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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY, 24.

Mary Owens of Chicago is said to be the only woman in the world who does regular police duty. Every husband can testify that this is incorrect.

According to a recent regulation, pupils in the schools of Saxony will hereafter be required to commit to memory 291 Biblical verses and 193 verses of hymns in addition to the catechism.

An Ohio [illegible] when he saw that [illegible] he was interested [illegible] when he came to [illegible] those [illegible] he [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] is called, consists of a baseboard on which are secured an ordinary key and sounder, between which a disk is mounted, formed on its periphery with teeth. A spring contact adjacent to the wheel engages the peripheral teeth of the disk. Although irregular the arrangement of the teeth is arbitrary. For if the disk be rotated by means of a small crank [illegible] with the disk shaft, the spring contact is forced outwardly by the teeth, [illegible] drops back [illegible] and thus makes and breaks [illegible]. The experienced telegraph operator [illegible] ing these makes and breaks [illegible] sounder recognizes them as the dots and dashes of the Morse alphabet.

Omitting the cost of [illegible] and the products of [illegible] the American Grocer estimates that the national "drink bill" for beverages of all kinds amounts [illegible] to more than twelve hundred and twenty-eight million dollars. Alcoholic liquors account for more than a billion dollars; coffee for one hundred and twenty-five millions, tea for thirty-seven millions, and cocoa for six millions. Statistics are given to show that our consumption of alcohol is not increasing, and this, of course, is a thing to be thankful for, but the serious fact remains, that for these beverages some of which are unnecessary, and others distinctly harmful there is squandered every year money enough to provide the comforts of life for all who are in misery.

The old Scotchwoman who liked her minister because "he joombles the joodment an' confoonds the sense" would have appreciated a bit of British legislation which the premier seems to view with sardonic amusement. "In an act of Parliament," says Lord Salisbury, "which authorizes us to press forward technical instruction, it is distinctly said that technical instruction does not mean instruction in any art, or craft, or livelihood. Of course it is rather difficult under those circumstances to know what it does mean, but if you will go forward in the act of Parliament you will find that it means the cultivation of foreign languages." This is diverting indeed, but the humor of the thing does not limit its significance. Probably the British legislator did not know exactly what he did want. Assuredly he is not the first man who has found it hard to draw a clear distinction betwixt "you may, you must, you cannot, and you should."

A remarkable flint bowlder has been discovered in England. In a cavity within the bowlder was found a full-grown toad, which must, when young, have entered the hole in the stone by a small aperture. There the unfortunate prisoner waxed to adolescence, and probably may have died of chagrin that he had delayed his exit too long, for the hole afterward became silted up. The bowlder was exhibited recently before the Linnean society, and is eventually to be placed in the Brighton museum.

Uncle Russell Sage, with characteristic shrewdness, has been able to play Cassandra and yet pull out $2,000,000 profit on his prophecies. But it is safe to predict that he will not be remembered as many thousands years as Cassandra.

The fact that a copy of the first edition of "Paradise Lost" brought $530 in London indicates that everybody does not agree with those who think that John ought to have got six months instead of £5 for the original manuscript.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN.

Happenings of the Week Briefly Related.

WILL INTEREST MICHIGANDERS

Jas. S. Ayres, a Michigan Boy, Murdered at the Capital—A Woman in the Case—She Makes a Complete Confession—Attempted Assault Responsible She Says.

Michigan Boy Murdered at the Capital.

[illegible]

Ascher Gets a New Trial.

[illegible]

New Garnishee Law.

The amount of wages of a working man with a family [illegible] be attached for debt [illegible] what he earns each week. If he earns but $8 a week, the entire amount shall be exempt. No matter how much he earns, in no case shall more than $[illegible] of a family man's weekly wages be exempt from garnishee writ. [illegible] a single man with only himself to support, at least $4 a week shall be exempt from garnishee, but in no case shall more than $[illegible] be exempt. Working girls shall have the same amount of their wages exempt as unmarried men.

Behind the Bars Again.

Undoubtedly one of the smoothest rascals ever liberated from the state prison is [illegible] paroled by Gov. Pingree just at the close of his administration. [illegible] month from the date of [illegible] broke his parole and [illegible] recently the prison officials learned that he was in St. Louis, Mo., and secured his arrest, and Deputy Warden [illegible] rup went to St. Louis and brought him back, arriving at the prison on the 21st.

Regent W. J. Cocker Dead.

William J. Cocker, of Adrian, a regent of the U. of M., died at Ann Arbor on the 19th. Mr. Cocker went to Ann Arbor on the 16th to attend a session of the board of regents. He was apparently in [illegible] health, but was taken ill [illegible] dressing [illegible] heart disease, and expired in a few minutes.

Fairfield people are [illegible] preparations for [illegible] Milo [illegible] address.

Hon. Edwin F. Uhl, of Grand Rapids, a former U. S. ambassador, died at his suburban home just outside of that city on the 17th.

A block of buildings in the business section of Weidman was destroyed by fire on the 15th. Loss, $11,[illegible]; only partially insured.

Promoters of a new electric line are hustling for a franchise at Adrian. The proposed road is to run between Ann Arbor and Adrian.

Ed Van Zandt, of Port Huron, who was found guilty of burglary on his third trial has been sentenced to 10 years in Marquette prison.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Hart is to have a starch factory.

A "Jack the Hugger" is operating at Grand Rapids.

Hart has three churches, three newspapers and three saloons.

The proposition to bond Owosso for the purpose of paving a street has been defeated.

The village of Erie, Monroe, county, was scorched to the extent of $10,000 on the 15th.

Potatoes are still being shipped from Hart in large quantities, the price being [illegible]

[illegible]

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 14th: Appropriating $40,000 for an additional state normal school; appropriating 5,000 acres of state tax lands in the township of Whitney, Arenac county, and in the township of Sherman, Iosco county, for the purpose of clearing out the channel of the Au Gres river; providing that in cases before the state crossing boards the expenses and per diem compensation of the clerk shall be paid by the railroad applying for said hearing; providing for the registration of grange libraries; providing for the licensing and regulation of itinerant peddlers; to organize the township of [illegible]

[illegible]

STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED.

The Striking Street Car Men at Albany, N. Y. Win Out.

SCABS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME.

All the Old Employes of the Company Were Given Their Old Positions Back and the Best of Feeling Now Exists—Other Events.

Soldiers and Strikers Join in Combat.

[illegible]

The Strikers Win Out.

[illegible]

Explosion in a Mine Killed Six Men.

[illegible]

Carnegie's Big Gift Gets a Cold Welcome.

[illegible]

BRIEF NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

[illegible]

TRANSVAAL WAR ITEMS.

War news has almost entirely disappeared from the London press. Lord Kitchener contents himself with the briefest possible bulletins summing up the captures from day to day, and the meager press dispatches contain no details of any interest. Lord Kitchener's memoranda have proved that bands of guerrillas were coming into the British lines and surrendering, and that Gens. Botha and Delarey had met with heavy losses in horses and cattle. The evidence is not yet conclusive that the end of the war is near. British reinforcements are still going to the Cape from Southampton, and the war office is not suspending its active preparations for a continuance of the war.

[illegible] hundred Boers have crossed the Orange river [illegible] the northwest, [illegible] the commandoes [illegible] The latest [illegible] near Philip[illegible] Orange River colony, and not [illegible] several Boer [illegible] in the [illegible] Orange river. Several British patrols have been ambushed.

A [illegible] from London, dated the [illegible] says that the health of Mrs. Botha, wife of Commandant General Botha, has broken down owing to worry and her constant journeys between her husband and Lord Kitchener, and that she is about to sail from Delagoa bay to visit Mr. Kruger, and to appeal to him to persuade the Boers to surrender.

A parliamentary paper just issued shows the total of British troops in South Africa, May 1, to be 249,416. The total deaths were 14,978 and wounded [illegible]. In hospital April 15 [illegible]

The Boers blew up an armored train [illegible] south of American Siding [illegible] A number of the South [illegible] was killed.

CHINA WAR NEWS.

[illegible] to the statement of the ministers of the foreign powers as to the losses sustained by nations and individuals in China has been received. The answer commences with an appeal for mercy, saying that [illegible]

[illegible]

Threw Acid in His Face for Revenge.

[illegible]

An Outrage at Lake Odessa.

A heavy charge of dynamite was placed under the window of Mrs. Alice Montague's residence at Lake Odessa on the night of the 20th, and exploded. All of the windows of the residence were torn out and the woman and her daughter frightened so they have had a doctor in constant attendance ever since. Gossip has been running wild about the woman, and it is evident that this is the result. Mrs. Montague has always born a good reputation. Her daughter is a teacher in the village schools. Great excitement prevails and arrests may follow.

NEWSY BREVITIES.

The Holland furniture factory, recently burned, is nearly completed again and will employ 75 more men than formerly.

Nine hundred Porto Ricans embarked on the steamer California at Guanica for Hawaii on the 21st, and [illegible] more are ready to sail.

Jack Moffat, the Chicago middleweight, has been matched to box 20 rounds with George Gardner of Boston, at San Francisco, on July 4.

Gen. MacArthur celebrated the surrenders of the insurgent generals Mascardo and Lacuna by releasing 1,000 Filipino prisoners. Gen. Moxia, the insurgent chief on the island of Leyte, has surrendered with 20 men, the regiment of his command.

An explosion occurred at the Cambridgeport National bank, at Cambridge, Mass., on the 21st, which badly wrecked the building and seriously injured the cashier, W. H. Ross. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained definitely, although the police claim to have evidence that it resulted from a time bomb.

The prospects for a large fruit crop in the vicinity of Hesperia are flattering. Every big and little tree and [illegible] is loaded with blossoms, and the season is so far advanced that it is not likely that any damage from frost will occur.

Railroad Commissioner Osborn's power to grant or refuse applications from suburban street railways for grade crossings over steam railroad tracks is curtailed by a bill which passed the house on the 21st. It vests the power in the state crossing board. The bill also provides for a general law for incorporation or reincorporation of suburban railways.

The census of Ireland shows the population to be 4,456,546, a decrease of [illegible] per cent. This is less decrease than during the previous decade. Scotland, the census shows, has a population numbering 4,471,957 persons.

LEGISLATIVE GOSSIP.

The senate passed the following bills on the 21st: To make a boulevard of Lafayette avenue, Detroit; railroad taxation bill; to authorize Houghton county to build a pest house; amend Manistee charter; to pension Detroit policemen; to reorganize school districts in Saginaw county; to fix the salaries of officers of the legislature; relative to the fees of registrar of deaths; relative to the incorporation of A. O. U. W. lodges; relative to the incorporation of fraternal beneficiary societies; relative to the incorporation of societies for the prevention of cruelty to children; relative to estates in remainder; relative to the duties of salt inspectors; for a county abstract system in Ontonagon county; to fix the salary of the state superintendent of fisheries; to empower the state board of education to prescribe all courses of study in state normal schools.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 21st: Revising laws for the incorporation and regulation of interurban railways; providing a salary of $1,500 a year for the superintendent of fisheries in lieu of all other expenses; geological survey appropriation of $[illegible]; ad valorem taxation bill; increasing state tax commission from three to five members; appropriating 5,000 acres of state tax lands for the purpose of clearing the channel of the Kawkawlin river, Bay county; amending the charter of the city of Adrian; amending the charter of Grand Rapids to provide for the election of city attorney and to prevent defaulters from holding office; providing a specific tax of 3 per cent on telephone and 7 per cent on telegraph; fixing compensation of employes of senate and house; amending charter of Manistee; authorizing common council of Detroit to make a boulevard of Lafayette avenue.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY!

An Indiana Man Murders Three and Then Commits Suicide.

Ernest Conway, aged 27, married, of Evansville, Ind., shot and killed C. W. Garrison and wife, fatally wounded a patrolman, and driven to desperation by the police, killed himself, on the 19th. After killing Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, his neighbors, he shot their cows and later set fire to the barn. He then barricaded himself in his own house and when a patrolman attempted to arrest him, he shot him. At this point a riot alarm was sounded and the entire police department turned out. They surrounded the house and were about ready to break in when they heard a shot. Later it was learned that Conway had kissed his wife goodbye, ran upstairs and shot himself in the heart.

Murder at Connellsville, Pa.

Connellsville, Pa., was the scene of a murder on the night of the 18th, when a mob broke into the jail with the intent purpose of lynching Wm. Fairfax, the negro murderer, and murdered Assistant Yardmaster Moore instead. To add to the night's excitement another shooting occurred which will result in murder. The victim was John Hinman and his assailant was Frank Jett, both colored. The latter two men, together with a woman, got into a quarrel during a drinking bout, and Hinman was shot in the abdomen. He cannot live.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Tuesday, May 21:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
[illegible]	17	7	.708
[illegible]	16	7	.696
[illegible]	11	6	.647
[illegible]	12	7	.632
[illegible]	8	10	.444
[illegible]	8	15	.348
[illegible]	6	14	.300
[illegible]	6	18	.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Per ct.
Cincinnati	14	8	.636
New York	11	7	.611
Pittsburg	12	10	.545
Philadelphia	13	11	.542
Boston	9	10	.474
St. Louis	10	13	.435
Brooklyn	9	12	.429
Chicago	10	17	.370

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

	Cattle	Sheep	Lambs	Hogs
New York				
Best grades	$5 15@5 90	$4 50	$5 50	$6 20
Lower grades	3 20@4 50	3 25	5 00	6 10
Chicago				
Best grades	5 30@5 95	4 65	5 65	5 95
Lower grades	3 90@5 00	4 15	4 50	5 55
Detroit				
Best grades	3 80@4 80	4 40	4 90	5 70
Lower grades	2 75@3 75	3 50	4 40	5 55
Buffalo				
Best grades	4 50@5 25	4 70	5 50	6 10
Lower grades	3 65@4 00	4 25	5 30	5 75
Cincinnati				
Best grades	5 00@5 25	4 25	8 00	5 65
Lower grades	3 80@4 50	3 75	5 25	5 25
Pittsburg				
Best grades	5 15@5 60	4 40	5 15	5 90
Lower grades	4 50@5 00	4 00	4 50	5 65

GRAIN, ETC.

	Wheat No. 2 red	Corn No. 2 mix	Oats No. 2 white
New York	[illegible]	50@50¼	34@34
Chicago	[illegible]	44@44¼	28@28½
*Detroit	[illegible]	45@45	32@32½
Toledo	[illegible]	44@44½	28@28½
Cincinnati	75@76	46@46	31@32
Pittsburg	77@77¼	47@47	34@34½
Buffalo	76@76¼	46@46	33@33¼

*Detroit—Hay, No. 1 Timothy, $12 75 per ton. Potatoes, 35c per bu. Live Poultry, spring chickens, 11c per lb; fowls, 10c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 10c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 12c per dozen. Butter, best dairy, 15c per lb; creamery, 19c.

According to telegrams from various cities throughout the U. S. on the 20th, there were fully 50,000 machinists out on strike for the shorter workday—nine hours.

Mrs. Lyman J. Gage, wife of the secretary of the treasury, died at her home in Washington on the night of the 17th, after an illness of nine weeks. She was a victim of the grip.

Dave Sullivan has agreed to fight Terry McGovern in a 20-round battle at Louisville next August. Dave thinks it is no cinch for Terry, but there are others who think otherwise.

The British steamer Para, Capt. Stranger, which arrived at Kingston, Ja., on the 19th, from Colon, reports the suspension of hostilities on the part of the Colombian rebels, and that the Colombian government is believed to be negotiating to end the revolution.

Fr. Edward S. Phillips, of St. Gabriel's church, Hazleton, Pa., who had been missing since April 28, was found dead in a house in New York on the 16th. It is believed he was murdered, and a man by the name of Kirk Stanley is under arrest, charged with the crime.