plants in question give employment to about 200 men, John Ulm, a Chicago real estate man, held the mortgages, which were in excess of what the property sold for.

Cut His Throat in Spite of His Child.

Wm. Cory, of Ypsilanti, committed suicide while temporarily insane, by severing his jugular with a razor. Cory had been suffering from ill-health for the past six months and at times had been demented. The day the tragedy occurred he left the house, locking the front door after him. His oldest daughter, a mute, followed him and grappled with him in the front yard, taking from him a razor and throwing it as far as she could. With unwonted strength the demented man threw off his child, reached the keen blade before she could, and quickly drew it across his throat, severing both windpipe and jugular.

His Bride Came Not.

The wedding of Norman Brown, one of the leading young men of Grand Marais, was to take place last week. His bride was to meet him there, he having furnished the collateral. But when the train rolled in on the appointed day and she failed to alight, the disappointed would-be bridegroom reconciled himself to his lot and said: "I send her no more cash." He has resumed his employment again and is a sadder but wiser man.

Gotshall Gets 10 Years.

Ten years at hard labor in the state prison at Jackson was the sentence John H. Gotshall received in the circuit court at Flint by Judge Wisner. This is the penalty that Gotshall must pay the people for the burning of the barns of Lee and Aitken in September, 1897. When asked by the court what he had to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Mr. Gotshall arose and simply said: "I am not guilty of the charge."

Michigan Land Case.

Assistant Attorney-General Vandeventer, of the interior department, listened to arguments in the land case of Ann Patterson against the Lake Superior Ship Canal Co., but as yet has rendered no decision. This is a test case for the possession of about 150,000 acres of land located in the upper peninsula, near the Wisconsin state line, chiefly valuable for its timber.

Stricken Down in the Pulpit.

While in the middle of the morning sermon in his church at New Holland, Rev. Abraham Stegeman, aged 42, suddenly fell from a shock of apoplexy, dying a few moments later while being carried to the parsonage near by. He leaves a widow and three children. The tragic incident created great excitement among the congregation.

New Life Saving Station.

A new life saving station will be built at Grand Marias early in the spring, so that the station can be in full operation during the entire season of navigation. The only harbor of refuge between Whitefish point and Grand Island is located at Grand Marias and a life saving station there can be of a great deal of good.

Wants a Separation.

The attorneys of Kalamazoo and Berrien counties are working unitedly to get a bill through this legislature to separate those counties from Van Buren and Cass and make Berrien and Kalamazoo judicial circuits by themselves. The business of either county is sufficiently large enough to warrant it.

Contracts have been let for 12 large sandstone buildings in the vicinity of the Red Jacket mine near Calumet, and a $50,000 hotel is to be built at Calumet.

State Oil Inspector Smith has made his annual report. Last year a total of 16,645,417 gallons of illuminating oil was inspected in Michigan and 14,400 gallons were rejected. During the entire year there was not a single explosion in the state.

Prof. C. D. Smith, of the agricultural college, places the average cost of sugar beet raising at $32.06 per acre, divided as follows: preparing ground, $2.50; seed, $1.50; sowing, 50 cents; thinning and weeding, $8; harvesting, $8. The average yield is about 14 tons per acre, making a net profit of $32 to $35 per acre.

A Strange Case Causes Death.

Jessie Rowe, the 16-year-old daughter of Spencee Rowe, a well-to-do farmer, of near Montgomery, met with a sudden and mysterious death. She complained of a sore throat and a physician prescribed for her, but before the doctor could be summoned the second time the young lady was dead.

Serious Accident With Fire Arms.

Marshall Norwood, of Delton, was accidentally shot through the right lung with a 32-caliber, in the hands of his 11-year-old twin brother. His condition is considered hopeless. The lifeless remains of the boys' grandmother were lying in their home at the time of the accident.

35th Michigan Ordered Mustered Out.

The war department has issued an order to the effect that the 35th Michigan and all other volunteer regiments be mustered out of service. The mustering out of the 35th regiment will take place at the present camp grounds in Georgia.

STATE GOSSIP.

Plainwell is threatened with an epidemic of diphtheria.

Electric cars are now running between Plymouth and Northville.

Traverse City will have a new industry in the shape of another iron foundry.

The Sandusky Iron works at Sanilac Center have been destroyed by fire. Loss $1,500.

The annual encampment of the Michigan G. A. R. will be held at Petoskey, June 21 and 22.

One dead and several injured, as the result of a sawmill roof falling, is reported from Ludington.

There is a movement on foot looking toward the consolidation of Oscoda and Montmorency counties.

The St. Andrew's Catholic school at Grand Rapids has been destroyed by fire. Loss $6,000; insured.

The capacity of the $300,000 sugar beet factory to be erected at Benton Harbor will be 400 tons per day.

Port Austin adopted a resolution at its last session to provide for a system of water works at a cost of $4,000.

The Wabash railroad, in its change of time, has sidetracked Bellevile. There is now only one train a day each way.

Albert Heysler, of Burkettville, who murdered his wife and stepdaughter recently, has committed suicide by taking Paris green.

The St. Johns Manufacturing Co. has changed its name to the St. Johns Table Co., and reduced its capital from $300,000 to $100,000.

Large numbers of wild ducks have been gathered on the ice in Thunder Bay which were frozen to death during the cold weather.

Andrew Carnegie has leased the Michigan Iron Mining company's property on the Menominee range and will work it on a large scale.

Stewart's big flouring mills, located northeast of Ionia, have been destroyed by fire. The loss will aggregate $5,000, with partial insurance.

Saranac people are raising a fund to pay the expense of driving a test shaft to see if there is coal in paying quantities underlying the village.

A consolidation of the Bank of Saginaw and the American Commercial and Savings bank has been effected. The former succeeds to the business.

Menominee people are circulating a remonstrance against the passage of a bill by the legislature to establish a state normal school at Marquette.

Ionia county fruit growers have formed a horticultural society to swap ideas and protect themselves against unscrupulous commission merchants.

Ingham county people are keeping their mental balance very well of late. There has been but one of them sent to an insane asylum several months.

Isaac Anderson, of Saginaw, claims he has invented a plan whereby electricity can be generated with oxygen, and the same will revolutionize the cost.

Essexville people are all worked up over the move by the Bay county representatives to detach a part of the village and throw it into Hampton township.

Congressman Geo. Spalding, of Monroe, whose term of office expires March 3, has secured the appointment of postmaster at Monroe with a salary of $2,200 per year.

One result of the recent cold weather will be a big demand for glass fruit jars to replace those broken by the frost, judging from reports from all parts of the state.

It has been so cold at Grand Rapids that grave diggers had to give up their jobs, as the ground was frozen so tightly that thawing short of dynamite would budge it.

Bogus quarters and half-dollars are being circulated quite extensively at Grand Rapids. Both bear the date of 1896, and are excellent specimens of the counterfeiters' art.

A movement has been started at Hastings looking towards the building of a fine new opera house, and the chances for the success of the project are at present first class.

The children of Wm. Gillis, a farmer living near Port Huron, have been declared state charges. It is alleged that they have been neglected by their father and forced to live in a hencoop.

People living along the Grand river in Ionia county are afraid that the extreme heavy ice may make trouble for the dam owners. If one gives way the others below it will doubtless follow.

The old moss-covered Exchange hotel at Otsego, one of the landmarks of the town, has been closed, and will be torn down to make room for a modern brick building. The old hotel was built in 1838.

About 5,000 tons of beets, netting the farmers $130,000, have been used, and 6,500,000 pounds of sugar have been produced by the Michigan Sugar Co., of Bay City. It is expected that next year $500,000 will be distributed to the farmers and 20,000,000 pounds of sugar produced.

There is a chance for some Michigan town to secure an industry which will give employment to about 100 people, besides furnishing a market for the potatoes of the surrounding country. The industry in question is a factory for the evaporating of potatoes, now located in Indiana.

What is said to be the largest single farm in southern Michigan is located in Hillsdale county and owned by Jacob Beck. It consists of 800 acres, all joined together.

Marshal Frank Dolan, of Mt. Clemens, was badly slashed by a knife in the hands of Phineas Phillip, an insane person. Phillip imagined Dolan was conspiring against him.

The Ohio Paper Co. and Niles Paper Mill Co. plants, at Niles, have been sold under mortgage to the Niles Board & Paper Co. The former brought $148,000 and the latter $47,000.

Wm. Conklin, of Battle Creek, aged 66, committed suicide by shooting at Charlotte. An hour later his father died in the Kalamazoo asylum, where he had been confined several years.

That the existence of saloons is not responsible for divorces is evident from the fact in Van Buren county, where there are no saloons, there are 17 divorce suits on this month's docket of the circuit court.

A common article on the bill of fare in many Michigan homes from now on for several months, as a result of the recent extreme cold, will be, "pommes de terre à la glace," or in plain English, frozen potatoes.

Shiawassee county farmers are profiting by a war between the wheat buyers at Owosso and Corunna. Each is trying to outbid the other, and the farmers reap the benefit of the successive raises in the price.

Hereafter the farmers of Benzie Co. will have a local market for their wheat, as a big flour mill is to be erected at Frankfort the coming summer, work beginning as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The latest electric railway project in southwestern Michigan is a line from Allegan to South Haven to connect there with another running through to Chicago. The fare from Allegan to Chicago to be not more than $1.

The probate court of Ionia had a queer case of insanity before it last week. The vic ims was a young man who refused to speak a word in the morning, although he was talkative enough for anyone in the afternoons.

A 4-year-old daughter of Peter Paul, of Saginaw, was probably fatally burned while warming herself at a ground fire, which was being used to thaw drain pipes. Her mother was severely injured in her efforts to rescue her daughter.

The Baptist Ministers' home, at Fenton, a handsome fivestory stone building has been destroyed by fire. The building was valued at $25,000 and is nearly a total loss. Insured for $10,000. A gasoline stove caused the blaze. No casualties.

Two brothers met by chance on the street at Cheboygan one day last week, and recognized each other instantly, although they had not seen each other since they were boys years ago, and neither of them had the slightest idea where the other lived.

The West Bay City Sugar company has notified Land Commissioner French that it would manufacture beet sugar in Michigan this year, and that it would expect to claim the bounty offered by the state. The factory will have a capacity of 40,000 tons of beets.

Jos. E. Weston, aged 25, committed suicide at the home of his lover in Windsor by sending a bullet through his heart. Weston's parents lived in Lansing, Mich., but he had been stopping at Detroit while looking for a situation. The young lady refused to marry him, hence the tragedy.

An Grex has been a very sleepy village ever since the pine ceased to come down the river. Now it will have an awakening, for a first-class stave factory heading mill, employing 60 men, is to be erected there. The village has donated $1,000 to the mill owners, and will exempt them from taxes for five years.

While Alfa, the 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Parker, of Berville, was trying to light a fire in the parlor stove, her dress became ignited and before her mother could extinguished the flames she was so badly burned that she may die. Her left ear was burned to a crisp, and her left side nearly to the bone.

William Farnsworth, of Prescott, who inherited the famous Hyland legacy amounting to $300,000, four years ago, after traveling all the European countries and part of Africa, Egypt and Palestine, Turkey in Asia and the Holy Land, is back again in Sanilac county, en route to Ogemaw county, where he will remain permanently.

A young woman named Miss Edith Smith, aged 25, strolled into the police station at Bay City early the other morning with a bundle in her arms which contained a newly-born babe. She claimed she found it in an alley back of her home, but upon being questioned she admitted that she was the mother and that it was born in a woodshed at 2 o'clock in the morning. The infant's feet were frozen, but both mother and child are now out of danger.

The opening of new and re-opening of old copper mines in Ontonagon Co. seems to be putting new life into the half-dead towns of that section and business is beginning to look up again, after several years of exceeding dullness. The latest evidence of this is the establishment of a national bank at Ontonagon, which event will occur soon.

Ice cutters at work at Owosso the other day found a small mud turtle frozen in the middle of a cake of ice. It is thought that the turtle, in swimming to the surface for air, swam into some slush ice and was caught in Jack Frost's icy grasp before it could escape.

Mrs. Margeret Wescott, of Port Burwell, Ont., was afraid to go through the Port Huron tunnel for fear of being smothered and remained at Sarnia over night. She went to bed at a hotel and blew the gas out and was asphyxiated. The old lady was on her way to visit a daughter at Manistee, and had she continued the journey she probably would not have been smothered.

The work of tearing down the Methodist Episcopal church at Chelsea, recently damaged by fire, has commenced preparatory to the erection of an $8,000 edifice on the same site.

NEWSY GENERALITIES

ITEMS GATHERED FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Maine Claims Have Been Filed to the Number of 325—Filipinos Give Spanish Officers Some of Their Own Medicine—Other Items.

Not a Single Execution in the Late War.

In reaching the decision to recommend a long term of imprisonment in the case of a private in an Alabama regiment, who had killed a man in an affray, Judge Advocate Liber has completed a remarkable record, disposing of the last of the capital cases that had come before his department for review without in any single case imposing the death penalty. Thus, the war has passed without the execution of a single soldier on account of military crimes. This is believed to be without parallel in history. The were crimes committed, but they lacked malice or premeditation and there were no desertions because of cowardice or treachery.

Held His Dead Wife for Hours.

The crew of the schooner James E. Bayles, shipwrecked and abandoned at sea, were rescued after awful sufferings and the death of the wife of Capt. E. H. Darling, who froze in her husband's arms. For hours after her death the captain held her body, that the seas should not sweep his dead wife away. For three days, hoping against hope, that help might come, the crew, without food, stood lashed to the rail, the cold waves washed them almost continuously. At last when hope was almost dead, the schooner Mount Hope came along and rescued the remainder of the crew.

325 Maine Claims Filed.

A statement prepared by the auditor for the navy department shows that the total number of claims filed to date on account of the Maine disaster, under the act of March 30, 1898, is 325, amounting to $123,342. Of these 92 are claims for indemnity by survivors, amounting to $35,636; 210 are gratuity claims, aggregating $87,706. Twenty-nine are now on hand awaiting evidence, and 30 cases are yet to be heard from. The records show that the total number on board the Maine at the time of the explosion was 355. Of these 261 were killed and 94 survived.

A Bold Chicago Murder.

Robt. J. Walsh, of Chicago, a dealer in real estate and partner of E. W. Partridge in a large dry goods business in Detroit, was shot and killed in the hallway in front of his office by Daniel Driscoll, a former janitor of Walsh's hall. Since Driscoll was discharged it is said he brooded over the loss of his position, and on the day of the shooting he went to Walsh's office and demanded his place back. On being refused he pulled a revolver and fired five shots, all of which took effect. Driscoll is in jail.

Natives Slaughtered Spaniards.

A cable from Manila says: It is reported here that the native crews of the steamers Saturnus, Gloria, San Pedro, Don Jose and San Joaquin, which have been flying the American flag since Spain's surrender of the Philippines, have assassinated their Spanish officers and handed over those vessels to the insurgents in the same way that the crew of the Spanish steamer Filipinos aided the forces of Aguinaldo at the beginning of the war.

Samoan Dispute to be Settled.

What is regarded as an inspired suggestion coming from Berlin, to the effect that the differences between the powers party to the treaty of Berlin relative to Samoa, could best be adjusted by mutual disclaimers for the objectionable acts of their agents at Apia, is received at Washington as evidence that the whole matter is now within the line of safety, and that the disputes are about to be committed to adjustment by diplomatic means.

Two Editors Get Heavy Sentences.

Max Regis, the former mayor of Algiers, France, and editor of the Anti-Juif, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment and to pay a fine of 1,000 francs for the offenses and glorifying murder and pillage at meetings in Algiers and Paris." M. Philippe, managing director of the same paper, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of 100 francs on the same charges.

Taxes in the Philippines.

The war department has received the first itemized statement of receipts from all sources of taxation in the Philippines from the occupation of Manila bay by the United States forces, Aug. 13 last, to Dec. 31. The total collections amounted to $1,819,913. Of this total $534,086 was made up of funds seized by the Americans upon the capture of Manila.

France's President Dead.

After a brief suffering of only four hours President Felix Faure of France succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy. He was the sixth president of the third republic of France and by his death all the sovereigns of Europe are in mourning.

International Saengerfest Building.

Ground has been broken for the great international Saengerfest building at Cincinnati. The contractors are under $10,000 bond to complete the same by June 10. Already 1,125 foreign singers have secured quarters for the big event.

Canadians Grabbing Territory.

Word has been received from Alaska to the effect that the Canadians are moving the boundary markers into the U. S. territory. Gov. Brady asks for troops to be sent to Skaguay to prevent an outbreak of angry Americans.

Russians and Chinese Come Together.

A serious conflict has taken place between Russians and Chinese at Talien-wan, 300 of the latter being killed. It is said to have originated from a question of taxes.

Spain's Deficit.

A cabal from Madrid says: A high authority estimates that the next budget issued by Spain will show a deficit of 325,000,000 pesetas.

The situation at Iloilo is unchanged with the exception that business is being resumed.

STATE LEGISLATURE

The following bills have been passed: Disorganizing the village of Ewen in Ontonagon county and attaching the territory to McMillan township. Passed the house, gone to the senate; legalizing the action of the Saginaw county supervisors in detaching a part of Zilwaukee township and attaching it to Buena Vista township. Passed the house, gone to the governor; authorizing Oliver township, Huron Co., to bond for $10,000 to aid in securing a sugar beet factory. Passed the house, gone to the senate; for a constitutional amendment for additional circuit judge in St. Clair county. Passed the senate, gone to the house; authorizing Wayne county to bond for $800,000. Passed the senate, gone to the governor; for the organization of corporate M. E. churches. Passed the senate, gone to the governor.

The following bills have passed both houses of the legislature and been sent to the governor: One providing for submission to qualified voters of the township of Nottawa, Isabella county, the question of relief of Chas. Hibbnen, township treasurer, who lost the money in a bank failure; submission to qualified voters of Bloomfield township, Isabella county, the question of relief of Henry D. Wright, treasurer, who lost money on account of bank failure; to authorize Roscommon supervisors to bond for $10,000.

The house had a scrap over a resolution offered by Rep. Hoffmeister that the state officers consider the relief bill for the Bay City sugar beet factory to observe the practical workings of the industry, in view of the legislation on the subject that will be asked. Several members opposed it and several roll calls were taken on amendments. It was finally amended to include the committee on private corporations and then passed.

The following bills have been signed by the governor: Muskegon school board; vacating township of Wheatfield, Montmorency county, and incorporating it into two townships; authorizing those four Crawford county townships, over which there was so much trouble; relief of the treasurer of Home, Montcalm county; detaching certain territory from West Bay City and attaching it to Bangor, Bay county.

On the last day for introducing bills the house handled them for a time at the rate rate of three a minute. In one period of 110 minutes, 368 bills were received, read a first and second time by title, and referred to committees or printed. The total number introduced at this session was 1,143.

Gov. Pingree has signed the bill providing that the state shall pay the rental of armories of military companies in Detroit.

The total number of senate bills introduced at this session was 546, as against 561 last session.

Legislative Gossip.

The governor has sent the following appointments to the senate: D. A. MacLachlan, Detroit, member of the state board of health, for six years; George H. Wetherbee, of Detroit, member of the board of managers for the Michigan soldiers' home, for six years; Chas. F. Coffin, of Grand Rapids, member of the board of managers of the Soldiers' home, for six years; Collins P. Johnston, M. D., of Grand Rapids, member of the state board of health, for six years; Amariah F. Freeman, of Manchester, member of the state mining prison board, for six years; Dr. R. Howard Lawson and Dr. John L. Irwin, Detroit, health board to succeed Dr. C. S. Morley and Dr. Longyear.

The Pingree men in the house worked a little scrap on the senate when Rep. Gill amendment introduced a copy of the Cheever-Atkinson bill, and had it referred to the committee on revision of the statutes of which John J. Carton is chairman and on which the Pingree men claim they have a majority. In the press of business the trick was noticed or recognized or there might have been a fuss over the reference. In the same way Rep. Albrich introduced the same bill and had it laid on the table from which it can be taken and put on its passage at any time when there are votes enough.

Rep. Nevins, of Allegan county, offered a measure in the house that proposes to license tippiers at the rate of $5 per year. The licenses are not transferable and the penalty of being sent to jail for 30 days, while the dealer who sells to any person not holding a license is liable to a fine of $25 for each offense. The proceeds derived from such licenses are to go into the county poor fund.

The governor ridicules the idea that he has offered to compromise with President Eddyard of the Michigan Central or with anybody else any smallest particle of the Atkinson bill, and in addition to the ridicule he emphatically denies the slander.

Rep. Kingott tried to introduce a bill authorizing the commissioner of the land office to sell or dispose of the swamp lands on the St. Clair flats, but on account of the legal points involved, the bill was referred to the judiciary committee.

There is one representative in congress who approves of a poll tax, and he is going to try and get legislation that will require a man to pay such a tax or forfeit his electoral franchise. What do you think of that.

Sen. Atwood is the latest legislator to try his hand at drafting a railroad tax bill. He will aim to avoid the unconstitutional and otherwise objectionable features of the other bills on this subject.

The fish commission asks $81,500. Of this $15,000 is to be used for establishing a new hatchery on the Au Sable river and the rest for keeping up work in the other hatcheries.

It is estimated that it will require $800,000 to complete Wayne's county building, and Capt. Stewart has introduced a bill to bond the county for that amount.

A bill allowing the county treasurer of Wayne county a fee of 50 cents for certificates of back taxes was passed on favorably and introduced to Rep. Burch.

Rep. Colby's bill for an additional judge in Wayne county got a set back in committee of the whole, and action on it was postponed for the present.

Hammond thinks lawyers should be licensed to the extent of $1 and will bring in a bill to that effect.

The insurgents still continue to fire on the red cross as though it was a red rag.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS.

A separate bill appropriating $20,000,000 for payment to Spain under the provisions of the treaty of Paris has been passed by the house under suspension of the rules. No amendment was in order and an attempt to secure unanimous consent to offer an amendment declaratory of policy looking to permanently to annex the islands was objected to. The senate bill to reimburse governors of states for expenses incurred by them in the organization of volunteers for service in the war with Spain passed the house by a vote of 155 to 15.

There was a pronounced movement in the senate looking to a compromise on the army reorganization bill. The movement originated with several Republican senators, who advanced the opinion that a compromise was preferable to an extra session of congress. The Cockrell bill was reported by them as the the first advance on the part of the Democrats toward an understanding, and many felt that they would go further in that direction, because Republicans should indicate a willingness to meet them half way.

A very sensational and unexpected thing happened in the house during the consideration of the the sundry civil bill. The paragraph carrying appropriation of $20,000,000 for payment to Spain under the terms of the peace was stricken out upon a point of order made by Mr. Wheeler, a Kentucky Democrat, who declared that he opposed the appropriation on principle and would resort to any technicality to defeat it. The point of order was debated for hours and finally sustained by a vote of 149 to 56.

The military academy appropriation bill has been passed in the senate. After a spirited debate over the amendment providing for an appropriation to secure fast mail service between New York and Washington and Atlanta and New Orleans the amendment was retained in the bill. A house resolution to pay certain laborers and mechanics at Pearl Harbor and vicinity 50 per cent additional for work performed in excess of eight hours per day was adopted.

By direction of the finance committee Sen. Burrows reported a bill permitting the proprietors of the Barnum & Bailey circus to bring their animals back into the United States free of duty. The report cites the fact that all the animals of foreign origin have already paid duty once and therefore would be entitled to free admission except for the failure of the law to provide for such contingency.

The senate committee on commerce has completed its considerations of the rivers and harbors bill. Aside from the provisions for the construction of the Nicaragua canal the committee increased the cash appropriations to the extent of about $2,000,000 over the house appropriation, while the amount of continuing contracts is increased to the extent of about $10,000,000.

The house has passed the sundry civil appropriation bill, to which it had devoted over a week without making any important amendments. The speaker's ruling upon the motion to commit the bill with instructions to incorporate in it the Nicaragua canal amendment was sustained, 155 to 96.

Senator McMillan made a favorable report upon a bill appropriating $20,000 to prevent the spread of smallpox which has broken out in what these gentlemen to prove epidemic form in Washington. The report was passed by the senate without the formality even of a first reading.

Petitions from all sections of the country are being received by members of congress asking that the anti-trust act be amended so as to compel the telegraph and express companies to pay the tax on telegrams and packages sent by express.

The M. E. society at Millington will erect a new $1,000 church this spring.

There is not a single case of yellow fever in the island of Jamaica or has not been for the past year, notwithstanding reports to the contrary.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades	$5 00@5 25	$4 75@5 00	$6 00@6 50	$4 50
Lower grades	2 25@4 75	3 00@4 50	5 00@6 00	4 47
Chicago—				
Best grades	5 75@6 90	4 40@4 90	5 90@6 30	3 90
Lower grades	2 75@5 60	3 50@4 30	4 75@5 80	3 25
Detroit—				
Best grades	3 80@4 25	4 00@4 25	4 85@5 25	3 90
Lower grades	2 00@3 75	3 50@4 00	4 00@5 00	3 90
Buffalo—				
Best grades	4 75@5 25	4 40@4 65	5 45@5 65	4 10
Lower grades	3 25@4 60	2 75@4 30	4 50@5 40	3 85
Cleveland—				
Best grades	4 55@5 00	4 00@4 20	4 90@5 00	3 80
Lower grades	3 00@4 85	3 00@3 90	3 80@4 90	3 50
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	5 00@5 35	4 10@4 50	5 25@5 60	3 90
Lower grades	2 50@4 85	3 40@4 00	4 50@5 20	3 85
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	5 00@5 75	4 60@4 75	5 50@5 75	4 10
Lower grades	3 75@4 87	3 75@4 50	4 00@5 40	3 77

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat, No. 2 red	Corn, No. 2 mix	Oats, No. 2 white
New York	83¾@84¼	39¼@39¾	32@32
Chicago	74@74¾	36 @36¾	27 @28¾
*Detroit	73 @73¾	36 @36¾	33 @33
Toledo	72 @72¾	35@35¾	29@29
Cincinnati	74 @74¾	34 @34¾	30@31
Cleveland	72 @73¾	36@38¾	31@31
Pittsburg	77@77¾	39 @39¾	31@33
Buffalo	76 @76¾	37 @37¾	31 @31

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 timothy, $8 00 per ton. Potatoes, 65c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 8c; fowls, 7c; turkeys, 8c; ducks, 8c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 21c per doz. Butter, best dairy, 17c per lb; creamery, 22c.

He Had no Controversy.

Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley having been granted permission to answer the charges made against him in the communication recently sent to the senate, has handed to the committee on naval affairs his statement, in which he disclaims any purpose of controversy with the navy department.

Gen. Miller still holds Jaro and Molo, and the natives of Negros Island voluntarily hoisted the stars and stripes, offered allegiance and asked for protection.

The natives of the village of Paco made a bold attempt to burn the quarters of the 1st Washington Volunteers by setting fire to huts adjoining their quarters in the rear. Fortunately the wind changed and the flames spread in the opposite direction, destroying fully 20 shacks and houses.

The emperor Francis Joseph has intrusted Koloman-Deszell with the task of forming a new Hungarian cabinet in succession to the ministry presided over by Baron Banffy, who announced the ministers' intention of resigning at the close of the parliamentary session.

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