THE STATE'S STRONG BOX

Is in a Prosperous Condition According to Auditor Dix.

BALANCE WAS $2,501,557.53

At the Close of the Last Fiscal Year—The State Institutions Show an Estimated Value of $12,783,443.69—The Crop Report and Other Items.

Auditor Dix's Annual Report.

The report of Auditor General Dix for the past fiscal year shows receipts to the state treasury from all sources during the past year were $[illegible], and the disbursements for all purposes were $[illegible]. The receipts exceeded the disbursements by $[illegible], which added to the balance on June [illegible] gives the balance at the close of the last fiscal year June [illegible] $[illegible]. The principal items of expenditures were: Support of the insane, $[illegible]; judiciary, $[illegible]; appropriations of legislature, $[illegible]; extra clerk hire, $[illegible]; [illegible] commission, $[illegible]. Among the miscellaneous information in the report is the statement that there was received by the counties and state the sum of $[illegible],636.80 in liquor tax during the fiscal year. All but $[illegible] was paid by retail dealers, the [illegible] wholesalers of the state paying but $[illegible]. The inventories of the various state institutions show an estimated value of $[illegible].

Michigan Crop Report.

[illegible] question "Has wheat during December suffered injury from any cause?" [illegible] correspondents in the state answered "yes" and [illegible] "no." The average condition of live stock in the state is reported as follows, comparisons being with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition: Horses, cattle, sheep and swine each 97 per cent.

Two Thieves Captured; Three Escaped.

The clothing store of S. S. Harrington, at Cassopolis, was burglarized on the night of the 12th and eight overcoats and other clothing valued at about $200 were taken. The night watchman, as is his custom, was eating his midnight meal at the hotel office, and it was during this time that and entrance was effected. After a hot chase two of the robbers were captured four miles south of Niles at noon on the 13th. The prisoners admitted their guilt and say that their three comrades were seriously wounded in the encounter with the police while trying to make their escape on a hand car. One of the prisoners says his name is James Kennedy, and that his home is at Toronto, Canada.

Three Killed in a Collision.

Pere Marquette passenger train No. [illegible] from Saginaw to Detroit collided with an outbound freight train at Plymouth Junction just about 9 o'clock on the night of the 11th, instantly blotting out the lives of Engineer Elliott P. Moore and Fireman J. C. Kennedy, of the passenger train. William Bische, engineer of the freight, died later at St. Mary's hospital, Detroit. W. J. Manner, the express messenger in the baggage car of the passenger train, had a shoulder dislocated and was badly hurt about the head. Wm. Moon, the fireman of the freight engine, had his left elbow dislocated. The passengers were badly shaken up but none of them were injured.

Pure Food in Michigan.

Deputy Food Commissioner W. H. Tunnicliffe has completed his final report of the work that has been done by his department. Mr. Tunnicliffe states that the inspection system has been a great success, as every dealer receives what might be termed a rating, thus being brought in close touch with the department, and, when the situation demands, is placed under strict surveillance. At the beginning of the work adulterated foods of numerous kinds were on the market, but now, he says, it is the exception to find impure, adulterated or misbranded food products on the markets of the state.

Another Roast For Lansing.

Ex-Gov. Pingree, on the 9th, handed Clerk Miller, of the house, an addition to his exaugural message in which he roasts the people of Lansing in true Pingreesque style. The ex-governor claims they became part of the conspiracy to ruin him, that they live upon tips received from officeholders, calls them parasites and says they have become used to toadying to wealthy interests.

Mrs. Julia Abrams, of Niles, who is 83 years of age, was the first woman telegrapher in the U. S.

Wm. Smith, an eccentric Englishman, was found dead in bed at Battle Creek, on the 10th. He went to bed in good health.

After twice in the same day voting down a proposition to remove the county seat from Paw Paw, the board of supervisors of Van Buren county reversed their action and by a vote of 16 to 2 voted to submit a proposition to the people at the April election next spring.

According to the annual report of the state board of registration in medicine, about 50 per cent of the unregistered physicians have left the state during the past year, and yet there are 200 of that class still practicing in Michigan. Of this number 40 are in Detroit.

Arguments in the contempt proceedings against H. S. Pingree were heard by Judge Wisner, at Lansing, on the 12th. At the conclusion of the same the judge denied the motion for dismissal, and continued the proceedings until Feb. 4, so the supreme court could give an opinion.

Cracked the Safe at South Lyons.

The private bank of Carpenter & Jacobus was broken into by a gang of burglars early on the morning of the 15th. The vault was blown open and the cracksmen got away with about $250 in cash. They were scared away before completing their job and missed about $800 in currency which was deposited in another drawer in the vault. The robbers and townspeople had an exciting revolver duel, but there was no casualties and the safe-blowers made their escape.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Two free rural mail delivery routes has been ordered established at Bay City.

Rob Hill, of Escanaba, was drowned on the afternoon of the [illegible]th while skating. Age [illegible] years.

Milan is to have a new modern two story hotel, [illegible] men of the village having donated the site.

Burglars cracked a safe in a South Lyon [illegible] store on the 15th and secured $[illegible] cash. [illegible]

A through freight crashed into the rear of the [illegible] Pere Marquette train at Grand Rapids on the 10th. Several cars were [illegible].

The electoral vote of Michigan was cast at Lansing on the 14th and J. A. Bennett, an octogenarian of Adrian, was chosen to carry the vote to Washington.

Alphonse Chapman, aged 65, while shoveling snow on the Pere Marquette track at Saginaw on the 10th, was struck by a train from Detroit and killed.

[illegible] M. Harris, of Warren, [illegible]

[illegible] per cent, and carried risks [illegible] aggregating $[illegible]. The rate of insurance last year was [illegible] cents per $100.

Evangelists who are conducting revival meetings in Kalamazoo visited several of the principal saloons in that city on the night of the 12th and held short religious services at each place visited.

A. A. Devantier, editor of the Mt. Clemens Advertiser, has been arrested on complaint of Justice Spencer J. Dalby, who charges the editor with slander. Devantier gave bail for his appearance.

Eastern capitalists on the 13th formed a syndicate to build an electric road from Battle Creek to Detroit. The capital of the company has been placed at $[illegible] of stock and an equal amount of bonds.

Orson E. Curtis, one of the best known veterans of the civil war in Detroit, stated [illegible] of the customs department and secretary of the Detroit civil service board, died on the [illegible], after a lingering illness.

Will L. White, of Grand Rapids, former quartermaster general of the Michigan National Guard, quit his native city for good on the 12th, and started for San Francisco where he expects to make his future home.

Martin M. Meredith, aged [illegible], a freight conductor on the Port Huron branch of the Pere Marquette railway, was squeezed between a car and a pile driver while coupling cars at Melvin on the [illegible]th and died two hours afterward.

There were [illegible] deaths reported to the secretary of state for December, corresponding to a death rate of 13.[illegible] per 1,000 of population. This number is 214 more than the number reported for the preceding month, and 21[illegible] more than the number returned for December, 1899.

The Michigan Central's new bridge which was recently completed at Niles at a cost of $15[illegible],000, and which spans the St. Joseph river, was moved eight feet south on the 12th, in the presence of a vast concourse of railroad men and spectators. It was a great mechanical feat and was preformed within a couple of hours.

Gov. Bliss has appointed Gen. George Spalding, of Monroe, member of the board of guardians of the industrial school for girls at Adrian, to succeed Mrs. Smith, deceased; Geo. S. Barnes, of Petoskey, county agent of Emmet county to succeed Hiram Parker; Orren J. Avery, Lenawee county; Charles Cross, Arenac county; Charles R. Colvin, Saginaw county.

Leander Culvert, aged 6[illegible], a wealthy farmer of near Marysville, who was granted a divorce at the last term of court from his third wife, was married on the 6th to Mrs. Barbara Dever, aged 54. The latter has been married three times, her former husbands being dead. The bride and groom each have a number of children by former marriages, some of whom are married and have children.

The Ingham county board of supervisors decided not to accept the fines of Gen. A. F. Marsh and Gen. Will L. White, amounting to $10,000. This action was taken on the advice of Attorney Edward Cahill, of Lansing, who suggested that this money be turned over to the state, the county looking to the state for reimbursement for money expended in prosecuting the grand jury cases. White and Marsh were pardoned by ex-Gov. Pingree, who stipulated that they pay a fine of $5,000 each.

Mt. Clemens wants a beet sugar factory.

Considerable of a sensation was caused on the 9th, when, by order of Prosecuting Attorney Brown, the sheriff's force at Grand Rapids intercepted a funeral possession on its way to Greenwood cemetery with the body of Mrs. Wm. Turner. Some unknown person sent the prosecutor word that Mrs. Turner had been poisoned, while the attending physicians had returned a certificate of death from pneumonia. The body was taken to an undertaking room and an autopsy was held. Nothing was revealed that indicated an unnatural death. The prosecutor is now looking for his unknown informant.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

Gov. Bliss on the night of the 14th sent another batch of appointments to the senate, as follows:

Erastus N. Bates, Moline, Allegan county, member board of trustees Michigan Asylum for the Insane; Louis Kanitz, Muskegon, member board of managers Michigan Soldiers' home; D. B. K. Van Raalte, Holland, Ottawa county, member board of managers Soldiers' home; Theo. W. Crissey, Midland, member board of control Michigan school for the blind; Freeman B. Dickerson, Detroit, member state board of fish commissioners; Chas. S. Brown, Flint, member board of trustees School for Deaf; Geo. J. Vinton, Detroit, member board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan asylum; Delbert E. Prall, Saginaw, member board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan asylum; Wm. McPherson, Howell, member board of trustees of the Industrial School for Boys; A. J. Mills, Kalamazoo, member board of trustees of the [illegible] Michigan Asylum for the Insane; [illegible]

[illegible]

The success of the state tax commission in its work of raising assessed valuations throughout the state has resulted in a move to abolish all the boards of review in the state of Michigan. Representative Byron C. Whitaker, Dem., of Dexter, Washtenaw county, gave notice of the introduction of a bill for that purpose on the 11th. He says that the state tax commission has the power to alter the work of the various boards of review throughout the state, and in face of that he sees no necessity for the boards.

Bills passed by the house: Authorizing township of Charlevoix to issue bonds for the construction of a bridge across the river. Authorizing supervisors of Houghton county to construct bridge across Sturgeon river. Authorizing Traverse City to issue $[illegible] bonds for improving water works. Defining duties of justices of the peace in Ionia county relative to tramps. Authorizing trustees of the village of [illegible] to call special election relative to the building of schools.

Men who are in a position to know say that if Senator Charles Smith's bill to require sleeping car companies to pay taxes at the rate of 1 per cent on amount of capital stock in proportion to number of miles run in Michigan is enacted into law, the state will gain about $[illegible] in taxes a year. They also say the sleeping car companies regard the measure as fair and reasonable. At present sleeping car companies pay no taxes in Michigan.

In the senate chamber at the opening of each session there is placed near the desk of each senator an elegant and costly cuspidor. When the last legislature adjourned nearly every senator took the cuspidor near his desk away with him. Senator Heime suggests as a remedy for this petty thieving that the cuspidors be riveted to the floor, or else have indelibly inscribed on each these words: "This was stolen from the state."

Unless all signs fail, Speaker Carton will have the assistance of a steering committee in the house this session, and there are already indications that considerable work has been done along this line. An effort will be made to hastle the work of the committees along so as to secure an adjournment early in May if such a thing is possible.

The house committee on state affairs will wrestle with Representative Chandler's bill to provide a Michigan commission to get up an exhibit for the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. Five members, with the governor an ex-officio member, are designated and an appropriation of $100,000 is stipulated in the measure.

Senator Murfin, of Detroit, will soon introduce in the senate his bill to make the office of Wayne county sheriff a salaried one, cutting off all fees. He would have the salary fixed somewhere between $6,000 and $10,000.

Senator Charles Smith, of the upper peninsula, has two bills which he proposes to introduce to regulate both domestic and foreign building and loan associations operating in this state.

Senator Atwood has in view an amendment to the present state tax commission law, which he will introduce in the senate later.

Senator Goodell says that the members of the powerful farmers' association, the state grange, will demand that the legislature pass an anti-oleomargarine bill and that if none is passed, they will keep tab on the legislators who help kill it and then see to it that they are not renominated and re-elected two years hence.

The Flint brewery was damaged $5,000 by fire on the 14th.

An early morning fire on the Erie basin front, New York city, lighted up all south Brooklyn, and Beard's shipping stores at the foot of Richards street were partly destroyed. An excursion steamer, the Idlewild, was burned to the water's edge, one fireman was injured and close upon 50 seamen narrowly escaped with their lives. The total loss is estimated at $500,000.

There is a possibility that the body of the unknown man who was killed by a Big Four train at Sandusky, O., on the 2d may be that of Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnaper of Eddie Cudahy.

LONG LOST CHARLIE ROSS

Has Been Heard From—Reported to Have Been Drowned.

SENATOR MAKES DISCLOSURES

Twenty-Four Indictments Were Returned by the St. Louis Grand Jury—Murderers of Jennie Bosschieter are now on Trial at Patterson, N. J.

Charlie Ross was Drowned.

After nearly [illegible] years of impenetrable mystery in the case of Charlie Ross, during which time fortunes have been spent and continents have been searched in vain efforts to find the stolen boy or to learn his fate, a revelation has been made of many of the most important facts in the case.

The disclosures have come from Senator [illegible], a member of the state legislature from New York, who says he has secured information never before made public. The abductors of Charlie Ross, says the senator, were two New York river thieves, one of them named Mosher, [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Van Brunt, who [illegible] an attempt [illegible] shooting Mosher and [illegible].

Are Becoming More Optimistic.

Optimism is taking the place of conservatism among the military men at Manila, the cause being the numerous surrenders, captures and destruction of insurgent camps, coupled with the increased understanding of the American intentions among the natives, the propagation of the principles of the federal party and the knowledge that they are approved by the U. S. Philippine commission and the military authorities, and that the carrying out of the terms of Gen. McArthur's proclamation, classing all who do things inimical to the interests of the army as rebels and traitors, are having pointed effect with the offering of local autonomy and protection, and shows the certainty of the punishment of those who remain in rebellion.

Epidemic of Crime in St. Louis.

The final report of the grand jury at St. Louis, Mo., composed of prominent business men who have been investigating municipal matters, has been returned. Twenty-four indictments, only four of which, for minor crimes, are made public, were handed down. The rest, which are against persons not yet in custody, are withheld. Among the 24 indictments is one against an official of the house of delegates, who is charged with attempting to bribe a state witness against men accused of highway robbery. He was served with a bench warrant on the 14th.

Paterson Fiends on Trial.

Walter C. McAllister, Andrew J. Campbell and Wm. A. Death, the Paterson, N. J., fiends, were placed on trial on the 14th, charged with the murder of Jennie Bosschieter, the young mill girl, on Oct. 19th last. Geo. J. Kerr, the other accused man, will not be tried until the fate of these three have been determined. The case against Kerr is not as conclusive as that against the others and in consequence he has been granted a separate trial.

Burned at the Stake.

Fred Alexander, the Negro who assaulted Eva Roth at Leavenworth the other day, and who was supposed to have assaulted and killed Pearl Forbes in that city last November, was taken from jail and burned at the stake at the scene of his crimes by a mob on the 15th. Nearly 5,000 people witnessed the lynching. The Negro asserted his innocence to the last.

Woman Returns to Life.

Mrs. Cyrus Taylor, the wife of an affluent farmer residing west of Brazil, Ind., who was pronounced dead by a physician, was resuscitated. The burial robe was placed on her and preparations were made for the funeral, but before the undertaker arrived she came to life. She is growing stronger and says she realized what was being done but was unable to speak.

President McKinley, who has been ailing for the past few days, was so much improved in health on the 13th as to permit of him taking a short carriage ride.

The President has commuted the sentence of Charles McClin, who was to have been hanged in Washington on the 10th, to imprisonment for life. In December, 1899, McClin, who was a motorman on one of the street railways, killed another motorman. Jealousy was the cause.

The French parliament reassembled on the 8th. Great animation was manifested on the floor of the chamber of deputies and the tribunes were crowded. M. Paul Deschanel, who has been president of the chamber since the beginning of the present parliament, was re-elected president.

The bankruptcy of the duke of Manchester was again aired in the courts at London, Eng., on the 14th. An appeal was lodged against the plea of "infancy" in respect to a claim of £850 for jewelry. The appellants submitted that in view of the duke's position jewelry was necessary, even though "an infant." The hearing was adjourned to see if the duke on his return from America desires to maintain the plea of "infancy."

Alfred G. Vanderbilt, probably the most wealthy of the family, and Miss Elsie French, of Newport, Va., were married at noon on the 14th.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

Mr. Teller in the senate on the 10th presented a memorial from 2,006 "Filipinos and peaceful inhabitants of Manila." The memorial was in the form of an appeal to the congress of the United States to end the war, and was "signed personally by the leading people of Manila." It reviews the circumstances leading up to the present struggle, paying a high tribute to the work of Aguinaldo and his coadjutors in their endeavor to obtain liberty and independence. Reference was made to some of the events of the present revolution against American authority, urging that the American troops had failed to make a serious impression against the revolutionary party. The Filipino nation asks the government of the United States to cease the persecution of men struggling to be free. "This they ask in the name of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, in the name of justice and in the name of God." [illegible] and in experience [illegible] the United States to grant [illegible]

Secretary Wilson made an argument before the senate committee of agriculture on the [illegible]th in support of the Grout oleomargarine bill. He said the measure was intended to protect the farmer and the [illegible] and should become a law. Speaking of the consumption of butter and of oleomargarine, Mr. Wilson said that the amount of butter disposed of annually is about 18 pounds per capita and of oleomargarine something over one pound, and he said in response to Judge Springer that he considered this dangerous competition. [illegible]

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and harbor appropriation bill, which was interrupted the day previous by private bill day.

Senator Geo. F. Hoar was on the 14th renominated as the candidate for U. S. senator by the Republican senators and members of the house of Massachusetts. The vote was unanimous.

[illegible] rivers and harbors appropriation bill for the improvement of the [illegible] passed the house in committee of the whole on the afternoon of the 14th.

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

The brief report of the fate of three members of the British peace committee who were sent to see Gen. Dewet excites the deepest indignation on all sides. One or two papers expressed a hope that Lord Kitchener has been misled by false Kaffir reports, but it is generally felt that he would not have reported the matter to the war office without undoubted evidence. All the London papers say Dewet has placed himself outside the pale of humanity and the government is urged to send reinforcements.

It is understood that Lord Kitchener now securely holds all the railroad lines in South Africa, having regained possession of the Delagoa bay line which had been cut Jan. [illegible]. According to a Pretoria correspondent Lord Kitchener is now organizing a force of [illegible] regular horse, which will occupy some weeks. When this force is ready he will resume offensive operations.

The official list of the British casualties in the recent fighting at Belfast shows 29 killed, 51 wounded and 72 missing. This does not account for the British losses at other points of simultaneous attacks by the Boers, namely Wonderfontein, Nooitgedacht and Wildfontein, and shows that affairs in that quarter were more serious than Lord Kitchener reported them to be.

Gen. Kitchener sends news of a serious simultaneous attack on the night of the 7 by the republicans on the British positions between points 60 miles apart, along the lines of the Pretoria and Lorenzo Marquez railway. The losses on both sides were heavy. According to reports the Boers were beaten off after prolonged fighting.

The Boers have reached Sutherland and are within 20 miles of the village of Piquetberg. The country around Kimberley is being cleared of people, live stock and food stuffs. All residents of Vryburg who are unable to supply themselves with provisions for two months must be taken south.

Gen. MacArthur on the 11th reported the surrender of Delgado, commander-in-chief of Iloilo province, Panay.

The Italian consul at Shanghai, in explaining the presence of Italian warships at San Men bay, says they were there for target practice.

The following were inaugurated governors on the 14th: A. M. Dockery of Missouri, Richard Yates of Illinois and Wm. T. Durbin of Indiana.

Ten persons were killed and many were injured as the result of an explosion in a hat factory at Denton, near Manchester, Eng., on the 14th.

Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the former note-teller of the First National bank, New York, was arraigned in the circuit court, criminal branch, on the 9th and pleaded guilty to three counts of an indictment charging him with embezzling $700,000 from the bank named.

A dispatch from Vienna says that Prof. Andree's will, which he gave instructions should be opened at the end of 1900 in case he had not returned from his balloon expedition to the north pole, has now been read. The will is very short and the introduction shows that Andree [illegible] the fate that awaited him.

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

It is estimated that the barley crop of the U. S. was about 25 per cent short this year.

There is a famine in the province of Shen Si and it is said that 5,000,000 people are facing starvation.

An armless and legless baby boy was born at Irishtown, Ill., one day recently that weighed four pounds at the time of birth.

A dispatch from Yokohama dated the 13th, says it is officially reported that 400 fishermen are missing and that they are supposed to have perished in a storm Jan. 10 off the west coast.

The Bucharest correspondent of the London Daily Express says that five Roumanian soldiers, while going home were attacked and eaten by wolves, after a desperate struggle, one day recently.

By the decisive vote of 34 to 15 the senate on the 9th abolished the canteen from the army bill. The effect of the vote is to restore to the bill the house provision doing away with the sale of intoxicants.

It is understood at Copenhagen that the sale of the Danish West Indies to the U. S. will soon be completed. It is stated that the minister of finance, H. E. Hoerring, is [illegible] satisfactory arrangements.

According to a report from Port Louis, Island of Mauritius, a hurricane swept over the island on the 12th. During the storm a number of vessels were driven ashore. The damage on the island was not serious.

An oil well which produces 15,000 barrels of that fluid each day was struck in southeastern Texas one day recently. It is the most important discovery that has been made in the past 30 years. It is the property of J. M. Guffey.

According to the Paris [illegible] there seems to be in existence a band of assassins [illegible] to [illegible] gratify revenge [illegible] Americans [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] superintendents.

The U. S. supreme court on the 14th announced its decision in the case of C. F. W. Neely, charged with embezzlement of the public funds of Cuba while acting as financial agent of the department of posts of that island, holding that Neely is subject to extradition, and hence he will be obliged to return to Cuba for trial.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

A Chinese rumor from Sian Fu, where the court is at present, says that within the city 85,000 Chinese troops are drilling continuously, and the majority of them are armed with modern rifles. He says that the feeling of the people there is bitterly anti-foreign, and that they believe they can meet the allies in the open fight and defeat them.

The recent delays in the conclusion of peace are described as being entirely the fault of the U. S. By her actions she has only encouraged the dilatory tactics of the Chinese.

According to the Gaulois, M. Pichon, French minister to China, will shortly be recalled from Pekin at his own request, owing to ill health.

The protocol was signed at Pekin on the [illegible]th, the idea of protesting against any clause having been abandoned.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York—				
Best grades	4 [illegible]@5 50	$4 65	$6 00	$5 75
Lower grades	2 [illegible]@4 50	3 50	5 50	5 40
Chicago—				
Best grades	5 [illegible]@6 10	3 85	5 60	5 42
Lower grades	2 75@4 40	2 50	5 05	5 25
Detroit—				
Best grades	4 25@6 15	4 50	5 30	5 30
Lower grades	2 75@4 75	2 00	4 50	4 20
Buffalo—				
Best grades	5 50@5 50	4 35	5 95	5 45
Lower grades	2 50@4 25	2 25	4 25	5 30
Cincinnati—				
Best grades	4 00@4 85	4 25	5 80	5 30
Lower grades	2 75@3 75	3 50	5 00	5 10
Pittsburg—				
Best grades	5 15@5 75	4 50	6 00	5 45
Lower grades	3 00@4 [illegible]	1 80	5 75	5 00

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat No. 2 red	Corn No. 2 mix	Oats No. 2 white
New York	81@81	46@47	31@33
Chicago	77@77¼	38@38¼	25@25¼
*Detroit	80@80	36@36¼	28@28¼
Toledo	76@77	37@37¼	24@24¼
Cincinnati	80@80¼	[illegible]	27@27¼
Pittsburg	82@83	41@41	30@30¼
Buffalo	81@81	40@40¼	29@29¼

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $12 50 per ton. Potatoes, 40c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 9c per lb; fowls, 8c; turkeys, 9c; ducks, 9c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 20c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 18c per lb; creamery, 23c.

A dispatch from Puerto Real, near Cadiz, where Admiral Cervera is lying ill, says his condition has grown worse and that his recovery is almost hopeless.

A dispatch from Madison, Wis., says the law school of the Wisconsin university was closed on the 10th on account of the smallpox scare. The order was issued on account of one of the students being stricken with the disease. Over 300 students were exposed. It is feared if the disease continues to spread the whole university may be closed.

The military government of the Philippines is considering the question of closing certain ports in the southern islands in order to prevent more effectual communication between the insurgents. The port of Ubay, on Bohol island, has already been ordered closed, as the garrison stationed there has been withdrawn. The act for the organization of the metropolitan police of Manila has been passed by the Philippine commission. The force will consist of three companies selected from the volunteer soldiery.

New York physicians have commenced a war against faithhealers.

MOULT OF BIRDS.

One Bird Green in Winter, Red in Summer.

Mr. Witmer Stone addressed the Biological club of the University of Pennsylvania recently on the "Moult of Birds."

This subject, said the speaker, is one that has interested me for a long time, but it seems to have been generally neglected by ornithologists. All birds moult regularly once a year; this is a physical necessity, for the wearing of the feathers makes their replacement an absolute requirement if flight is to be continued. This annual or post-nuptial moult occurs at the end of the nesting season. The feathers never drop out at the same time; the process is gradual and during its continuance the bird has never more than one or two feathers missing at once. In the [illegible] recently discovered by Professor [illegible], the moult takes place along regular tracts. The wing feather moult begins with the innermost of the primaries, the ninth, which is moulted first; the others follow in succession outwardly. In the tail the first feather lost is the middle one, and as with the wings, it is followed by the loss of the next outward one, and so on. Here Mr. Stone exhibited specimens showing the various stages of wing and tail moulting. He then referred to a number of exceptions to the rule, such as that of the woodpeckers, which in moulting lose the side feathers of the tail first, and continuing, said some species have additional moults, like the scarlet tanager. It undergoes two moults. It is a green color in winter and a red color in summer. The claim has been set up by some ornithologists that this is not the result of moulting, but due to an actual change of pigment. There is, however, no evidence to sustain this view. The speaker then explained the succession of plumages from the egg to the adult and followed with a detailed consideration of plumages, with the reasons for same and for exceptions to general rules in a large number of birds, illustrating his remarks with specimens. The subject was discussed by Drs. Montgomery, Calvert, Conklin and Harshberger.

LIEUT. MABEL C. HUNT.

A Bright Salvation Army Lassie, Who Knows How to Keep Her Corps in Good Health.

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 12, 1901.—(Special.)—The Pacific Coast Division of the Salvation Army, whose noble work in the interests of fallen humanity has done so much for this western country, has its headquarters in this city. One of the brightest and most enthusiastic workers is Lieut. Miss Mabel Clarice Hunt. Everyone knows how these devoted people parade the streets day or night, exposing themselves to all kinds of weather, that no opportunity may be lost of rescuing some poor unfortunate from sin and suffering. In some cases, their recklessness in thus exposing themselves has been commented upon as almost suicidal. Their answer to such criticisms invariably is their unfailing faith in the Divine injunction to "do right and fear not." Lieut. Hunt explains one of the means she employs to keep her "Soldiers" in good health, as follows:

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