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A luxury, as soon as we get used to it, becomes a necessity.

Another plan to protect authors is afoot. How about the readers?

Even the new $30,000,000 sewing machine trust will have its seamy side.

Mount Pelee is giving fresh proof every day of its great desire to be uninhabited.

Women's fall hats will be large. Fortunately in this case size does not affect the price.

If Emperor William wishes to keep up with the procession he will have to be operated on.

It would be a little queer if we had to appeal to the oil trust for protection from the coal trust.

All that good fuel oil burning in Texas and nothing to keep northern people warm. Think of it!

Look not upon the big apple when it is red. Too oft it biteth like a ball of yarn and tasteth like sawdust.

The American generals who were given a vacation in Germany may need five or six months to rest up.

It is becoming almost as dangerous to ride in automobiles as to be in front of them. This may bring reform.

The Massachusetts Red Men want the codfish as their totem. What will the aristocracy have to say about it?

Experiments at New York recently with the latest airship are pronounced highly successful—only the blamed thing wouldn't fly.

We still insist that the greatest of all American heroes is the taxpayer. His is the sort of heroism that keeps the government going.

S. Leszczynski and M. Grzegorzkowna have been licensed to wed. It should not be very hard for the lady in this case to get used to her new name.

A woman has just recovered her sight after being blind for seven years. Perhaps you believe that her first inquiry was for the latest fashion magazine.

"I work harder than any other man in the entire world," said Buffalo Bill the other day. We have always wanted to know just who it is that works the hardest.

A Virginia editor has been arrested for smoking cigarettes. Virginia insists upon having her cigarettes smoked elsewhere, which is natural but not just.

The Newport smart set says "sour grapes" to Henry Watterson. But the colonel seems hardly the man to want to butt into a monkey dinner or a poodle party.

Raw onions and whisky are the prescription of a Mississippi doctor for malaria. The prescription would seem to involve solitude as an accessory treatment.

Being a prudent man and possessing some means, Mr. Rockefeller doubtless had his home insured. We do not anticipate that he will raise the price of coal oil.

It appears that the Chinese were addicted to profane swearing thousands of years ago. Modern civilization, in fact, can hardly claim any vice as peculiarly its own.

An English nobleman threatens to kill himself and everybody else if a Chicago girl does not marry him. Now and then our English friends get interested in something really worth while.

Why doesn't somebody invent a flying machine to shoot along say 100 feet above the earth, taking its power up through a trolley wire with a ring on the end running free on an overhead wire?

A visitor to houston, Tex., claims that he slept in a saloon 15 minutes and lost $160. Tais amounts to a little over $10.60 a minute for his lodging. He must have dreamed that he was at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Kentucky judge who enjoined the McGovern-Corbett fight did so on the ground that it was to be a "real fight." From which it is seen that the bench in Kentucky retains its share of innocent credulity.

A Missouri farmer saw in a paper an advertisement of a fire escape for $2. He sent the $2 and received a copy of the New Testament. He indignantly claims that he was swindled.

Tom Sharkey announces that he has quit the ring to please his parents. The regularity of Tom's lickings were evidently mortifying to the old folks.

One of Brigham Young's grandsons is being held on a charge of murder. It was hardly to have been expected that they would all turn out well.

A fashion writer says that breadth of figure can be developed by correct breathing. If that is so, the lady who weighs 270 pounds should be very careful not to breathe correctly.

It is generally safe to ask your friends to drop in and see you any time if your office is on the sixth floor and the elevator isn't running.

Harry Lehr says that Miss Nathalie Schenck is the most beautiful woman in the world. Nathalie may be lovely, but has Harry examined them all?

Michigan News

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

FALLS 485 FEET TO HIS DEATH.

Shocking Accident to Son Duplicates That which Killed Father.

Alexander Christofsen, 20 years old, met a shocking death in the Cundy mine at Iron Mountain. He with six other miners were coming from the bottom skip when the road runner became loose. The jar threw Christofsen out and he fell 485 feet. The others escaped injury. Caristofsen's father was killed exactly the same way a few years ago at the Republic mine. Young Christofsen's right foot was taken off the same as his fathers in the accident.

LETS FEDERAL BUILDING SLIP

Owosso Refuses to Issue Bonds for the Site.

With a $35,000 federal building almost within her grasp, Owosso voted against the proposition to bond the city for $8,000 for a site. The proposition was lost by only ten votes. Sectional feeling did the trick, the west siders feeling that the site should be located nearer their part of town. Scores of voters are urging the aldermen to appropriate the $8,000 anyway, in view of the close vote.

Finds His Grandson.

For twenty years Arthur Raymond, aged 25, of Owosso, and his grandfather, John C. Southworth, of Peterboro, Mich, had not met. The boy was brought up by his foster parents and supposed all his relatives were dead. The old gentleman is alone in the world and hearing recently that his grandson was somewhere in central Michigan, he set out on a hunt. The meeting was quite accidental. Mr. Southworth is wealthy and the young man's find will be worth while.

New Bank at Stephenson.

Stephenson is soon to have a new bank. It will be organized under the state laws and will have $25,000 capital. The stockholders and officers will be local business men. The need for such an institution has long been felt in the village, as there has never been a bank there. Heretofore the citizens have had to do all their banking business through the Menominee banks.

Railroad Earnings.

Railroad Commissioner Osborn reports that the Michigan earnings of railroads for the month of August were $4,259,304.17, an increase of $202,963.97 over the month of August last year. The earnings for the eight months ending August 31 were $29,493,758.87, an increase of $2,123,110.42 over the corresponding month last year. The percent of increase was $7.75.

To Beat Thrashers' Trust.

A number of Oakland county farmers have worked a thrashing machine co-operation plan to beat the thrashers' trust which was organized in the county some time ago. The trust wanted to raise prices. The farmers kicked and bought two outfits. The result is that the co-operative machines have been rushed ever since the season opened.

Underestimated.

Last spring the people of St. Joseph county voted $15,000 to build a new jail at Centerville. The work is now two-thirds completed and the funds have run out. Nine thousand dollars more is needed, and if the people fail to vote that amount at the election next month the county will have an unfinished lock-up on its hands.

Will Lose His Foot.

Charles Underwood and a friend of Bay City went to the mouth of the river to shoot ducks. On the way home the companion's gun was accidentally discharged and the load struck Underwood in the heel, tearing it away so badly that the attending physician says the foot will have to be amputated.

Boy's Close Call.

Wendell Porter, a Bay City boy of 9 years, came near being instantly killed. He was riding on the pole connecting two shavings wagons when the wagons came together and squeezed his head between them. The space barely allowed his head to pass. His ear was torn and the side of his face skinned.

Holland Has Hopes.

Holland's mayor, C. J. Deroo, believes from a recent letter received from the committee appointed to investigate sites on the great lakes suitable for proposed new naval station asking for further information regarding place offered by his city, that the Waukazoo resort will be chosen.

Game Wardens Co-operate.

An arrangement has been made so that hereafter the game wardens of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota will co-operate in the protection of fish and game along the boundary lines of the three states.

Suffrage Convention.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Michigan Equal Suffrage Association will be held at Charlotte October 29, 30 and 31. Many women prominent in the cause will attend and make addresses.

Seek Local Option.

The required number of signatures has been secured to the petitions for the submission of local option in Cass county, and the matter is up to the supervisors. If they decide to submit the proposition, it is thought it will be carried.

Benton Harbor Saloons.

There are ninety-nine saloons in Bay City and the amount of liquor has paid by them as shown by reports to the board of police commissioners is $48,545.36.

LEAVES HIS SNAKES IN PAWN

Exhibitor at Adrian Gives Reptiles as Security for Debt.

The bad weather at the Adrian fair made it difficult for those who sought ground privileges to make good, and the snake man, who showed big rattlesnakes and gave exhibitions of snake eating, found it necessary to leave his big snakes as security for the amount of the fee required. Uncle Jo Bennett has the reptiles in charge, and is in a quandary what he shall do with his security. He does not eat snakes and has no ambition to learn how to feed or care for his charge.

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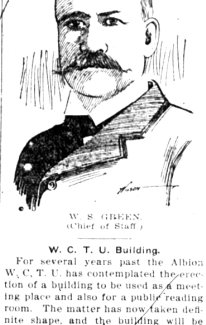

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(Chief of Staff.)

W. C. T. U. Building.

For several years past the Albion W. C. T. U. has contemplated the erection of a building to be used as a meeting place and also for a public reading room. The matter has now taken definite shape, and the building will be begun next spring. A site has been purchased and $2,000 already subscribed. The building is expected to cost about $3,000, and will contain a small auditorium for the use of the union and a reading room and a rest room for the benefit of the public.

Wedding Cake May Vote.

An Onstead lady was married on her birthday twenty-one years ago. At the wedding was a bride's cake. But little of it was used, and the remainder was cared for by the groom's mother, Mrs. Charles Greenleaf, and each year the wedding anniversary is recognized by partaking of the cake, and the cake, twenty-one years old, was enjoyed at the anniversary recently.

Farmers in Hard Luck.

The scarcity of farm help makes it necessary for the farmer to put in every minute he can himself, and then along comes a week or two of bad weather to set him still further back. There is corn yet to be cut, sugar beets to be pulled, and fields to be prepared for the fall planting. It is time to sow wheat, yet few farmers have the ground ready for it.

Shot Himself Accidentally.

Carl Service, a young man in Fairfield, was out coursing. When crawling through a fence the hammer of his gun caught, discharging the weapon, the charge of shot entering his leg between the knee and ankle. He was carried home and a physician picked about forty shot from his leg, which was greatly protected by the rubber boots he wore.

Teachers Are Scarce.

Commissioners of rural schools complain they have hard work getting teachers. One bright young woman says that it is a wonder anyone will teach a country school for a living. What with a meager salary and boarding round there was nothing in it.

Walks Into a Shaft.

Jack Hicks, aged 30, walked into a subshaft at the Chapin mine near Iron Mountain and fell 100 feet. He was instantly killed. He was known by everyone on the Menominee range, having sold papers for twelve years.

Freight Wreck Near Alexis.

The northbound Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton merchandise train on the Michigan Central was wrecked near Alexis. Nine cars were piled up in the ditch.

Suspects a Murder.

An investigation is being made into the death of Joseph Kocha, the fireman who was so mysteriously shot while in the cab of his locomotive. Sheriff Murphy, of Marinette, is convinced that it was a deliberate murder.

Bonus for Flour Mill.

The Grand Haven board of trade is anxious to secure a flour mill for the city, and is making inducements to one of the mills at Holland to remove to the county seat.

OLD MAN IS BURNED TO DEATH

Wife's Efforts to Rescue Husband Prove to Be Fruitless.

Andrew Hongala, aged 82, who lived on an uncleared forty acres of land six miles west of Houghton, was burned to death in bush fires. The aged wife tried to save her husband, but her efforts were fruitless. Hongala and his wife eked out an existence on land which was given to them several years ago by H. Burkman. The old man started several fires, returning to dinner. His wife noticed that they spread to the grass and warned her husband. He went out to fight them, but was overcome. The wife went in search of him and found him suffocated and burned, but still unconscious. She tried to drag him out of danger, but could not. She ran half a mile for assistance, but when it arrived the old man was burned to a crisp.

Makes $20,000.

The West Michigan state fair managers estimate that after paying all expenses the association will have about $20,000 to its credit. Plans are already being discussed for another fair next year, and many improvements are contemplated. Among the most important is the erection of a new grand stand or the building of an addition to the present one. A new exhibition building, the construction of a midway and the platting of the grounds into graded streets are also being discussed.

Wanted—A Seed Clerk.

A civil service examination will be held at Detroit on November 1 for the position of seed clerk in the department of agriculture. The salary will be from $840 to $1,000, and a young man who has had experience in connection with the commercial seed business, embracing the growing, cleaning, storing, handling and shipping of field and garden seeds, will stand a good show to pass and receive an appointment.

Peaches Are Worthless.

The Ludington peach market, as in a state of complete collapse. Growers refuse absolutely to make any offers for the fruit and thousands of bushels of peaches are going to waste, their value not being sufficient to pay picking and hauling to town. Many thousand baskets have been dumped into the lake. Fruit men say that the condition has been brought about by an over-supply of inferior fruit recently placed on the market.

Judge Carter Is Dead.

John Carter, aged 82 years, died at his home in Brighton. Deceased had held many offices, was justice of the peace for forty-four years, member of the state legislature one term, supervisor three years, and was an honest, upright man in all his transactions. He was a native of Queen's county, Ireland, and came here fifty years ago.

He Got the Money.

A McBain merchant recently sent a statement of his account to one of his customers, and she replied that she could not possibly pay it as she had to educate her daughter. This considerably filled the aforesaid merchant, and he wrote her that he must have the money as he had two daughters to educate. He got the money.

Farmers as Butchers.

It is the intention of Chippewa county farmers to open a butcher shop in the Soo to supply themselves with meat, and also to offer it for sale to consumers in the city. It is their opinion that their beef is worth more than is being offered for it, and the new venture will show whether they are right in their theory or not.

Two Crops of Berries.

Some of the Northville strawberry culturists are getting a second crop of berries from their vines. The fruit is of good size and flavor, but is not produced in sufficient quantities to put on the market.

Hit by Falling Rock.

John Sandgren, while climbing a rope from one slope to another in the Cundy mine near Iron Mountain, was struck on the head by falling rock. He leaves a widow and three children.

Call to Mason Pastor.

The congregation of Westminster Presbyterian church of West Bay City has decided to extend a call to Rev. A. S. Zimmermann, of Mason, Mich.

Ducks Are Plentiful.

Sportsmen say there are lots of ducks on the feeding grounds in different parts of the state, and some good bags are being made.

Neat Wedding Present.

John M. Golden, bookkeeper for E. J. Weinberg & Son, of Prescott, was married to Lillian Rosa Veinberg at her home in Montreal. The bride is the only child of a wealthy wholesale clothier, and her wedding present from her father was $20,000.

Phone Line Branches Out.

The Citizens' Telephone Co. of Grand Rapids now controls the Missaukee County Telephone Co. Local exchanges at Cadillac and McBain and 60 miles of toll lines are included.

Cucumber Crop Short.

The pickle industry has been hard hit by the weather this year. The cucumber crop will run only about 20 per cent of last year's yield.

An Ill Wind.

Vicksburg is to lose one of its factories. Either Sturgis, Three Rivers or Coldwater will get it.

Sixth Michigan Cavalry.

The annual reunion of the Sixth Michigan Cavalry will be held at Ionia on October 22.

Killed the Insulter.

Wm. D. Barrington, of Grand Rapids, was killed as a result of an insult offered a woman. He was on his way home with a party of convivial friends and as they passed the home of Thos. A. Stewart, a colored man, Barrington aroused the household by kicking the door. Mrs. Stewart came to see what was the matter and she was addressed by Barrington with an insulting remark. Her husband was standing nearand overheard what was said. Quick as a flash he let fly his right hand and caught the insulter full on the jaw. Barrington fell to the walk and never moved. Stewart picked him up and carried him into his home, and after summoning medical aid gave himself up to the authorities. The postmortem showed that Barrington's death was caused by cerebral compression, the cavity of the skull being filled with blood.

Stewart has always borne a good reputation and it is thought there will be no trouble in securing his acquittal, as the case seems to have been one of justifiable homicide. The dead man was a widower, 38 years old, and leaves a daughter 13 years old.

Crazy Assassin Killed.

Fireman Kiecha, of the St. Paul road, who was shot and killed in his engine cab while the train was running at full speed near Pendleton, one day last week, it was proved was the victim of a crazy man's act. The assassin's name was Arnold. He was a wanderer in the woods, and last night he made his appearance at a lumber camp near the scene of Kiecha's murder. At the point of his rifle he demanded supper. The cook ran for his own rifle, dodging bullets as he went, and returned the crazy man's fire, killing Arnold instantly.

Brown Case Ends.

On motion of Prosecutor Tuttle an order of nolle prosse was entered by Judge Wiest, of Lansing, in the case of James H. Brown, the former president of the state live stock sanitary commission, who was indicted for making illegal charges against the state for per diem and expenses. One year ago a jury disagreed as to Brown's guilt and since then the respondent has broken down mentally and physically. The order was made after Judge Wiest had a conference with Brown and his wife.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Where Johnny Comes Marching Home. Sat. Mat. at 2. Eve at 8.

LYCEUM THEATER—The Red Kyes. Saturday Matinee 2. Evenings 15c, 25c, 50c and $1.

WHITNEY THEATER—A Desperate Chance. Matinees 1 c. 10c. Evenings 10c, 20c, 30c.

TEMPLE THEATER & WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2 to 11 c to 50c; Evenings 7 to 11 c to 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle: Choice steers, $3.90@4.50; good to choice butcher steers (900 to 1,100 pounds average $4.00@4.30); light to good butcher steers and heifers, 200 to 900 pounds, $2.50@3.75; canners, $1.75@2; and fat cows, $2@2.25; canners and common mixed, $1.50 to $2.75; good stockers and feeders, $3.00@3.50; common stockers, $2.50@3.00; good milkers and springers, $30@40; common milkers, $20@25. Veal calves: Steady. Light to good, $3.50@6.50; grassers, $3.00@3.50. Sheep: Best lambs, $4.75@5.00; light to good mixed lots, $4.00@4.50; yearlings, $3.50@4.00; fair to good butcher sheep, $2.75@3.25; culls and common, $1.50@2.00. Hogs: Market on top hogs 40 to 50 cents lower; pigs, 75 to 85 cents lower; light to good hogs, $5.65@5.80; pigs, $5.60@5.80; light yorkers, $5.60@5.70; roughs, 50 pounds off; stags, 1-3 off.

Chicago—Cattle: Good to prime steers, $5.75@6.60; good to medium, $4@5.75; butcher steers, $2.75@5.50; heifers, $2@5.25; cows, $1.25@4.50; canners, $1.40@2.25; bulls, $2.25@4.25; feeders, $3.50@4.50; stockers, $2@4; stocker heifers, $2.00@3.25; veals, $5.50@8.75. Hogs: Heavy, $5.45@5.55; mixed, $5.50@5.40; yorkers, $5@5.20; pigs, $4.50@5.20; pigs, $5.20@5.65; roughs, $4.25@5.50; stags, $3@4.75; grassers, $5.50@5.90; dairies, $4@5.30. Sheep: Fop lambs, $5.60@5.80; culls to good, $4.25@5.50; yearlings, $4@6.90; culls and common, $2.50@4; wethers, $4.25@4.60; culls to good, $2.50@3.85.

Grain.

Detroit—Wheat: No. 2 white, 72c; No. 2 red, 70 cars at 72½c; December, 20,000 bu at 72½c; 2,000 bu at 72¾c, closing nominal at 72½c; May, 5,000 bu at 77½c, closing nominal at 74½c. No. 3 red, 1 car at 68c; mixed wheat, 2 cars; rejected sample, 1 car at 68c; 1 car at 65c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 6c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 62c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white, 1 car at 35c. No. 4 do, nominal at 32c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 1 car at 51c; No. 3 rye, 49c per bu.

Chicago—Wheat: No. 2 spring, 73@75c; No. 2 red, 70@72c. Corn: No. 2, 60@60c. Oats: No. 2 white, 34½@35c. Rye: No. 2, 49@50c.

Produce.

Butter—Creameries, extra, 22@23c; firsts, 21@22c; factory selected dairy, 16@17c; good to choice, 22@23c; ladles, 14@15c; packing stock, 12@12c. Cheese—New full cream, 11@12c; brick, 11@12c.

Eggs—Candled fresh receipts, 21@22c at mark, 19@19½c per doz.

Honey—No. 1 white, 1 pail, 15c; light amber, 13c; dark amber, 8@9c; extracted, 6@8c per lb.

Apples—Common, 25@75c per bbl; fancy, $1.50@1.75 per bbl.

Evaporated apples—22@25c per lb, sun-dried, 40@6c per lb.

Potatoes—50@60c per bu; car lots, f. o. b. Detroit, 40@45c per bu.

Beans—Spot $2.25 for old, $2.20; October, $2.35 nominal; November, 5 cars at $2.25; December, $2.25 nominal; prime spot, $2.30 per bu.

Onions—Michigan red, 75c per bu.

Dressed poultry—We are paying the following prices: Medium and fancy, unwashed, 13@14c; fine do, 15@16c; ducks, 10@11c; unwashed taps, 6c per lb.

John H. Miller and John Haischer, while walking along the Cooper Range tracks near the Baltic mine, six miles southwest of Houghton, were struck and killed by a passenger train.

Prof. Osborne, of the American museum of natural history, has received word that the scientific explorers who went west some months ago to search for relics of extinct species of horses, have found fossils of a herd of five small horses. The animals belonged to the three-toed variety, which hitherto has been known only from skulls and poor fragments of the frame. One skeleton has been found almost intact.

W. E. Francis, business agent of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers of Chicago, has been fined $200 by the joint arbitration committee of the union and employers because he ordered a sympathetic strike of iron workers on the Rock Island depot. Francis called out the men because the contractors gave out the building of a "traveler" to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. As a result work was stopped on buildings that are to cost over $9,000,000.

The piling of the $600,000 ore dock of the Northwestern road at Escanaba will be completed in two months.

PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL

The president sent Commissioner of Labor Wright to Philadelphia to meet Mitchell, and Wright has reported that after the proposition of the president had been submitted, Mitchell said he wanted to take it under consideration. Following is the official statement from the White House:

On Monday, October 6, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, went to Philadelphia and gave Mr. Mitchell the following from the president:

"If Mr. Mitchell will secure the immediate return to work of the miners in the anthracite regions the president will at once appoint a commission to investigate thoroughly into all the matters at issue between the operators and miners, and will do all within his power to obtain a settlement of those questions in accordance with the report of the commission."

Mr. Mitchell has taken this matter under consideration, but the president has not yet been advised of any decision.

The president was in consultation Tuesday for almost two hours with members of the cabinet relative to the coal strike situation. He also talked over the situation with Dr. Albert Shaw, the Rev. Lyman Abbott, Commissioner General of Immigration Frank P. Sargent and Gen. James S. Clark'son. After the conference it was decided to give out the above statement.

A Wilkesbarre special says: "The ordering out of all the state troops by Gov. Stone is viewed with different feelings throughout the strike region. Strike leaders, before their departure for Buffalo, were moderate in their views, but the statement of Mitchell that all the troops of the United States could not compel the men to return to work is the sentiment of most of the minor officers of the union. To counteract the arrival of the troops there was held to-day a meeting of every local to express again their allegiance to the union and the leaders and to reaffirm their determination to remain on strike.

The coal operators are elated at having at last gained what they desired. In the Lackawanna district, where a few of the mines are working, there has been no material gain during the last three weeks, owing to a series of riots and two murders and the constant intimidation of the workers and their families. This has frightened the men into remaining home. The operators there believe that, with sufficient troops to assure protection, they will get a large number of men to return to work. This feeling prevails among the mining authorities in every district, and they believe the coming of the troops, the failure of the peace negotiations, are evident intention of the operators to fight out the strike, however long it takes, will all influence the men to resume work.

The President and members of the cabinet have been considering how something may be done to reopen the anthracite mines but that what direction the matter will take is not known. It is said that the President has asked Governor Stone to call a special session of the Pennsylvania legislature to settle the strike and the governor will neither affirm nor deny that such request has been made. The Philadelphia Inquirer says: "There is reason to believe that President Mitchell is preparing to deliver a master stroke that is calculated to carry confusion into the ranks of the coal operators and at the same time to extend to the public measureable relief from the pangs of the fuel famine. This is reported to be the nature of the of the striking miners at the independent collieries where the owners are willing to accede to the demands of the United Mine Workers.

"Independent operators, about 20 in number, have notified Mitchell of their willingness to accede to all the demands made by the miners, including increased wages and reduced hours, and have asked the union to authorize the miners to go back to work.

"The independent operators will ask the United Mine Workers to provide them with enough men to work collieries on a double shift. It is thought probable they could send to market more than 25,000 tons of coal a week."

The New England owners of mines leased and operated by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad on royalty, will begin suit for a legal cancellation of their agreement with President Baer and his associates unless the labor troubles existing in the coal regions are settled forthwith. They claim that in the conference at Washington, their interests were utterly disregarded and they have notified President Roosevelt to that effect.

The property referred to contains about 7,000,000 tons of coal and according to the lease the Reading company is to pay them 32 cents a ton for every ton mined.

The payment of royalty has been stopped.

Mr. Bryan's Wealth.

William Jennings Bryan's beautiful home is located about three miles from Lincoln, Neb. His prosperous financial condition will interest his friends throughout the country and doubtless excite the envy of his political opponents everywhere.

When Mr. Bryan entered the campaign in 1896, one of his foes asserts that he was a poor man; that he was without a home, without shelter, and had to work upon a weekly salary as a newspaper writer to sustain himself and wife.

It is now stated on unquestionable authority that he has something like $150,000 in the bank at Lincoln, which he made from his campaign speeches. His home here cost $40,000. Mr. Bryan talked very freely to a friend about his financial condition, and seems to be happy over his great prosperity. From his conversation it was inferred that his weekly income is something like $1,500.

Snyder Gets Five Years.

Robt. McClue Snyder, of St. Louis, Mo., was convicted of bribery in the Criminal Court, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment in the state penitentiary after the jury had considered for fifty minutes its verdict on the case, and after the trial which has occupied an entire week. Two of his attorneys, Judge Henry S. Priest and Morton Jourdan, signed his appeal bond for $25,000 covering his release until the term of court commencing Monday. Early in this term, Snyder will be sentenced and motions for appeal and a new trial filed.

Petition for Extra Session.

Six thousand Illinois citizens during the last twenty-four hours have signed a petition asking Governor Roosevelt to call an extra session of congress to enact some measure for the prevention of a coal famine. One method suggested in the petition is the provision for the appointment of a temporary receiver to operate the Pennsylvania mines, which are closed on account of the strike. The petition is being circulated all over the city of Chicago and throughout the state of Illinois, under the direction of United States Senator William B. Mason.

Canadian Coal Coming.

The secretary of the treasury has received a communication from the collector of customs at Portland, Me., in which he states that the Dominion Coal Co., of Canada, is about to export to the United States 100,000 tons of anthracite "run of the mine" coal and asks that increased facilities be given the company for handling the same. The department will extend every facility within the law and its discretion. The coal pays a duty of 67 cents a ton.

An American gold dollar is now worth $85 in Colombian paper currency.

The strike of coal teamsters that for a time threatened to deprive Chicago public schools of their fuel supply, has been settled. The anthracite and bituminous coal company, which supplies the schools on the northwest side, conceded all the demands of the teamsters.

At Crescent City, near Guthrie, Okla., a battle was fought between the officers of the law and Mal. Don, Bill and John Brown, brothers, mountaineer Kentuckians. Bel Burgess, a farmer, was killed. Mal Brown was seriously wounded, and others were injured. The trouble started in a fight with railroad graders.

Home rule for the government of Ohio municipalities was unceremoniously buried for the remainder of the extra session of the Ohio legislature. Amid a storm of protests debate was shut off and the amendment fathered by Tom Johnson defeated by a party vote of 24 to 46.

The fight of former Banker Charles W. Spalding to secure his release from the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., was terminated by the court decision that he must go back and serve the rest of his sentence for embezzlement. He had been in the county jail at Chicago since July 17 on a writ of habeas corpus.

G. A. R. in Washington.

The men who fought for the union in the great conflict that raged from 1861 to 1865 are the guests of the capital of the nation. They came thousands strong to participate in the 36th encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the opening ceremonies of which took place Monday. They were greeted by bright skies, a beautifully decorated city, and hospitable people.

The George W. Cook fife and drum corps of Denver, one of the famous organizations of its kind in the country, accompanied by its founder, Major George W. Cook, who was a drummer boy in the civil war, serenaded President Roosevelt at the temporary White House.

Gen. Miles was at headquarters all the morning receiving friends, and keeping a close lookout for the comfort of the people from his state. The public comfort bureau has provided comfortable accommodations in the Hamilton & Barbour Building on Pennsylvania avenue for posts from Lake Odessa, Hastings, Owosso, Howell, Ionia, Lapeer, Marshall, Saginaw, Webberville, Lowell, Eaton Rapids, Jackson, Corunna, Belleville, Wayland, Byron Center, Mason, Lyons, Sherman, Soldiers' Home, Charlotte, Lansing, Maple City, Otisville, Lawton, Diamondale and Rose City.

Andrews Sane Again.

Rev. J. R. Andrews, the Lansing pastor who was committed to the Michigan asylum as insane after his queer financial transactions were exposed, was released as "cured" Sept. 4 and went to his former home in Canada. The release was not made public, and the suspicion is strong that Andrews was never considered insane by the authorities. Supt. Edwards, however, refuses to be quoted as giving an opinion, declining to be thus drawn into the controversy which exists at Lansing on the mooted point.

Guam Shaken.

A cable message was received Tuesday from Rear-Admiral Wildes, at Cavite, P. I., transmitting the following message from Capt. Schroeder, naval governor of the island of Guam:

"Reported destructive earthquake at Guam, Sept. 22. No Americans were injured. Damage naval station estimated at $23,000. Damage to insular public buildings and bridges, $22,000."

Two masked men held up and robbed four saloons in thickly settled portions of Denver, Col., Monday night. At one saloon they shot and killed Charles Boykin.

Near Guilford, the first fatality of the hunting season in Maine has occurred. Clarence Leonard, his son, and James Stevens were looking for deer. While resting Stevens' gun fell and the charge instantly killed the elder Lombard.

Superintendent of Police White, of Minneapolis, Minn., has notified the residents that his force is "notoriously inadequate" to cope with burglars and porch-climbers, now at work in that city. In the week ending last Friday $10,000 in plunder during the last four days.

The apple crop about Adrian is one of the best for ten years, and finds a ready sale at $1 to $1.50 per barrel, though many farmers have sold the crop as a whole, as buyers pick and pack at their own expense. Many orchards will produce 100 barrels, and one of 20 acres south of the city, has an estimated yield of 1,500 barrels.

President George G. McMurtrey, of the American Sheet Steel Co., was given by his employes at Vandergrift, Pa., where is the largest sheet steel plant in the world, a beautiful silver punch bowl. He announced that he would in return present an organ to every church in Vandergrift.

Preliminary steps have been taken for the organization by the Episcopal church of an order of Paulist fathers, to consist of priests and deacons in that church, who shall pledge themselves to the work of missionaries, while earning their livelihood by secular work, without receiving any compensation for their ministrations.