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The new state hymn adopted for Rhode Island is sung to the music of the Austrian hymn.

This year's hary at in the south of Ireland is stated to be the best experienced for a quarter of a century.

An enterprising person in Chicago has discovered that the bees kept busy in storing away honey on the third floor of a home as in a hollow tree in the woods.

A remarkable case of suicide came under the notice of the authorities at Cureghem, near Brussels, recently. A printer driven to despair by habitual drunkenness, made his own coffin, placed it in position, and hanged himself. The corpse was found dangling over the coffin.

Professional baseball umpires are so worried by the abuse they receive that most of them are subject to nervous complaints. Aware of this fact, some of the life insurance companies refuse to issue policies to them. It is only a short time ago when an amateur umpire in Farmersburg, N. Y., was clubbed to death because he rendered an unfavorable decision.

Jean Paul says that the mother puts the commas and semicolons into the children's life; the father the colons and periods. The whole punctuation of the late Empress Frederick's life was in reality put it before the House of Commons, she was "endowed with gifts of nature and of education which would have made her conspicuous in another station, a remarkable and accomplished woman."

In mine accidents it has often happened that rescuers were baffled and lives were sacrificed because the exact whereabouts of the imperiled men were unknown. The mine owners of Scranton are about to place telephones at regular intervals along the workings in their mines, so that the instruments may be easy of access to the men when danger demands their use. The step is greatly to be commended, and it suggests other beneficient uses of the telephone.

"Government in America is practically shaped in the caucus. For the Christian man the primary meeting should be as sacred an appointment as the place of prayer, and if the Christian men of a community would interest themselves, they could get good men nominated." These words spoken at the recent Christian Endeavor convention embody a truth familiar to all, yet one that it is well to emphasize during begin month before election. The evils which exist in politics are largely the result of the neglect of duty by the very men who most loudly complain of them.

A curious story comes from the Russian frontier. At the little Russian town of Wassilsen 400 families became homeless owing to a great fire. The town being next to Rminten, where the Emperor William shoots every year, his majesty not only sent soldiers to help extinguish the fire, but gave 1,000 for the distressed townspeople. The weather being inclement, blankets were bought for those who were compelled to camp out of doors. The Russian customs officers refused to admit the blankets until the high customs duty, which in Russia is imposed upon such articles, was paid.

The wire cables used by tourists for protection and aid in Alpine climbing may prove a source of danger. On July 20 several tourists made an ascent of the Tribulaun, in the Stubaier Alps. Near the summit, where the ascent has to be made with the help of wire cables, the rocks began to emit a humming noise, and an ice-pick, coming in contact with the cable, produced spark. Shortly before there had been a thunderstorm, which caused this electrical disturbance. Before the tourists realized what was occurring, the lightning struck the cable, stunned a tourist and the guide and hurled them several hundred metres below.

The federal government and the state of Minnesota will soon clash in the courts over the question of the ownership of many thousands of acres of valuable lands. The tract in dispute is situated in northern Minnesota running from Rainy Lake to Lake Superior, a distance of about 200 miles and taking in the entire northern tier of townships. The lands are located in the gold fields recently discovered and on that account are considered very valuable. The lands were selected by the state under the provisions of the Swamp act of 1860, but it is contended by the Washington officials that the tract so chosen on the border of Canada is not swamp land, hence the proceedings.

One of the most talented men in England is Walter Crane, the decorative artist. He is a teacher and writer in art, a book illustrator, a painter, a designer of furniture, glass, mosaic, wall paper and fabric. He is, besides, a poet, lecturer and a fearless Socialist.

Albany, N. Y., claims the honor of having made the first carriage manufactured entire in this country. Several were built in the year 1811, and the event was duly noted at the time as an evidence of the spread of United States enterprise.

In Dublin bay the little fishes are having a hard life owing to numerous sharks. One, a "bottle-nose" gentleman, has been caught and it measured 5½ feet long. Another measuring 8 feet, proved too strong for the line, which had to be cut.

In 1700 were made the first brooms in this country from the broomcorn grown on American soil. The brooms were made in Philadelphia and the event was spoken of at the time as an illustration of the development of the country.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN.

Steamer City of Cleveland Damaged $25,000.

A WOMAN KILLED BY FRIGHT.

The Quail Shooters Out in Thousands—Smallpox Patients Lived High—Various Things Happened and Done During the Past week Briefly Told.

College Boys' Fun.

The first annual ghost dance of Hillsdale college took place Friday night, when 150 students, representing the spirits of the departed Raw Bones tribe, assembled in front of the big wigwam on the college campus. Jud Wiley as Man Afraid of Himself, and J. R. Dunning as Fast Asleep, assisted W. J. Boone known as White Wolf, to lead the braves. After a war dance, the redskins in single file wound their way to President Corwin's house, who was absent. Scouts captured Prof. Edmunds and compelled him to sing a solo. At Prof. Mestin's house the respect for "the wife" was refused and a massacre narrowly averted. The wigwams of Prof. Reed and Prof. Hervey were each visited, and at Sam Bailey's place an invitation to help themselves to hydrant water, almost caused another riot. The houses of other professors were surrounded after which the braves had a war dance and disappeared. From a student's standpoint, this effort was a huge success. The only incident that marred the evening's fun was the fact that Brave Hide-in-Water fell into the fountain but was quickly rescued.

All Three Drowned.

Without a moment's warning and without the slightest opportunity to save themselves three members of the crew of the tug Samuel Chapman of Ludington, Mich., met their death between Point Betsie and Frankfort Saturday night. The big tug, Capt. John F. Albright, bound up north and loading about 1,000,000 feet of lumber, struck the long piers separately and within her completely in two sinking her in less than a minute, and before Capt. William H. Harlow, the cook and a fireman could make their escape, the boat which they were eating supper. The crew of the tug from all accounts are entirely responsible for the disaster. Files attempted to cross the bows of the Albright, which crashed through the tug as though she had been a catboard box.

After Michigan Beet Sugar.

Information comes from New York that the rate war between the American Sugar Refining Co. and the sugar manufacturers, which has been in a state of agitation for the last week or ten days has assumed new aspects. The manufacturers of Michigan sugar manufactures are coming into the market and circulars are being sent all over the middle west to the best sugar trade. Offers are being made to customers sugar in carload lots at 10 cents per hundred pounds less than the price offered by the American Refining Company for the same, the shipments being ready for delivery within the next week or ten days and prices guaranteed to date of delivery.

City of Cleveland Disabled.

The D. & C. steamer City of Cleveland encountered a heavy fog Sunday morning and she crept along till near the upper end of Grosse Ile when the captain decided to anchor. Getting out of the channel the anchors were dropped and the steamer remained till the fog lifted, when she started to get into the channel again she struck a big boulder which knocked a hole in her and she settled to the bottom in 12 feet of water. The vessel had about 175 passengers aboard and 500 tons of freight. The City of Alpena of the same line, took off the freight and passengers which were landed and the Cleveland will go into dry dock for repairs, which will cost $25,000.

A Heavy Verdict.

A jury in the Wayne Circuit Court found a verdict in favor of Caroline Riley and against the Rapid railway for $6,000. Miss Riley's leg was injured three years ago because a switch leading to a sand pit had been left open. She testified that when she first regained consciousness she was lying upon the furrows of a plowed field. The next time she became sensible of her surroundings she was at the Sanitarium, and remained there 2 months. The company offered to settle her claim for $1,500 and its attorney say an appeal will be taken from the verdict.

A Little Unfortunate.

Recently the Jackson police found a 5 months' old child in rooms occupied by Dan Whitman and his wife. The child was in a filthy condition and showed evidence of ill treatment. An investigation revealed the fact that the babe was the child of an unfortunate woman who had been placed in charge of the Galloway mission. The officers took charge of the babe and it was legally adopted by a Mrs. Preston of Munith, the mother gladly giving consent.

Died of Fright.

During the burning of the large barns of David Hooker, in Ogden township, Saturday night, Mrs. Eli Fairbanks, a half mile away died of fright caused by the excitement. She had been operated on Tuesday by Dr. Parker, of Detroit, for cancer, and was recovering. She was 50 years old and leaves a husband and a son.

Roy Hicks, James Barrett and John Wilson, 14 year old Toronto boys, confessed robbing a house in Port Huron.

There were 479 births in Oakland county last year, all of the townships with one exception contributing to the total.

Joseph Howard, shot Tuesday at Owosso by Sheriff Gerow for resisting arrest, is feeling easily, and will recover.

Theodore Spoer and John Empy, of Mio, have been held for trial on a charge of stealing timber from the school lands.

Miss Dora Maxon, one of Branch county's brightest and successful teachers, went suddenly violently insane while at work in her school. She grew rapidly worse, and had to be taken to the asylum. Her parents reside in Ovid township. She was a graduate of the Coldwater high school and the State Normal at Ypsilanti.

Mrs. Minnie Sweet, who pleaded guilty in Lansing to a charge of bigamy, was taken to Mason jail to await sentence. She refuses to have anything to say to her lawful husband and clings to her latest spouse. Both men, however, exhibit the greatest devotion to the erring woman.

Smallpox Grocery Bills.

The Shiawassee county supervisors considered $2,000 worth of smallpox bills, and slashed them right and left. Fathers and mothers presented heavy accounts for nursing their own children and bills for dainty broilers, choice roasts and oysters, while families were quarantined. Many people lived higher than ever before, fondly imagining that the county paid the bill, but the cruel supervisors declare that only bills of indigent families shall be paid.

Sunday Quail Shooters.

Sunday marked the opening of the open hunting season, and the hunters were going out in droves Saturday night to the hunting grounds. All the suburban lines were loaded to the limit, and on the Northwestern, Pontiac and Ann Arbor lines extra cars were necessary to carry the crowds. It is estimated that over 3,000 people left Detroit Saturday night for the surrounding woods for the first chance at quail and partridge.

It Makes Salt Products.

Thomas Kirkham, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Salt company, told the business men of Wyandotte that the works his company is constructing will manufacture eleven different products from salt, and would, when completed, employ 200 men. The works will be constructed a section at a time, that there may be in operation next spring.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Calebonia and Saranac are to have rural free delivery.

The recent smallpox epidemic cost Kalamazoo county $3,000.

Over 7,000 tons of peaches were shipped from Michigan the past season.

The Michigan grand lodge of Odd Fellows will meet in Port Huron next year.

For the first time in many years the Hillsdale Agricultural Society is out of debt.

Fickenhauer's ring was a tragic success. All the promptings will be paid in full.

Ludlowites is on the increase in that small city and other locals have been organized.

The Detroit United Railway is to inaugurate a two hour service between Flint and Detroit.

Saginaw is agitated over the opera bouffe elopement of Mrs. E. Fuller's daughter. Did he steal the money or was she paid?

Potatoes are yielding from 150 to 200 bushels to the acre in the Thompsonville and Grand Traverse regions.

Benjamin L. Flint, aged 55, was found dead in his bed at the Park hotel, Benton Harbor, Sunday morning.

The victims of the Ferris wheel accident at the Genesee County fair will be paid damages. First suit so far $20,000.

Benjamin Yerkes of Goodells, has been sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and spend 10 days in the county jail for selling liquor on Sunday.

The village of Jones is to have a saloon to save trade that went to Three Rivers because it was too dry trading at home.

S. W. Abbott, of Monumnee, died Saturday. He was 83 years old and the first postmaster and first express agent in that city.

The season just closing has been the greatest for building operations ever known in Saginaw, seven new factories have been erected.

A reorganization of the Port Huron Engine & Thresher Co. will take place and the new company will have a capital stock of $750,000.

Under the head of earnings of the University of Michigan is an item of $2,085 paid by students for laundry bodies for use in dissection.

The Pere Marquette has placed orders for twelve new engines in addition to the locomotives and other rolling stock purchased this year.

The United States Express office at Newport was burglarized Saturday night. A quantity of clothing and eight boxes of cigars being taken.

The Warren canning factory this season put up 115,000 cans of tomatoes. Farmers received an average of $6 a ton, a little of the product.

The D. & C. steamboat line has had but three accidents in 50 years and never had a life lost, except in the Morning Star disaster, away back in 1856.

Of the fourteen mayors Dowagiac has had since it was incorporated in 1877, but one has died. The other thirteen are all still residents of Dowagiac.

Miss Dora Kidney, the 20 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kidney, of Parmaville, was struck by a train near Marshall Monday and instantly killed.

Bernard Rupert, a traveling representative of a Detroit publishing house, is missing with a Port Huron lady.

President Roosevelt has appointed Mrs. Dora V. Cole, Congressman elect Aldjes daughter, to succeed her father in charge of the West Bay City postoffice.

A. M. Todd has purchased 2,000 acres of land on the South Haven division of the Michigan Central railway, which he will convert into a peppermint farm.

Mrs. Minnie Sweet, formerly of Chicago, was arrested in Lansing on a charge of bigamy preferred by her husband, George Sweet. Mrs. Sweet came to Lansing some time ago and married William E. McConkey last September. She pleaded guilty.

Rev. S. M. Howland, a Congregational minister of Adendale, Mich., died shortly before midnight in Union Benevolent hospital, Grand Rapids, after taking a dose of some narcotic poison with the intention of committing suicide.

Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor, of Bay City, who is anxious to win fame and dollars by going over Niagara falls, in a barrel, has refused to be allowed to risk her life. Her manager, F. M. Russell, has been notified that if she attempts it he will be found guilty of the crime of manslaughter if she should be killed in the attempt, and will be held to answer for the loss of her life.

Three men were mutilated killed in a collision of two freight trains on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad early Friday morning. The wreck occurred just east of Stinchfield's farm, two miles west of Pontiac and Birmingham, at a point known as Maple Orchard. The men were Engineer Moffatt, Fireman Luth and Brakeman Vensenburg.

W. W. Griffith, of Milwaukee, who is wanted in Muskegon for forgery, has been arrested in his home town at the instigation of the local authorities. Griffith is charged with forging orders for the delivery of books of a Philadelphia publishing house.

The steamer Swallow, laden with lumber, foundered in Lake Erie off Long Point in the gale which swept Lake Erie Friday night. The crew of 11 men escaped.

William Lemp, of Groveland township, has a grain sack made in Germany over 200 years ago and has been in active service ever since. It is still in good condition.

Arthur Coleman and Emerson Beatty, who are alleged were implicated in a postoffice robbery at Rudyard, Mich., about a year and a half ago, are in Wayne county jail.

Edward S. Stokes, who shot Fisk some years ago, is thought to be dying at the home of his sister. For some time he has been suffering from kidney trouble.

The rush of sugar beets to the Bay City factories this year is unprecedented and farmers are complaining bitterly of the lack of cars to move their crops to the factories.

Record-breaking Rhodes of the defunct Niles bank, says the coast is now clear, and that the affairs of the bank will be wound up. He expects to pay 100 cents on the dollar to depositors.

There are five cases of scarlet fever in district No. 2, Cambria township, Hillsdale county, and the school has been closed in consequence. There are but seven pupils in the school.

Miss Bessie Holland, of Lansing, was seriously burned and otherwise injured last night by falling through a trap door in the cellar of her home with a lighted lamp in her hand.

The Davison flouring mills, Northville, came to a sudden stop and an investigation showed that the big wheel had become so badly clogged with cobs that it refused to move.

Dr. William Wilson, of Coldwater, whose bill for the cure of smallpox cases was cut by the board of supervisors, has sued the county for $1,000, the court to determine the fee.

The mines in again the Republican iron ore. Bids are contemplating calling the legislature together in special session in December. The governor refuses to call a special session.

Three farmers near Ypsilanti lost their wheat stacks, containing 200 bushels each, by burning. In the stacks were also stacked the farm implements and tools, which were burned on the ground.

Although dying of cancer Mary E. Stace, of Detroit, has filed a bill for divorce from Herbert H. Stace, alleging extreme cruelty. They were married June 5, 1884, and have one child, a daughter.

The Mackinaw murder trial was postponed in the Circuit Court at Port Huron Tuesday. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter against Lieutenant Governor Jones, the president of the Mackinaw bridge company.

Spectators in the eastern and southern portions of state will be interested in the gubernatorial contest, which all over the rest of Michigan is regarded as a foregone conclusion. Chief Justice Grant is the Republican candidate against Judge Maynard, who is the Democratic candidate.

The case of the defunct Niles bank came to a sudden ending Saturday when the trustees of the estate of Jacob Beardsley, who died on the 23d day of May 1882, made a loan of $10,000 on behalf of the bank to Jacob Beardsley.

Indiana and Illinois people are wrestling with the bill of Judge Cahill for assisting Prosecutor Turtle in the Stanfield cases. It amounts to $2,000 for two supervisors kick on saddling it upon their county.

Sid Hugo, a member of the Michigamme football team, died at the hospital as the result of injuries received in a game on Saturday with the local team. Two other members of the Michigamme team were hurt.

Lycurgus D. Fobble, who built the Pelouzette railroad from Ludington to Chicago and Milwaukee, died at Pontiac, now the Grand Trunk West system, and Fobble was its president from 1873 to 1875. He was 77 years old.

John Wolcott, a pioneer farmer of Ontwa, received $2 apiece for his sheep pasture Saturday and attacked him. Before help reached him Wolcott had been knocked down, kicked and otherwise injured.

The citizens of Sturgis are set on securing the factory of the National Printing & Engraving Co., now of Chicago, and will probably vote at a special election on June 23, to bond the city for $20,000 to be given the company.

The board of supervisors of Bay county has just discovered that a $60,000 stone road bond issue will fall due next year. The bonds were sold to Detroit people and bought the bonds fell due in 1902. No provision has been made to make a tax levy. The people may be asked to vote to extend the issue.

James Benson, of Detroit, an employee of the Michigan Telephone Co., who fell 25 feet from a pole on which he was working and thus sustaining severe injuries, has sued the company for $10,000 damages. Benson claims his injuries resulted from the company's negligence in not providing a safe ladder.

The Supreme court decided that Clerk Warner could not compel theatre ushers to pay $200 per year for assisting Coolidge on the stage, and that the tax commission has no power to compel ushers, to employ clerks and assistants.

The report of the Wayne county auditors to the board of supervisors shows that the accounts of all the county departments are overdrawn, more money than was allowed by the supervisors having been spent. The increased receipts in the higher offices prevent deficits, however.

The Detroit Boat club, with all its trophies, racing shells and other boats, was completely destroyed by fire shortly after 5 o'clock Thursday evening. The fire is supposed to have started from defective electric wiring. The loss on the building is $20,000.

Coroner Hoyt of Detroit is now investigating the death of Roy S. Howland, of Allendale, who was found dying in Grand Rapids. Howland died Friday. Mr. Hoyt has found that death resulted from a dose of morphine taken with suicidal intent. The jury will be called to find out whether Howland was a victim of foul play or committed suicide by taking the fatal dose.

The widow of the late Jesse Sargeant has sued Henry Brobst for $20,000, claiming that he was culpable for the loss of her husband. Last July Brobst became suspicious of the relations between Mrs. Sargeant. He followed Sargeant to the latter's house and chased him for half a mile. Sargeant falling dead from heart disease. His wife alleges the fright occasioned by the event as the cause of death.

Joseph Howard, an Owosso desperado winged by Sheriff Gerow for resisting arrest, got sixty days.

FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Thieves Robbed the Chicago Postoffice of Thousands.

FOUND HIS LOST DAUGHTER.

Current Events, Major and Minor Gathered and Briefly Given for the Busy Reader's Information, With Facts and Fancies Interwoven.

Chicago Postoffice Robbed.

A sensational robbery which netted the perpetrators $7,000 in stamps, was discovered Monday morning when the wholesale stamp department of the Chicago postoffice was opened for business. The work of gaining an entrance to the vault had evidently been going forward with the greatest prudence for many days. It is believed, however that the intention of the thieves had been to enter the cashier's vault, in which there was $40,000 in money and stamps valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. The bottom of the vault is of steel, half an inch thick. At this 95 holes were bored until a space 18 inches square, just enough to allow the entrance of a man's body, had been so weakened that it was possible to take out the whole plate without difficulty. Of the $7,000 in stamps taken, $4,512 were in "postage due" stamps and $1,000 in special delivery stamps; so the convertible stamps amounted to $67,528, but of these $4,828 were Pan-American stamps of eight and ten cent denominations.

Attacks on the President.

It is a long time since any president has been the target of such broadsides as are directed at President Roosevelt for having had a colored man, Booker T. Washington, at dinner at the White house. An interviewer had a lot of such attacks was presented to him day before. Mr. Washington says: "I think the newspapers are getting up a sensation in regard to it, and I do not have the opinion of the Southern people. However, they are hurting the entire south more than they are President Roosevelt. They represent a prejudice that should not exist on the part of a class of the white people of the south, but such feelings do not live and do not indicate the general feeling and opinion of the southern people. As far as I am concerned, it makes no difference as to the color of a man's outside when he wants to dine with me, and I am ready to consult with a negro Indian and a white man as to with the Anglo-Saxon when he wants to get at the whole situation in his tribe, this week."

The Ohio Campaign.

The Ohio campaign was opened at Toledo on Saturday and was the most speedy and enthusiastic one that has taken place in Lucas county for years. Tom L. Johnson was present. The greatest demonstration of the day was made when Senator Hanna came. He had not intended to speak, but he could not resist the temptation to speak as senator and chairman of the Republican national committee. He referred feelingly to the death of President McKinley and said: "Let no yellow journals or blatant demagogues shake your faith in the conditions of this country today, as offering the greatest opportunity for liberty. I am not going to retire from politics or from public duty. I have no intention of resigning my place as chairman of the national committee." After being continued applause, he continued: "I am going to stay there and see Nash and Foraker and others through if it takes ten years."

Long Lost Daughter Found.

Years ago, the 10-year-old daughter of Walter Bell, a miller living at St. Marys, Mich., left home to go to return home from school. The belief was general that she had been decoyed Her father, however refused to believe that she was lost and prepared his business affairs according for her. He finally became convinced, however, that the girl was dead. A gypsy told him positively that she was stolen and gave information by which the father found his daughter with a band of the nomads at Carthage, Ill. The young woman says she has been compelled to beg from door to door, and to tell a kind of gypsies, who at all times have treated her cruelly.

A Serious Blaze.

The prosperous and thriving town of Sydney, C. B., was almost swept out of existence Saturday by a fire which started at 2 o'clock. The flames which were fanned by a 45 mile gale swept through the principal business portions of the town. Four blocks of the best business buildings are in ashes. The fire is thought to have the city from total destruction was a heavy rain storm which set in after dark and as the wind decreased in force the rain fell in torrents. The firemen succeeded in getting the fire under control. Loss about $50,000.

Cuban Annexationists.

A petition asking that Cuba be annexed to the United States is being circulated among Cuban business men, and has already been numerous signers. The petition, being centered upon annexation as business, not political, it is alleged believe that the respective movement will amount to nothing. Nothing has been arranged for in Havana, and it is believed that, under the guise of reciprocity, it is said, the first gun in the campaign for annexation will be fired by Cuba's orators, Senators Frelinghuysen, Lamiza and the Marquis De Montono.

King Edward's Ban.

Society has been stunned by the announcement that King Edward has placed the ban of his disapproval upon Sunday entertainments of every sort. The news of the king's change of view has caused a change of his departure to leave Scotland for the return journey to London on Sunday. The king, it is said, has received a rapid presentation of the prominent people who are really more prejudiced than the politicians and predict that the Sunday entertainments will be closed on the estate and Sunday dinner parties will be regarded as vulgar.

Under Tons of Rock.

Fifty tons of rock caved in the raised roof of tunnel No. 1 on One Hundred and Sixty seventh street and Broadway, New York, Friday, carrying death to an undetermined number of the 40 men who were at work far down below the surface in the burrow. Foreman Madden was found pinned down by tons of broken rock, only the feet being clear of the mass of debris. Many of the other workmen were imprisoned in a similar number of the excavation, and their fate will not be known until the rescuers reach them.

News in Brief.

The bank at Dane Station, Wis., was blown and cleaned out Monday.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew is to marry Miss May Palmer in the near future.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of Kentucky has voted to build a splendid temple in Louisville.

The Russian American-built battleship, Retvizan, developed 18.01 knots over a 20 mile course at Boston.

The pope had an alarming recurrence of his intestinal trouble on Saturday night, and is in a state of great weakness.

At the close of the fiscal year 1900 there were 76,868 postoffices in the United States, or one to every 1,000 inhabitants.

Safe-blowers worked three Ohio towns near Lancaster, stole about $1,100 in money and half a dozen horses, then escaped.

A plague of bugs has visited the entire Lake Michigan, west shore, for 200 miles, Milwaukee included. Chicago is not affected.

Charles Denby, ex-United States minister to China, in an interview at Indianapolis, declared that the partition of China is sure to come.

Senator McMillan says he does not think the tariff will be changed at the coming session, but perhaps, the Cuban sugar duty will be changed.

Margaret De Holland, of Cleveland, 21 years of age, was shot and almost instantly killed by Joseph Verne Rogers. He also fatally shot himself.

The lawyers cross examined Paul Canfield, civil engineer, so hard in a railway suit at Middletown, N. Y., that he was seized with brain fever and died.

William A. Bishop, a Chicago lawyer residing in Waukegan, cut his throat and died in a controlled, because he could not break off the chloral habit.

Before 6 a. m. Monday if everything is ready, Codgoez will be electrocuted in Auburn, N. Y., penitentiary. Twenty six witnesses only will be admitted.

During the last 10 days five men have been killed and three wounded while hunting in the woods of Maine. Most of the victims were mistaken for bear or deer.

The British government has purchased 10,000 horses in South Russia, at 125 roubles per head. Some 3,000 head of the horses have already arrived at Odessa.

Returns from the refugee camps in South Africa for September show a total of a population of 109,415, deaths among the adults 12,411, of which 1,564 were children.

The Midland county supervisors had an expert accountant to go over the books and found over 100 pieces cut out of the journal and ledger and a deficiency of $500 or more.

There is serious anarchy in Macedonia, owing to the backwardness of the Albanians, hostility to the Turks and Christian population is worse than that of the Kurds towards the Armenians.

A particular fowl against the plate glass window in residence on Lynch hill, Menominee, broke the quarter inch pane and dropped on the inside. Chickens are very numerous this year.

Sir Thomas Lipton will not be a challenger for the America's cup next year. "I think there are no girls like American girls, and I may say for me that I will never go married until I lift that cup."

The Cadillac Democrat says that people living in cities ought to be willing to pay a little more for eggs, so that half his profits would not be eaten up by the cost of getting his produce to market.

The somewhat familiar charge that horses and mules are being killed up in the form of hash and stews in Chicago restaurants has been revived, and the Illinois pure food commission is investigating the charge.

It is said that the Commercial Cable Co., which is controlled by John W. Mackay, has already ordered wire for a cable from the United States to Hawaii and Hongkong, and will begin construction very soon.

John S. Pillsbury, former governor of Minnesota, and famous maker of flour, died Thursday morning from Bright's disease. He had been ill for some time and his death was not unexpected. He was 73 years old.

Bay City is apparently in danger of an epidemic of diphtheria. Within the past week there have been three deaths from the disease, two in one family, and there are now eight cases within a limited area of the city.

Wm. Waldorf Astor's hopes for a title are made ridiculous by a pamphlet location in the London Law Journal. The periodical reproduces an ancient law of England which prohibits the elevation to the peerage of a naturalized alien.

Rochester, N. Y. Spiritualists are afraid that the soul of Codgoez will return to earth and inspire some other man to assassination. Codgoez's fellow imprisoned for life but it is not recorded that they think they could keep Codgoez's soul out.

Secretary of State Hay, in a letter to the State Supt. of State Prisons Collins, defines the invitation of the latter to designate an official representative of the government to be present at the electrocution of Codgoez, the murderer of President McKinley.

Edna Wallace Hopper, the actress, is a wealthy woman, according to the terms of an application for letters of the estate of her mother, Mrs. Josephine Hopmuir. Nearly all of the estate of $28,526 is represented by a rich farm at San Leandro, Cal.

E. P. Paz, author and part owner of La Prenza (the Press of Buenos Ayres, Argentina, one of the most influential newspapers in South America, which is devoted to bringing about better communication between the United States and South America, says it seems a stupid thing to go to South America via the Cape of Europe, when a line of fleetless steamers could make the direct trip, stopping at Rio Janeiro, from 12 to 14 days.

Mr. Hoyt, the first gunner in the United States Navy, who in an engagement says that his art requires rapid and accurate thought, and that it requires ability to handle a button.

Peter Melody, of Cedar Falls, Ia., is dead, aged 78 years. He was a delegate to the national Republican conventions which nominated Lincoln and Grant, served fourteen years on the board of trustees of the state college at Ames and was the first president of the Iowa Central Railway.

The British government will buy 10,000 mules, besides horses, in America this month. A purchase of 1,000 mules was made this week at the Kansas City stock yards and at Lathrop, Mo. An inspector is picking up all the good horses not already claimed by the United States.

Highest Award on Cocoa and Chocolate.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1901.—The judges at the Pan-American exposition, Buffalo, have awarded three gold medals to Walter Baker & Co. (Limited), Dorchester, Mass., for the superiority of their breakfast cocoa and all of their cocoa and chocolate preparations and the excellence of their exhibit. This is the 37th highest award received by them from the great expositions in Europe and America.

Death in Hotel Fire.

Chicago dispatch: One man lost his life, three persons narrowly escaped suffocation, and a score or more guests of the Garden City Hotel, 46-48 Sherman street, were rescued from upper floors by firemen in a treacherous blaze in that hotel. The dead man is Levi Whitman, who came to Chicago from Fulton County, Ohio.

Ex-Alderman a Suicide.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—George McGregor, former alderman of the old Thirteenth ward, and once active in West Side Republican politics, committed suicide in his livery stable at 715 West Lake street. In sight of George Willets, an employe of the stable, he drank carbolic acid.

Awarded the Highest Prize.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct.—The New Domestic Sewing Machine Co. has today been awarded, at the Pan-American Exposition, the highest prize, the coveted gold medal, for the best family sewing machine.

Keeps Anarchist an Alien.

Baltimore, Md., telegram: Judge Stockbridge of this city will not issue naturalization papers to anarchists. Ever since McKinley's assassination Judge Stockbridge has asked witnesses in naturalization cases if the applicant was affiliated with any anarchistic society. The question has been answered in the negative until today in the case of Christian Aubel, a German. The witness for Aubel replied that the applicant belonged to Baltimore circle No. 1, of anarchists. The application was refused.

Diss De Bar Trial.

London dispatch: The hearing in the case of Theodore and Laura Jackson was resumed in the police court. The last named is the woman well known in America as Ann O'Delia Diss De Bar, the "spook priestess"—There are a number of charges against the pair, one for obtaining money under false pretenses from various young women, and others against the man for assaulting several young women while pretending to initiate them into the Jackseans cult, which was known as the "Theosophic unity."

Mrs. Dyer's Heart.

McCamon, Mich., Oct. 21.—In April last the sensational case of Mrs. Samuel G. Dyer of this place was reported in these columns. Mrs. Dyer has suffered for years with a very bad case of Heart Trouble and was cured in a few weeks by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Since then Mrs. Dyer has received hundreds of inquiries as to her condition and many may be interested to hear that she is at present enjoying the best of health and has not had the slightest return of the Heart Trouble.

Formerly she had to sit up in bed for hours to get any relief, now she goes about as smartly as any lady of 62 years in the State. Dodd's Kidney Pills have made many friends in Chippewa County through their cure of Mrs. Dyer's case, and have proven beyond doubt that their cures are not only very complete, but absolute and permanent.

For a Municipal Restaurant.

British workingmen in London are advocating the establishment of a municipal restaurant where well cooked meals and pure tea, coffee and liquors can be obtained amid comfortable surroundings at moderate prices. A joint deputation of the London Trades' Council and the Social Democratic Federation will invite the London County Council to make an experiment with one such enterprise in the heart of London, where the great new thoroughfare will shortly be opened connecting the Strand and Holborn.

Boiler Explosion Kills Four.

Clifton, Ariz., telegram: By the explosion of a boiler in the smelting plant of the Phelps Dodge company, W. H. Horgan, fireman, F. A. Adams, fireman; Harry Davidson, coal shverter engineer, and Jose Antiveras, helper on the engine, were instantly killed and several others were partially injured. The condition of the flues and valves on the water supply line shows the fireman had permit the water to run too low in the boiler and had then fed the hot flues with cold water.

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Newspaper Suspends Publication.

London, Eng., dispatch: A special dispatch from Cape Town says that, owing to the restrictions of martial law, the pro-Boer South African News has been obliged to suspend publication.

Death of Famous Musician.

New York dispatch: John L. Dore, known as the "Banjo King," is dead at his home in this city. He has been famous as a banjo player and instructor for many years.

French Deficit Is $10,000,000.

The French budget for 1902 as read to the budget committee of the Chamber of Deputies at Paris shows a deficit of $10,000,000, of which $4,000,000 is due to sugar bounties. The committee adopted a proposal giving to the state a monopoly of petroleum refining.

Soldier Murders Comrade.

Victoria telegram: Sapper Henry Gill of the Royal Engineers shot and killed Gunner Chinnick at Work Point barracks last night.