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Michigan News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

The curse of litigation seems still to hang over the Fair millions.

Too much thinking on the subject of microbes will dull the heartiest appetite.

There is a double reason for calling it hard coal, since it has become so hard to get.

The fact that coal and diamonds are chemically identical ceases to wear an air of paradox.

An Indiana man burned up $6,000 in greenbacks before committing suicide. Is this patriotism?

Grave diggers are taking risks when they go on a strike. There are no strikes at crematories.

Since his father's will was read young Mr. Mackay has not had to worry about his board bill.

We have not read the coronation ode written by William Winter, but it is better than Alfred Austin's.

King Edward should remember that uneasy lies the head that doesn't take off its crown on going to bed.

President Castro should know how to take his medicine. It is the same dose he has served out to others.

The Viceroy of Chili means well enough, but his proclamation reads like something from a comic opera.

Henri Rochefort of Paris wears a straw hat which is said to have cost $1,000, but then one can say anything

It is a severe strain on the transportation facilities to move even the stories that are told of this year's crops.

It is to be hoped that the rest of the South American republics will not insist positively on having revolutions now.

England is drinking California wine with "California" on the label and likewise on the cork. Will the "invasion" never end?

It takes courage to buy a big daily newspaper only to suppress it, as Mr. Ochs has practically suppressed the Philadelphia Times.

One ambitious and able-bodied mosquito will cause more bloodshed than all the Central American and Haitian warriors put together.

One of the first signs of autumn is the prima donna's annual interview about the fabulous salary she has had to decline because of a previous contract.

The farmers' $50,000,000 trust will not need to go east after financial assistance if it can hold on to its products until the east really needs them.

American women led all others for costly jewels at the coronation, a fact which the customs officers in New York will try to recall a little later in the year.

The empress dowager has caught another Chinese reformer and suggested that he be sent to the place where reforms are either unnecessary or impossible.

Possibly the cigars that a Texas railroad is offering as a bonus to travelers are of the kind that make the discomforts of travel seem as nothing by comparison.

Because a waitress hands a customer a piece of peach pie when he says "Give me the kind that resembles you," would you accuse her of being egotistical?

Really that New York woman who is suing her first husband for abandonment after she has tried six other matrimonial ventures is paying him a very high compliment.

The lady who drenched her husband in vitriol must have been an extravagant housewife. It is not necessary to have more than a few ounces of the fluid about. Besides there was her temper.

Since the wans of Solomon's temple have been discovered in Samaria and Noah's ark has been found in Greenland, there appears to be a chance for some scientist to locate Adam and Eve's first tepee.

In Tolstoy's latest book the Russian pessimist asserts that English fiction died with Dickens and American literature ceased with Emerson and Lowell. This is tough on Samuel Eberly Gross and Mary McLane.

A New York mendicant has admitted in court that he makes $1,800 a year begging. But, poor fellow, how can he expect to cut any kind of a figure in New York on $1,800 a year.

A Boston man is trying to start a home for poor inventors. It should be fitted up with a number of padded cells for the perpetual motion crowd.

Such lovely, artistic ways of serving watermelons as one reads of! At the same time, for pure reliash, can anything beat the small boy' way?

There is a colored man at Allegheny City, Pa., who can drink three quarts of whisky in a day. Some people will look upon him as being almost as great a hero as Mr. Jeffries.

The Boer generals are getting a warm reception in England. They gave the British a hot reception in Africa. Reciprocity is always in order.

It is now rumored that Fitzsimmons lost the fight because he yielded to the pugilist's besetting temptation to pause and indulge in conversation.

SPIDERS' WEB STOPS BLEEDING

But New Born Insects Inflict Considerable Pain.

Mrs. Jasper Buchenberger of Violinia, Cass county, cut her hand while peeling turnips, and having heard that spiders' webs stopped the flow of blood, she hastily bound on the injured hand some webs procured from the woodshed. The treatment stopped the flow of blood, but the pain finally grew so intense that she removed the bandage. When this was done there crawled away no less than sixty-three young spiders which had hatched out of the eggs contained in the web.

SAVING SPACE IN ROUND BARN

Farmer Claims Great Advantage for Circular Structure.

William Love of Portland is making an experiment which is being watched with interest by farmers of the vicinity. He is building a circular barn, claiming for the shape of the building that less material is required for its construction, as well as less labor, and that every inch of space in it can be utilized to advantage. The barn will be seventy feet in diameter and two stories high.

Two Odd Accidents.

Two peculiar accidents resulting from high winds are reported from St. Joe county. In one a man named Dickerson was blown from his corn planter and his team ran away, tearing the machine to pieces. In the other a hog was blown over a six foot tight hog fence. He landed in a well on the other side and was drowned.

New Town.

A new town is being platted in Hatchwood township, Ontonagon county, three miles east of Lake Gogebic on the South Shore railroad. It will be called Bergland, after G. A. Bergland, who is building a sawmill in which fifty or more men will be employed. Already 150 men are employed there in getting out timber.

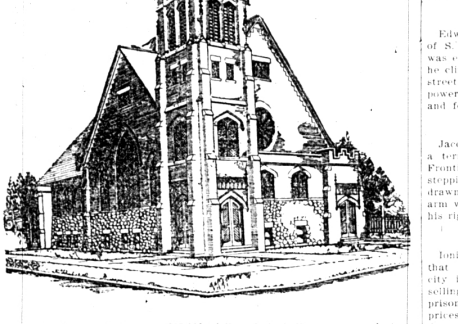
Nitric Acid Causes Baby's Death.

Orrin Skinner, the eleven-months old son of Carl Skinner of Kalamazoo, died an agonizing death from the effects of spilling three ounces of nitric acid over his body and legs. The child obtained the bottle of poison by opening a chiffonier drawer used for storing medicine.

Fire Laddies' Tourney.

The upper peninsula firemen's tournament opened at Negaunee with a monster parade. Twenty-four companies, comprising 600 firemen, were in line. It is estimated that 15,000 visitors were in the city. Sault Ste. Marie won the next tournament, after a warm fight, four other towns being after it.

NORTH BRANCH'S NEW METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.



The dedication of the new $15,000 church at North Branch occurred Aug. 24, the ceremonies being led by Rev. C. W. Baldwin, presiding elder of Port Huron district, who was assisted by Dr. William Dawe, chancellor of Albion college; Rev. W. F. Stewart, presiding elder of Saginaw district; Rev. F. E. Springer, D. D., of Cara, and others of the cloth. A jubilee week followed, including sermons, lectures and a grand concert. Homer Warren of Detroit and other prominent singers were featured in the musical programme. Rev. R. Crosby, pastor in charge, who has been the leading spirit in the enterprise since its first inception, is deserving of much credit for the construction of the magnificent structure.

Many Mismates.

Calhoun county is keeping up its unenviable divorce record. There are twenty-five cases of this class on the docket of the September term of the circuit court.

Advances Firemen.

Owing to an increase of freight traffic and to the large number of work trains now busy at different points of the road, the Michigan Central railway has promoted a dozen firemen of Jackson to be engineers.

Steals Church Collection.

While Rev. H. Van Haagen of Holland was conducting services at his church some one broke into his residence and stole $26 which had been collected at a previous service for the heathen.

Building Boom.

Capac is having a boom this year in the building line. Besides the immense buildings of the new peat factory, a large three-story hotel, a cement factory, six stores and fifteen new residences have been or are being built.

Grand Haven Doing Well.

Grand Haven is getting to be quite a leather town. There is a tannery there, and a shoe factory, and now a glove factory has been landed by the local board of trade.

Cement is Scarce.

The great increase in the use of cement for building purposes has caused a shortage in the supply. In Grand Rapids there is hardly a barrel of it to be obtained.

May Start a Ranch.

Men have been looking over the land along Rouge river north of Spartata with a view of starting a big stock ranch near the old Dillon mill property. It is understood that they have options on some of the land already.

Blacksmiths Get More Pay.

All of the blacksmiths of Niles have organized a union and will hereafter demand $2.50 per day, whereas they received but $2 heretofore. Prices on custom work have been advanced accordingly.

Third Michigan Cavalry.

The survivors of the Third Michigan Cavalry will meet at Grand Rapids, Sept. 18 and 19, for their forty-first annual reunion. These dates are the anniversary of the battle of Iuka, in which the regiment took a prominent part.

Public Well.

There is some talk of a public well to be dug at one of the main street corners of South Haven. Such an improvement would be of inestimable service to horses and cattle.

STANTON HAS A GREAT LODGE.

Name of Organization Is as Unique as Its Purpose.

Stanton is headquarters for a lodge which is the only one of its kind in the world. Organized five years ago, with five charter members, the "Young Men's Kerosene Assassination" now has 230 members and is often initiating new ones. The lodge has members in every state in the union with the exception of Wisconsin, and is strictly a fraternal organization. Its aim is to aid its members spiritually, physically and mentally.

Hornets.

George Farr, while raking hay on his farm about seven miles east of Jackson, ran into a nest of hornets. The team ran away and Farr was thrown from the rake, sustaining a bad fracture of the left leg. After the hornets had driven the horses from the scene they returned and finished up on Farr, who was very severely stung before assistance could be rendered.

Something Doing.

The week of Sept. 8 is going to be an eventful one at Evart. The union of the soldiers' and sailors' association of northeastern Michigan is to be held there that week, as well as a big street carnival, baseball tournament and matinee races. As a feature to draw the politicians, the Democratic convention for the Eleventh congressional district is also to meet that week.

Badly Injured in a Fall.

Mrs. John Sumner, a widow, was brought to the home of a daughter, Mrs. S. A. Loveland of Galesburg, suffering from a broken hip, incited by a fall from a chair at Gull Lake. Mrs. Sumner is 88 years of age, and is the mother of Col. John Sumner of Kalamazoo, now holding a position in the war department at Washington.

Boy Killed by Lightning.

Albert Yuill, the 14-year-old son of Alex. Yuill, a well-to-do farmer living in Hanes township, went down cellar during a thunder storm for a pitcher of milk. Lightning struck one of the chimneys of the house and the bolt passed through to the cellar, hitting him in the back of the head and coming out at his feet, tearing his shoes all to pieces and killing him instantly.

Make Good Haul.

While Charles A. Howard and family, Ann Arbor, were absent from the city, thieves entered and ransacked the house. Everything of value and not bulky was taken away. The burglary was discovered by Ray Dennen, who rooms in the house and who had just returned from his vacation.

FRUSTRATE EASY-MONEY PLAN

Scheme to Enrich Band Treasury Nipped in the Bud.

A big crowd attended the celebration at Lapeer. During the week the band boys built a portable jail intending to run in their friends on Lapeer day and by small fines for fancied offenses reimburse a depleted treasury. But consternation spread among their ranks which is shared by the firemen, who are the special officers appointed to lead prisoners up to the captain's office, when they found that the jail had been stolen. Every available man was hastily summoned and diligent search made for the lost bastile, but no cage was to be found, visions of easy money vanished into thin air.

DIES OF INJURIES.

Augustus Torrey, who was chief en-

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gineer of the Michigan Central road, died of injuries received in an accident.

Want Peach Packers.

Peach growers around Sparta are fearful that they are going to be unable to secure sufficient help to pick and prepare for the market their immense peach crop. The good wages paid in the cities has drawn all the young men from the country, and it is hard to get men at any price in the rural districts now.

Badly Cut by Mower.

While trying to head off a team of runaway horses attached to a mower Frank Nobles, a farmer near Grand Ledge, stumbled and fell in front of the machine. His left leg was severed and a deep gash cut in the other leg and one in his thigh. His recovery is doubtful.

In Another Brooks.

Sheriff Gillen has learned that the "John Brooks" who was sentenced to sixty-five days in the Detroit house of correction for stealing a pocketbook at Durand, is really Arthur Brooks the Ann Arbor young man who robbed the Pittsfield junction depot.

Stumped His Friend.

Edward Vigeant, the 17-year-old son of S. Vigeant, a "Soo" piano dealer, was electrocuted. To "stump" a friend he climbed to the top of the Ashmun street steel bridge, over the water power canal, and grasped a live wire and fell to the ground dead.

Loses Leg and Arm.

Jacob Wolf of Woodbridge met with a terrible accident at a sawmill at Frontier. He was in the mill, and stepping upon a log carrier, was drawn under the saw and his right arm was cut off above the elbow and his right foot cut off below the ankle.

Gardeners Complain.

Ionia market gardeners complain that the state reformatory in that city is running opposition to them, selling garden truck raised in the prison gardens with convict labor at prices lower than the regular gardeners can afford to do so.

Ins and Outs.

An organization composed of present and former supervisors and county officials of Livingston county held its first picnic at Long Lake, near Howell. An excellent programme of good speeches and music was rendered.

Maccabee's Day at Hillsdale.

The Maccabees held their annual picnic and review in Hillsdale. There was a great crowd in attendance, every tent and hive in the county being represented.

To Drive Timber Wolves.

Charles M. Andrews of the Soo, who recently secured a pair of young timber wolves, is breaking the animals in to drive and expects to have one of the swiftest turnouts in the city next winter.

Lenawee Reunion.

Sept. 10 is the date set for the annual reunion of the Lenawee county Soldiers' and Sailors' association, which will be held at the fair grounds in Adrian.

Ionia County Oats.

The oat crop in Ionia county is panning out exceedingly well. The yield is from forty to seventy bushels per acre of high grade grain.

New Postmaster.

Albert Brasket has been appointed postmaster at McDonald, Van Buren county, vice Judson Rea, resigned.

Trout Season Closes.

No trout can be caught legally in Michigan until spring.

We Will Stay.

The inference to be drawn from the reference to Minister Wu Ting Fang in the dispatch that his term at Washington has been extended, cannot be explained by the officials of the Chinese legation. The latest official information which the minister has received was a communication from Pekin indefinitely postponing his departure from Washington.

Wu's successor, Liang Cheng, who is with the special coronation mission headed by Prince Chun, is about due in China, and it is stated by the Chinese officials that he expects to return to take up his new duties in Washington next spring. In that case Wu will not leave Washington until April or May next.

The American Iron & Steel Manufacturing Co. of Lebanon, Pa., which has been idle since May 1 on account of a strike for increased wages by 1,000 puddlers, has started a set of rolling mills with negro laborers lodged in the mills.

Rear-Admiral Higginson has officially reported to the navy department on the recent naval practice drills which he believes were very beneficial to the officers and men, and recommends the adoption of wireless telegraphy on all warships.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8.

WHITNEY'S OPERA HOUSE—"Uncle Pinkey's Creek"—Matinees, 10c, 15c, 25c. Evenings, 10c, 15c, 25c.

WONDERLAND—Afternoons, 2 to 5:30, 10c and 20c; Evenings, 7:30 to 11, 10c, 20c and 30c.

BASE BALL.

Below we publish the standing of the American and National league clubs up to and including the games played on Tuesday, September 2, 1902:

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Percent
Philadelphia	61	48	.571
St. Louis	62	48	.564
Boston	62	49	.563
Chicago	60	51	.541
Cleveland	58	57	.504
Washington	58	57	.504
Baltimore	52	61	.460
Detroit	45	67	.402
	44	66	.391

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	Percent
Pittsburg	88	39	.748
Boston	84	46	.646
Brooklyn	69	56	.552
Chicago	67	57	.540
Cincinnati	56	70	.444
St. Louis	51	67	.432
Philadelphia	49	75	.395
New York	44	77	.364

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.

The run of cattle was very heavy, being 1,257, against 50 the previous week, and all sold early except choice corn-fed stock suffered in price in consequence, closing from 10 to 20 cents lower. Milch cows were steady and in good demand.

Notwithstanding the fact that there were less sheep received, sheep and lambs ruled dull from 20 to 25 cents lower.

Cattle—Heavy run of cattle, all grades, but fewer corn-fed were in to-day's market than for the week previous; over 1,000 choice steers, $4.60@4.75; good to choice butcher steers, $4@4.40; mixed butcher steers, $3.60@3.90; steers and heifers that sell for $3@3.50; fair to good feeding steers, $3.25@3.50; light to good feeding steers, $2.75@3.25; coarse steers, $2.50@2.75; good to choice cows, $3@3.25; fair to good cows, $2.50@2.75; common cows, $2@2.25; choice bologna bulls, $2.50@2.75; fair to good bologna bulls, $2.25@2.50; choice stockers, $3@3.25; good stockers, $2.75@3; light stockers, $2.50@2.75; choice feeders, $3.25@3.50; good feeders, $3@3.25; fair feeders, $2.75@3; common feeders, $2.50@2.75; choice milkers, $45@50; good milkers, $40@45; common milkers, $30@35; choice springers, $45@50; good springers, $40@45; common springers, $30@35.

Veal Calves—Opened strong; $4.50@7.50.

Milch Cows and Springers—$30@50.

Sheep and Lambs—Opened steady with last week; closed dull and 15 to 25 cents lower. Best lambs, $5@5.25; fair to good mixed lots, $4.50@4.75; yearlings, $3.50@4; best heavy sheep, $3.50@3.75; fair to good handy weights, $3.25@3.50; culls and common, $1.50@2.50.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $7.20@7.30; bulk of sales, $7.25; pigs and light yorkers, $7.00@7.20; roughs, 50 cents off; stags, 1-3 off.

Buffalo Cattle—Receipts light; no demand; nothing doing.

Hogs—Heavy, $7.50@7.55; two decks, $7.55; pigs, $7.40@7.45; roughs, $6@6.25; stags, $5@5.25; dairies, $7@7.05.

Sheep and Lambs—Top lambs, $5.60@5.75; culls to common, $3@4.25; wethers, $4.15@4.25; mixed sheep, top mixed, $4.50@4.60; fair to good, $4@4.25; culls to common, $2.50@3.75; spring lambs, $5.25@5.50.

Chicago.

Cattle—Receipts, 300; steady; good to prime steers, $5.25@5.75; poor to medium, $3.75@5; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.25; cows, $2.25@4.25; heifers, $2.50@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.25; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $3@6.50; Texas fed steers, $3.50@4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; 5 to 10 cents lower; mixed and butchers, $7.15@7.40; good to choice heavy, $7.30@7.40; rough heavy, $7.15@7.25; light, $7.25@7.40; bulk of sales, $7.25@7.35.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; steady; good to choice wethers, $4.25@4.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.25; Western sheep, $4@4.50; native lambs, $4.50@5.50; Western lambs, $4.50@5.50.

East Buffalo.

Cattle—Receipts, 150; steady; prime steers, $5.50@5.75; shipping steers, $5@5.40; butchers, $4.50@5; heifers, $4@4.50; cows, $3@4; bulls, $3@4; stockers and feeders, $3@3.50; fresh cows and springers, $30@50; veal calves, $6@6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; 10 cents lower; Yorkers, $7.40@7.45; pigs, $7.40@7.45; mixed, $7.40@7.45; heavy, $7.40@7.45; roughs, $6@6.25; stags, $4@5; dairies, $7@7.05.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,000; steady; lambs, $5@5.75; yearlings, $4.50@5; wethers, $4.25@4.50; ewes, $3.50@4; sheep, mixed, $4@4.25; culls and common, $2@3.50.

Grain.

Detroit.

Wheat—No. 1 white, 77; bid. No. 2 red, 1 car at 71½; 10 cars at 72; 1 car at 72½; 1 car at 73; September, 10,000 bu at 71½; 5,000 bu at 71¾; December, 11,000 bu at 73c; 5,000 bu at 73½; closed nominal at 70c; No. 3 red, 1 car at 69c; closing, 67½c; mixed white, 71c; by sample, 1 car at 66c; 1 at 67½c; 1 at 69c; 1 at 69½c per bu.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 66c; No. 3 yellow, 66c per bu.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 32c; mixed, 1 car at 31½c; No. 4 white, 30½c; August, 2,500 bu at 31½c; 2,500 bu at 31¾c; 2,500 bu at 32c; 2,500 bu at 32½c; 1 at 30½c; 1 at 30c; 1 at 29½c per bu.

Rye—No. 2, 52½c bid; August, 1,000 bu at 52½c; closing, 52½c; No. 2 rye, 30 cars at 47½c per car.

Chicago.

Wheat—No. 2 spring, 70c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3 red, 67@71c.

Corn—No. 2, 59c; No. 2 yellow, 59c; No. 3 yellow, 59c; No. 3, 59c.

Oats—No. 2, 29½@30c; No. 3 white, 32@34c.

Rye—No. 2, 50@50½c.

Produce.

Detroit.

(Prices at which wholesalers sell.)

Butter—Creamery, extra, 20c; dairies, fresh, packing stock, 15c per lb.

Eggs—Candled, fresh receipts, 18c; at mark, 16@16½c per doz.

Apples—Common, $1@1.25 per bbl; fancy, $2@2.75 per bbl.

Honey—In 1-lb. sections, light amber, 10c; dark amber, 9@9c; extracted, 6@6½c per lb.

Peaches—Yellows—Fancy, 35@50c per lb; fair, 30@35c per lb.

Onions—Michigan, 40@60c per bu.

Pears—Bartlett, fancy, 30@35c per bu; $2@2.50 per bbl; Clapp's Favorite, 50@60c per bu; common, 20@25c per bu.

Peaches—Early Michigan white, 40@50c per bu; yellow, $1@1.25 per bu.

Potatoes—40c per bu; $1@1.25 per bbl.

Hay—Prices on cars at mill are as follows: No. 1 timothy, $12@13; No. 2, $10@11.50; clover mixed, $10@11; rye straw, $7.50; wheat and oat straw, $5 per ton in car lots, f. o. b. Detroit.

Wool—Dealers are paying the following prices: Medium and coarse unwashed, 26c per lb; do bucks, 22c; unwashed fine, 26c per lb.

Mary De Wein, a 16-year-old girl lost out of St. Mary of the Woods convent in St. Mary's, Ind., and hopes to a $75,000 estate, eloped to Indianapolis and married Verne Fowler, a Big Four brakeman, whom she had often met at the depot as his train went through.

Coal of domestic sizes was to be had in New York Thursday, for $10 a ton, while for several weeks it has been selling at $11 and $12. It is believed the coal companies will soon release their reserve supplies of anthracite, and when this occurs prices will tumble to $6 and $7 a ton.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. at Chicago has decided to employ girls as messengers hereafter instead of boys in the hope of thus avoiding strikes.

"Darling I Am Growing Old," chanted Louis Hankie of St. Louis, and Miss Louise Hankie of Philadelphia, whom he has courted for 21 years, was so touched that she gave in at last, and they were married.

Claus Spreckles, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Co., and his counsel, have arrived in Montreal, where it is understood they contemplate the organization of a Canadian company with a capital of $6,000,000.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

To Open the Mines.

Hurried preparations are said to be making throughout the anthracite region for the reopening of the mines. There is to be no interference now from J. Pierpont Morgan, the operators are assured, and it is fight to the finish between mine owners and strikers.

The purpose is to start the mines one by one, get the coal in the market and then to crumble the strike to pieces gradually. The railway presidents are said to realize the danger which may come from further prolonging the existing situation, and are reported to think that they can avert danger in the way above mentioned.

Their view is that the public is not so much interested in the fate of the Mine Workers' Union as in the advancing price of anthracite. They think that if they can start the collieries and get enough coal to supply the demand, keeping prices below abnormal figures, that the public quickly will lose interest in the fate of the miners, and that when the strike finally goes to pieces the operators will have won their point over the union.

Their next move, it is said, would be to grant a 5 per cent increase of wages to the men, not through the union, and thus salve the feelings of the workmen.

District President Nichols of the United Mine Workers, says: "Everything looks very favorable to us. The men remain firm. Why, we will surely hold out until the snow flies. The biggest strike in the coal regions lasted six months, and we will certainly hold out that record. We have not been idle four months yet, and as reports from all districts show the miners to be firm and determined to win, you will see little coal mined this year unless a settlement is made."

Horrible Suicide.

Apparently driven frantic by the fear that she might some time become insane, Mrs. John McCurdy, of Cincinnati, a bride of less than three months, killed herself in a peculiarly shocking manner. Having first undressed she put on an night gown, climbed to the top of the dining room table and having placed her mouth over one of the jets on the chandelier, held her head firmly by means of heavy cords wound tightly around her neck. Then she turned on the gas. When her husband came home he found her dead.

Letters to the woman left behind led to the belief that she was mentally distressed. She was 28 years old.

Will He Do It?

Arthur I. Bowler of Akron, who has been prominent in Ohio Republican affairs for many years, and who is a publisher and friend of Gen. Charles Dick, predicts that Senator Hanna will retire at the end of his present term, and will be succeeded by Gen. Dick.

Said he: "If Senator Hanna intends to take this course he has done it in such a way that it is impossible to say. It is easy to understand why he prefers at this time to announce the fact. Mr. Hanna desires that Gen. Dick shall succeed him when he is ready to step out of the senate and by allowing it to be understood that he will be a candidate for reelection, other aspirants are kept out of the race until Dick has a chance to get his forces well up."

A Baby Vagrant.

"Baby" Kelly, 11 months old, was found guilty of vagrancy by a Keokuk, Ia., justice of the peace. Sentence was suspended during good behavior and the baby defendant was discharged. The mother and some friends swore out a warrant against the infant several days ago as a means of obtaining possession of the child. It had been declared to be in the legal custody of Elmer Dale, secretary of the Associated Charities on his appeal after the acquittal of the mother in a trial under the new law which was framed to deprive unworthy parents of their children. The mother still has the child guarded at her sister's house.

Boers Seeking New Homes.

Col. Trichard, formerly of the Boer army, and other South African delegates, are so satisfied with the results of their investigations in Madagascar that they are negotiating with the governor, Gen. Gallieni, for the concession of a large area of agricultural and pasture lands in the neighborhood of Lake Itasi. The French government may consent on condition that the immigrants become naturalized and learn the French language. The government is favorable to the concession.

Strikers Apply the Torch.

The great mines of the Pocahontas Collieries Co. are on fire. Tuesday morning strikers applied the torch to various portions of the mine near the west entrance, which is on the Virginia side, and the mine is now said to be burning furiously.

The guards and strikers fired volley after volley at each other, but it is not known whether anyone was killed. The governor of Virginia will be appealed to to send troops to Pocahontas at once.

The Chicago board of education will have the city water supply shut off from the public schools when they open Tuesday, as the water is in such condition that an epidemic of typhoid is feared.

Commander Torrance, of the G. A. R., has issued an appeal to veterans asking for assistance in erecting a home for confederate soldiers at Mountain Creek. The general feeling has been wiped out, he says, but the "nation's wounds" in the south have not yet been fully bound.

The Chicago public school's opened Tuesday with an aggregated enrollment of 275,000 pupils. The children will carry a supply of pure drinking water for their protection against typhoid fever. Plans will be adopted later by the board of education to either to put in filters or to furnish cafes for the boiling of the water.

Only the approval of the secretary of war remains to put into effect improvements along the North river docks in New York, which will cost $12,000,000. It is planned to extend the piers from Eighteenth to Twenty-third streets, 1,000 feet. The harbor line to be moved westward 200 feet and the river narrowed to 2,700 feet between New York and the New Jersey lines. These improvements will keep many of the large steamship companies from transferring their anchorage to Hoboken.

It is reported that Senator Frye, of Maine, aged 71, is to marry Miss Ellen May, of Portland, aged 30.

Cuba's Finances.

Fifteen millions are estimated as the Cuban government's expenditure in the national budget, which will be presented to congress next month, and the national income is placed at $18,000,000, the same as during the military occupation. This provides a surplus of $3,000,000.

Confidence is steadily increasing in President Palma's ability to cope with the situation. The senate bill providing for a national loan of $35,000,000 which went to the house of representatives two weeks ago, is still in the hands of the house committee.

The sugar planters strongly favor the $4,000,000 loan in aid of agriculture, but are indifferent regarding the proposed loan of $31,000,000 to pay back salaries to the army. Members of the disbanded army, on the contrary, support the larger loan, but are lukewarm concerning the smaller. It is generally believed that the interest and principal of the smaller loan could be taken care of under present conditions, but that the payment of the larger loan would require an additional revenue, to be raised probably by a stamp tax.

Tornado Wrecks Train.

Two persons were killed, three fatally injured and more than a score of others hurt Saturday evening in the wreck of a train which had been hurled down an embankment by a tornado. A train west bound on the Chicago & Northwestern railway, consisting of an engine, a baggage coach and two crowded passenger cars, while running at the rate of 35 miles an hour, was struck by the tornado, two miles from Meridan, Minn. The passenger and baggage cars were hurled 18 feet down the embankment. The engine was lighting the car lamps when the crash came and the wreckage was ignited by the oil.

Pelee Destroys Again.

The Havas agency has received an undated dispatch from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, announcing that about 1,000 persons were killed and that several hundred were injured as the result of a violent eruption of Mount Pelee on Saturday, Aug. 30, which destroyed Morne Rouge and Ajoupa Bouillon, two villages near Mont Pelee.

The dispatch confirms the report that the village of Le Carbet was damaged by a tidal wave. Another was also felt at Fort de France, where the people were panic-stricken.

Pelee Active Again.

A dispatch from the island of Dominica dated August 26, at 6 p. m., says:

"Since 2 p. m. prolonged, grumbling noises, in quick succession, have been heard from the southward. There is every indication that Mont Pelee is violently erupting." Efforts made to communicate by cable direct with the island of Martinique have proved unsuccessful. The French Cable Co. has no cable working to that point and the company's officials are unable to say when communication with Martinique will be resumed.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Mrs. E. E. Fesler, of Rogersville, fell in the vineyard and was picked up unconscious. They did not regain their senses and died Thursday morning. Mrs. Fesler was 78 years of age and leaves one daughter.

Maj. C. W. Haskell, Indian agent for the Navajoes at Fort Defiance, declares with emphasis that the reports circulated regarding suffering and famine on the reservation are absolutely baseless.

The Anti-Saloon league has undertaken to close 100 saloons in Indiana in September, and 100 each month during the remainder of the year, making 1,000 by July. Remonstrances against licenses, filed with the county commissioner will be the means.

Nineteen prisoners in the county jail at Covington, Tenn., were about to break jail through a hole they had bored in the roof, when the wife of Jailor Smith covered them with her husband's shotgun and kept them still till he returned.

A Mrs. Kimball, of Pratt, Kas., is dead from "lumpy jaw" caught from her cow, the property of Pike and Pratt Republican is dangerously ill from the disease. Doctors say, in only six cases on record have human beings caught the disease from cattle.

Two men found a hand protruding from a sand pile across the boundary from El Paso, Tex., in New Mexico, and investigation revealed a headless body. The police believe the body to be that of Jay Cullings, a civil engineer who recently disappeared.

Masked robbers rifled the local safe of the express car on the Louisville & Nashville road near Nashville, Ky., last night, securing about $500, one of the men going through the safe while the other covered Express Messenger Mattle with a revolver. One of the robbers is said to be Jim Gray Pratt, who made a sensational escape from the Tennessee penitentiary Aug. 4.

Through the German consul Police Commissioner Partridge of New York has received several souvenirs of Prince Henry's visit for distribution among police officials. At the same time the silver spurs which were received, Mr. Partridge was informed decorations were awaiting him and Detective-Captain Titus at the office of the German consul.

In a dispatch from the Hague the correspondent of the Daily Mail declares Dr. Leyds, who was the European representative of the former Transvaal republic, has been refused for refusing to account for a large sum of money missing from the Boer exchequer.

Miss Benson, aged 70, and Mrs. Phillips, aged 80, residing near Springfield, O., were clubbed into insensibility and their house robbed Wednesday night by two tramps, who were angered because the only money found was refused. It is believed Mrs. Phillips is fatally injured. Farmers are searching the country for the tramps.

The mills of the Cameron Lumber Co. at Harrison, Ida., have been destroyed by fire, together with nearly 3,000,000 feet of choice lumber. The estimated loss is between $80,000 and $90,000. Heroic work by firemen and a bucket brigade, in which both women and children assisted, saved the town from destruction. The flames started from a spark from an engine.

Jerome, Ariz., has just passed through the worst storm in its history. Water poured down the mountain sides in torrents, depositing debris and boulders in the United Verde plant to the depth of from eight inches to two feet.