THE GOOD STATE OF MICHIGAN

A Woman's Strange Journey Rudely Ended.

THE ILLNESS OF GEN. ALGER.

Oxnard's Request of the President Olds' Title to the Flats up Again Killed by a P. M. Train More Land For Homesteaders.

Gen. Alger's Illness.

In order to relieve the sufferings of the patient, an operation known in the medical profession as circle-stockomy was performed upon Gen. R. A. Alger, ex-secretary of war, Saturday afternoon in the hope of relieving him of his cold in the head.

Over One Hundred Years

Wreck of a P. M. Lerry

Davidson's Fight for Life

The Oneway Fire.

What's the Old Lady Doing?

Olds and the Flats

Oxnard is Right.

Salt Production.

Took Laudanum.

Eber Tayer, aged 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tayer, of Adrian, returned home Tuesday evening complaining of a toothache. He was told by his mother to put laudanum on the tooth to still the pain. Doing this he walked toward a quantity of the drug and became unconscious. A doctor worked over him all night in an effort to avoid the boy's death occurring next morning. He was a member of the boy's choir of the Episcopal church.

Bright Harbor views. Tug on a $75,000 vessel passing bound in position.

A Muskegon firm has just received an order for 150 carloads of white cedar posts from the Longhorn Cattle Company of Eagle Lake.

Police Commissioner Dennis Flanigan of Grand Rapids, appointed by Mayor Perry a year and a half ago, has resigned.

The threefold danger of a coal famine at the State Industrial Home for Girls is glad relief has come in the way of five carloads of coal from Ohio.

Three cases of smallpox are reported in Menominee county, at the Deer's camp. Two cases at Schoen, one of the latter serious.

The Noted Pliscator Case.

The jury in the noted Pliscator case trial in St. Joseph, after seven hours' deliberation, gave a verdict against the Baroda gold king, which means that Pliscator will pay to Joseph Coveney, the plaintiff, $7,500. This suit was brought by Coveney to obtain $7,000 in gold dust which Pliscator had once paid him for alienating his wife's affection, but which had been obtained again by Pliscator under duress. Pliscator had paid Coveney $2,500 to stop a damage suit instituted when at a country ball Pliscator helped Coveney's wife out of a window. The $7,500 afterward paid was when Pliscator and Coveney's wife registered at the Palmer house, Chicago, as E. Johnson and wife. Following Pliscator for the Yukon valley for more money, the latter were found on Coveney and after many weeks in jail at Skagway he was forced to pay $5,000 in gold dust to gain his freedom. Aside from the fortune Coveney's wife registered under the name of Johnson and stuck to the name.

Hardwood Lumber Combine

Andrew Carnegie, who gave Iron Mountain $15,000 for a library, has added $2,500 to his gift upon request. The library will be opened in about a month.

Fred Gutekunst has been bound over by the Lansing circuit court on the charge of entering a dwelling and attempting a felonious assault on a young girl.

Leo Arnold, 19 years old, was crushed to death between the cogs at Powers Wednesday night. He was a brakeman in the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad.

Clerk C. C. Hopkins of the Supreme Court has completed the docket for the January term. The smallest January docket in at least ten years, containing only 142 cases.

Congressman Aplin is confident that nothing will be done at this session of congress that will in any way injure the 2,000 acres of timber claims of Michigan and Wisconsin settlers.

The Iron Belle Electric company, capitalized at $100,000, has been incorporated by Louise Langley, Lansing; Edward Langley, Lansing; Thomas Langley, Lansing; Frank Langley, Lansing, and Frank Hall, Lansing, to do a general electric business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dolson, of Saginaw, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Wednesday. Mr. Dolson is 72 years old and his wife 70. They were married in Ireland.

Special Receiver Frank Potter has sued James Lane & Sons Shoe Manufacturing company, Lake Linden, Calumet and Hecla Mercantile company and Lake Superior Lumber company for $10,000 each.

Lieut. M. Sayer, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio, has been appointed by congress to the position of quartermaster in the regular army, with the rank of captain. Lieut. Sayer is a native of Michigan and has been in the service for many years.

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Killed by a P. M. Train.

Willard Watson, a prominent local business man, was killed by a Pere Marquette train on Reed City railroad crossing Wednesday morning. Watson was driving a team of horses and was struck by the engine. He was thrown from the wagon and his head was crushed. He was 45 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

Mrs. Sarah Hall, wife of Dr. Hall, of Hillsdale, died Wednesday night from the effects of a dose of carbolic acid taken by mistake. She was mistaking the bottle for one containing medicine. She was 45 years old and had been married but a few months.

He Wants Hall Arrested.

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More Homestead Lands.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Lake Linden people are again talking of installing a municipal lighting plant.

The Lansing, St. Johns & St. Louis Electric railway will follow the city trail plans and be built beyond St. Johns to Mount Pleasant.

The university regents at their meeting Friday cut down the contemplated cost of the new engineering building from $125,000 to $75,000.

At the meeting of the State Grange at the father of the order, Oscar Lake was present, and in a speech pathetically referred to his infirmity and age. He is 90 years old and has been master of the grange for 30 years. Letters from Master Aaron Jones, of Washington, and Master Horace Greeley, of New York, were read.

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THE WORLD'S NEWS HARVEST

The Schley Case As Regards Navy Closed.

HOME AND CHILDREN BURNED

Hogs Least on the Living Flesh of a Farmer Miles Gets a Reprimand The Diss De Bar Gets Justice Various Matters of Interest and Notes.

Home and Children Burned.

The home of John Ashbaugh a Shamokin, Pa. farmer was destroyed by fire and four persons were burned to death Sunday morning. Besides the four children also lost their lives, two persons were seriously injured. Mr. Ashbaugh was awakened by the flames and succeeded in getting out with one of the children. He made his way out and left the house, thinking the rest of the family had escaped. He made his way out and left the house, thinking the rest of the family had escaped. Mrs. Ashbaugh could not get to the children, who were burned to death. Mr. Ashbaugh was overcome by the heat and fell back into the flames. He succeeded in getting out and had presence of mind enough to roll in the snow and thus extinguish the flames. He was then carried to the house of a neighbor, where he died. The dead are: Mrs. Ashbaugh, aged 32; Ethel, aged 6; Mary, aged 4; Ralph, aged 2. Mr. Ashbaugh was 35 years old.

Long Ends the Schley Case.

A Crook's Strong Pull.

Murdered by Robbers.

Miles Reprimanded.

Secretary Gage's Successor.

Got Their Deserts.

Feasting on Living Flesh.

CONGRESS.

The bill to provide revenue temporarily for the Philippine Islands passed the house by a vote of 163 to 128. The bill imposes the Dingley rates on goods entering the United States from the Philippines and the rates established by the Philippine commission on goods entering the Philippines from the United States. It also provides for the collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the United States and the Philippines and that foreign vessels may ply between those ports until January 1, 1905. The duties and taxes collected under the provisions of the bill shall go into the Philippine treasury to be expended for the use and benefit of the islands.

Representative Wood, of California, has introduced a bill to establish a department of mines and mining.

Chairman Ray, of the house committee on judiciary, has introduced an anti-trust bill which provides that any corporation or association engaged in the production of any article of commerce, which puts it into the hands of the consumer, pays a penalty for each offense.

Secretary of Nebraska introduced a bill appropriating $2,000,000 for the purpose of building a new capitol.

A bill introduced by Senator Penrose provides for levying a duty of 25 per cent ad valorem on all importations of agricultural products.

Most members of congress left for home over the holidays Thursday. So Friday's session was very lifeless at best. Both houses adjourned until Monday. January 6, 1902.

A Wretch Who Should Hang.

Nine Men Killed.

Forty-five Perished.

Long Will Remain.

Miles Reprimanded.

Exit Maclay.

News in Brief.

Got Their Deserts.

Feasting on Living Flesh.

A Quadruple Suicide.

Carnegie Will Give More.

AMUSEMENTS IN BRIEF.

THE MARKETS

Grain, Etc.

Produce.

An Important Capture.

MARRIAGES IN FRANCE.

Writer Points Out Grave Dangers That Threaten the State.

It is a mere truism to say that the welfare of the individual, of society and of the state is best secured by marriage, and by an early marriage, too. The fact has been established for 40 years that the death rate among all married men over 20 years of age is less than that among unmarried men, and that the death rate among all married women over 25 years of age is less than that among unmarried women. The home being the corner stone of civilized life, society is enriched by the multiplication of homes and impoverished when they are not in normal proportion to the total population. Only within the past few years has world-wide attention been drawn to the startling fact that the well being of a mighty nation is menaced by the predominance of celibacy, says Cyrus T. Adams in Success. More than half the men and half the women of France are unmarried. The foreign immigration into France is today greater than the natural increase of its own people. The excess of births over deaths in any year among those many millions amounts to only about one half of the population of Newark, N. J. The result is that while other nations of Europe are rapidly increasing in population France is almost stationary. While a century ago Frenchmen composed a fifth of the European population of the world they now only form a tenth. And the importance of their country as a world power is not growing. Their international commerce lags far behind that of other nations. How empty is the boast of satisfied pride is that France will some day glorify Avenue Sedan when she can add tens of thousands conscripts a year to the army. Of course no odds, as annually enrolled across the Rhine. We shall speak later of the mistaken motives the policy ruinous alike to the citizens and the state that induces many of the French to restrict the numbers of their children and half of them to one. Much life unmarried France is today an object lesson from which the whole world may derive warning and instruction on the question of marriage and the family, those guardians of society and state.

INHABITANTS OF TUTUILA.

Commander Tilley Reports That They Have Many Good Traits.

While Commander Benjamin F. Tilley commanding of the United States naval station at Pitiatia Samoa was in Washington he submitted to Secretary Long the interesting report that the Tutuilan are a gentle, simple minded people, and that the form of government instituted by the United States has proved popular with them. He recounts the numerous improvements in the system of self government instituted by the people and exactly agreed to them. Every once in a while says the report the wonderful reward make up its mind to go on a "mountain" or visiting party. All work would be abruptly stopped and all dance and remain out on a marauding holiday. The head of the family is not irritated to an extreme thing. He and the rest of the house left it their boundless hospitality. The visiting party would stay at one village as long as their entertainers could provide food for them. When supplies ran out they bade hasty adieus and moved on to the next village to be entertained.

Another custom was the bestowing of presents of great value at weddings and other ceremonies, a practice which was carried to such excess that a single wedding often impoverished a whole village. But much of these practices were stopped upon the suggestion of Commander Tilley.

Russia and the East Linked.

World wide significance attaches to the bonds so far added to the Russian finance minister, M. Witte, consummating Czar Nicholas on the completion of the East Asiatic railway. One of the most stupendous undertakings of modern times, begun with doubts and misgivings, and carried on despite opposition and serious has at last been brought to a successful issue, with far reaching results, which will react most powerfully upon the civilized globe. For the first time in history, Russia and the far east are linked together with bonds of steel and Siberia, which was heretofore the Achilles heel of the colossal slav empire, a sort of dependency house of ice outside the pale of civilization, is now become wholly assimilated to the Czar's dominions which may be expected to thrive and grow in the future at a rate out of all proportion to their development in the past.

Dog Saves Owner's Property.

A gentleman, the steward of a Hungarian magnate, who was traveling by rail the other day, took his spaniel with him and hid him from the guard's view beneath his greatcoat. He then stretched himself out in the coupe and fell asleep. An elegantly dressed young man, who entered the carriage shortly afterward, observed the bulging portmonnaie of the sleeping traveler partly protruding from the pocket of the coat and attempted skillfully to extract it. Scarcely had he touched it when he felt his finger sharply bitten and an angry growl awoke the owner. He quickly had to loose his hold, and on arriving at Nyiregyhaza gave his fellow traveler into the charge of the police.

Train Has Narrow Escape.

A peculiar accident happened to the P. & R. railroad train, which arrives at 10:15 from Kane at 4:40 p. m. On Saturday last the train left Kane and while running at a speed of 30 miles an hour, the engine struck a cow and sent her flying up one side of the track, and all was thought to be well, but the cow rolled down again and into the wheels of the front truck of the engine, which were thrown on the track. The car was whirled over the ties for fully 150 yards, when it jumped back on the rails again and went along as though nothing had happened. Pennsylvania spirit.