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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JAN. 9.

The average obituary writer gives death a new sting for the prominent citizen.

Many pockets are like a certain dress fastening, "closed by a touch, opened by a pull."

Boston, being the home of culture and enlightenment, has taken to mobbing its coal dealers.

Thomas P. Ochiltree, wit and after-dinner speaker, left $25,000 in cash and no debts. Good epitaph!

The man who can't find something to occupy his mind usually doesn't have much of a mind to occupy.

The football season closed without the precipitation of anything startling in the way of a new college yell.

Now that "Mr. Dooley" is married, and has coal and other bills to pay, his philosophy will be put to a severe test.

Will the scientist who has taken all the alcohol out of wines and liquors be able to induce any one to drink them?

Even boys who are not interested in combines as yet, put their sleds together in a double-runner, if they can get a plank.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said to have been very proficient in mathematics as a schoolboy. And he has been figuring ever since.

Russell Sage is reported to be having trouble with his lungs, but it is not at all probable that he is coughing up anything.

What kind of mothers does Pennsylvania expect to develop from girls who go into factories at the age of 11 and work all night?

An English journal calls the Venezuelan war a "contest between two whales and a wildcat." Why not say two sharks and a polecat?

The Crown Princess of Saxony would undoubtedly get more sympathy from the ladies if that handsome French tutor had not butted into the case.

If circumstances shall require a defense of the Monroe doctrine in Venezuelan waters Admiral Dewey will not be satisfied with any mimic maneuvers.

It is said that the farmers of the United States own 500,000,000 acres of woodland. Strange that nobody has thought of organizing a Christmas tree trust.

A Baltimore man who buried himself alive has been arrested for disorderly conduct. The charge is faulty. It should be for conduct unbecoming a gentleman.

The King of Portugal visited the Duke of Marlborough. None of the other Dukes was so honored. This is what comes of having good American money in the family.

Some of the stories now being related of Thomas B. Reed were told of his predecessors in the speaker's chair and will also fit the careers of most of his successors.

Prince Chowfa Maha Vajiravudh wears American garments. Now if he will apply to the courts and get his name Americanized the improvement will be still more marked.

James J. Hill insists that there are going to be hard times. Perhaps Mr. Hill knows of a few blocks of stock that he would like to buy in at lower prices than they are now commanding.

A coterie of New York women, led by Mrs. Richard Henry Savage, is demanding street cars for women only. They would be about as popular with the average lady as the manless dance.

It has been announced that a renewal of the debate between Cornell and Columbia for a period of three years is assured. Too long! Webster and Hayne couldn't have held an audience for 36 months.

A Wisconsin pastor, a semi-invalid, has been seriously hurt during an initiation into a university literary society. Rah for the supremacy of mind over matter! Rah for the mental discipline of college life!

There will be no titles of nobility in France if the plan of the radicals is adopted. But rich American girls anxious to buy husbands with titles will find plenty of them scattered around in other parts of Europe.

Montreal physicians have discovered that electricity will cure consumption. This makes the fifty-seventh consumption cure that has been discovered during the past six month. Why will people still insist on dying of consumption?

Gotham bankers have made a pool of $50,000,000 to prevent a panic in Wall street. Evidently all the lambs have been closely sheared and the thrifty operators must be taken care of until more wool grows, or more lambs are born.

France is now urging the payment of a claim against Peru, and the United States is interested in collecting a debt from Korea. What we seem to need just now is an international debt-collecting agency in connection with The Hague tribunal.

Andrew Carnegie's baby girl is to be commiserated on having received a $2,500,000 house as a gift. Not until she is a woman grown will she realize what a lot of sweeping and dusting and fussing goes along with such an ark of a dwelling.

MICHIGAN — STATE HAPPENINGS SUCCINCTLY TOLD BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS — NEWS ITEMS

IS FIRST OF TRIPLETS TO DIE

Demise of Mrs. Margaret J. Stout at Adrian, Aged 72 Years.

Mrs. Margaret J. Stout died at Adrian of heart disease at the home of her son, W. H. Stout. She was one of the triplet daughters born to Mr. and Mrs. William Camburn 72 years ago August 24 last, at Lockport, N.Y. Together with her parents she moved to Franklin township in 1834, and was one of the county's pioneers. The father of the deceased held the unique record of having been postmaster 30 years and justice of the peace 40 years in the township of Franklin. Her two aged triplet sisters are still living and attended the funeral. They are Mrs. Martha Hollenbeck of Alma and Mrs. Mary Haviland of Lake View.

SCHEME DOES NOT WORK WELL

Secretary of State Rules Against South Dakota Corporation.

The Sanitary Food company is a concern holding a charter under the laws of South Dakota, but with headquarters and a factory at Benton Harbor. It is capitalized at $500,000, but tried to file articles with Secretary of State Warner at Lansing and pay its franchise fee on but $50,000, claiming that it should pay only on the actual property it owned in this state. Secretary Warner took a different view of the matter, however, and the company will have to pay a franchise fee on its entire capitalization of $500,000 if it wants to do business in Michigan.

Offer From Carnegie.

Andrew Carnegie has offered to give Flint a free public library building to cost $15,000, providing the council will make provision for maintaining the same at an annual cost of $1,000. The board of education held a special meeting to consider the proposition and the president of the board was authorized to take up the matter of details with Mr. Carnegie as a preliminary step in the direction of the acceptance of his offer.

Feed Beans to Hogs.

The corn crop was a failure in Tuscola county and beans were so badly damaged by the wet weather that thousands of bushels were not fit for market. Farmers are now cooking these damaged beans and mixing them with beet pulp and feeding it to their hogs. All who have tried this method of disposing of "culled" beans are satisfied with the results.

Well Caves in on Him.

Orville Bronson was killed by the caving in of a well in which he was working about two and a half miles southwest of Saranac on the place of Norman Bushnell. Deceased was about 32 years of age, and leaves a widow and a 2-months-old baby.

High Rates for Gas.

The common council at Ironwood proposes to grant a franchise to a local capitalist to establish a gas plant. The franchise runs for twenty years and allows the concern to charge $1.75 a thousand feet for illuminating gas and $1.25 for fuel gas.

Passing of a Pioneer.

Henry L. Pratt, one of the oldest pioneers of the township of Riley in Clinton county, is dead, at the age of 72 years. He came to Clinton county at the age of 21 from Lansborough, Mass., and has long been a well-known citizen.

Fortunate Escape.

Harry Prall, a young boy from Belding, visiting friends near Pontiac, went skating on Cresent lake and slipped through an air hole. His grit and swimming ability saved him.

Hog Attacks Farmer.

E. Wollcott, a wealthy farmer at Watervliet, while engaged in his farm yard, was attacked by an enraged hog. Wollcott fought for his life, but had both hands badly lacerated.

Lapeer's New Bank.

The Lapeer Savings bank, capital $25,000, has been authorized by State Banking Commissioner Maltz to transact a general banking business.

May Get Canning Factory.

A canning factory will be located at Mayville if the local business men show enough interest in the project to take a portion of the stock.

Autos for Rural Routes.

The experiment at Adrian having proved successful, an automobile is to be put on one of the rural mail delivery routes out of Saginaw.

To Manufacture Chicory.

The project of building a chicory factory at Gagetown is being again agitated and is heartily supported by the farmers of the vicinity.

Trapping Fur Animals.

Young America is reaping in many dollars in and about Brighton trapping mink, skunk, muskrats, etc. One trapper caught a wild cat. The recent fall of snow is a great help to trappers, as they can track the animals.

Dedicate New School.

The new Perry school at Ann Arbor has been dedicated with appropriate exercises. Addresses were made by President Angell, E. F. Mills and others.

For Early Closing.

Manistee druggists are talking of co-operating, so that only one drug store will be open after 6 o'clock evenings, except on Saturdays. Both proprietors and clerks are hoping that all will co-operate and make it a success.

Wave of Virtue.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul is waging war against violators of the liquor law at Pontiac. Saloonists are scared and kept their places closed on Sunday and are also closing promptly on time at night.

MAN'S ARM TORN FROM SOCKET

Shocking Accident to Employe of Kalamazoo Paper Mill.

Anthony Eichhorn, employed at the King Paper mill at Kalamazoo as a machine wiper, met with a shocking accident. While oiling and wiping one of the monster paper machines his left sleeve in some manner became caught in the cogs of a nest of big wheels, drawing his arm in, crushing it to a pulp and tearing it from the socket at the shoulder. Before medical aid could be secured the unfortunate man nearly bled to death. He was taken to Borgess hospital, where the wound was dressed. The physicians state that there is small hope for his recovery. Eichhorn had been employed at the paper mill but a few days. He is 23 years old.

Puts Babe on Hot Stove.

Lester, the eleven months' old baby boy of Mrs. Mamie McGuire of Menominee, has the unpleasant experience of being sat on a hot stove. Mrs. McGuire was visiting with some neighbors in the room in which a number of children were playing, among whom was the baby. One of the neighbor boys, thinking that the stove was not hot, picked the child up and sat it down on the stove. The child began to scream and before it could be removed was quite badly burned. It will recover.

Burn Up Bonus.

There was a bonfire at South Haven on New Year's day at which the fuel consisted of $100,000 worth of paper. A few years ago, during the fight for the Van Buren county seat, South Haven offered a bonus of $100,000 to secure it, but Paw Paw won out. The result was that South Haven had the bonus left on their hands, in the form of $50,000 in bonds, and an equal amount in notes and it was these which were publicly cremated as a sort of holiday celebration.

Noted Indian Dies.

Kaw-baw-gam, a noted Indian chief, is dead at Marquette, at the age of 103 years. He was well known throughout the upper peninsula. He was a full blooded Chippewa and a son of the chief of the Ste. Marie band of Indians. His sister was the wife of the late J. Loran Calpman, a well known resident of Detroit and for several terms representative of the first Michigan district in congress.

Flood Victims Sue.

Twenty-five claims, amounting in all to $15,125, are about to be filed against the city of Ann Arbor for damages resulting from the flood of July 7 last. The largest claim is that of Henry Rehards, amounting to $3,500. The claimants maintain that inadequate culverts, of which the city had notice, were the cause of the big damage. A test case will be made on one of the bills.

Runaway Is Struck by Train.

A frightened team, caused by the dropping of the sleigh tongue, resulted in a runaway at St. Joseph that endangered the lives of many who had gathered to witness the New Year's races. The team, after running several blocks, collided with an incoming train on the Three-I railway, badly damaging one of the fine drivers. The occupants of the sleigh escaped injury.

Fleece a Butcher.

A Walkerville butcher is trying to locate someone named Evans and another man named Fogg who sold him turkeys and received upwards of $30 on them, promising to deliver the birds at once. The men gave the vicinity of Hesperia as their place of residence, but inquiries fail to indicate any such men.

Gain in Knowledge.

The authorities of the University of Michigan will profit by the trouble they are experiencing in getting coal this winter, and next summer will provide storage capacity for 5,000 to 6,000 tons of coal and will keep that amount on hand at all times. At present the bins are large enough for but 1,000 tons.

Jumps in Front of Horses.

Harold Hatch, a 15-year-old boy, was run over by a hack in Albion. He jumped in front of the horses while they were going at a good rate and was struck before the driver had time to slow up. His skull was fractured. The boy lived in Sturgis, but was visiting relatives near Albion.

Soap Factory for Marshall.

The Queen City Soap Co., limited, was organized at Marshall and has filed articles of association. The capital stock is $300,000. The factory and main office will be located at Marshall with a branch office in Battle Creek.

To Boom the Soo.

About twenty of Sault Ste. Marie's most progressive business men have formed the Soo Improvement Company to engage in a general real estate business and boom not only the Soo itself, but the whole of Chippewa county.

Historical Society.

Active steps are being taken toward the organization of a hoistorical society in Branch county to preserve for future generations relics of pioneer days and of the Indians.

Fine Grange Hall.

The new grange hall at Medina, which will be dedicated next month is said to be the finest structure of the kind in the state. The dedication of the building will be the occasion for a great gathering of members of the grange from all over Lenawee county.

Loses Leg in Runaway.

John Ammond's team from Campbell's Corners, ran away and threw him out, breaking his leg. It is so badly splintered it will have to be amputated.

SECURE PAYING PLACER CLAIM

Ann Arbor Men Have Struck It Rich in California.

M. J. Cavanaugh, Leo Gruner, James Harkins, Dr. Salsbury, Wesley Seybold, Phil Schumacher, W. C. Jacobus, James Willis, George Clark, Willis Johnson, Sidney Smith, Wilber Bailey, Newton Barger and Dr. Berger of Ann Arbor have word that they have struck it rich in California.

A short time ago they purchased 160 acres of placer mines from an old man living thirty-two miles from Placerville. He had been working the dirt with a pan for fifty years and only seemed to care for an ordinary income. The Ann Arbor party bought the land, and he retained a ten per cent royalty of all gold taken therefrom.

George Clark and Wilber Bailey went to California and have been taking gold out at the rate of 80 cents a pan which caused the Ann Arbor investors to feel so elated that they have announced that no stock is for sale. The company will mine the dirt more extensively and by a modern process.

Raise Rates on Coal.

Port Huron coal dealers have made a general advance of $1 per ton on all grades of coal. The price of hard coal is now fixed at $8.50 per ton, though there is little hard coal in the city at that figure, and none of the dealers are taking new orders. The amount of soft coal in the city suitable for domestic purposes is only about 1,000 tons and the new scale of prices is as follows: Jackson Hill, $7; Hocking Valley lump, $6.50; soft nut, $6; steam coal, $5.50.

Scheme to Get Coal.

A baggageman at the Grand Trunk depot at Pontiac was particularly exasperated when he had to roll down a big barrel that came checked as baggage. The barrel was unruly and fell to the platform with a crash. Out popped the head and a glittering lot of anthracite spread over the platform. Investigation revealed that this scheme has been used to a considerable extent in securing hard coal during the coal famine.

Start Canning Plant.

Work is in progress upon the new canning factory to be erected at St. Johns. The preliminary steps have been taken toward organizing a corporation to conduct the business, $12,000 in stock having been taken, and contracts for acreage will be placed with the farmers this month. It is the intention of the management to install a first-class plant and to have it well equipped to handle all the fruits and vegetables grown in that vicinity.

Iron Near Sparta.

Albert Handley, a farmer, claims to have discovered iron on his place east of Sparta. He has sent [illegible] samples [illegible] several [illegible]. The land is on the [illegible] Rouge river and is [illegible]. Several people have seen the specimens and pronounce them genuine. It is thought something will be done in view of further ascertaining the value of the discovery.

Prayer Fails.

Benton Harbor people are losing faith in the efficacy of prayer. The pumping station and roadhouse of the Big Four railroad were burned. When the news of the fire spread, nearly the whole town repaired to the scene and prayed fervently that the blaze would spread to the depot. It didn't, however, and the hope of the people for a new depot is still far from fulfillment.

Catch Car Robbers.

For some months freight cars in the yards at Gladstone have been looted in a mysterious manner, and the detectives were unable to get a clew to the men who were doing the stealing. Recently, however, they struck a lead, and following it up, have caught eight men and found hidden in their homes a great quantity of the stolen goods.

Raise Beets Near Escanaba.

Those people who supposed that sugar beets couldn't be raised in the upper peninsula may be interested in knowing that last summer beets were grown near Escanaba which tested 19.8 per cent of sugar, a higher percentage than was ever secured heretofore in this country.

Oleo in Demand.

For the first time in the history of Coldwater merchants are selling oleomargarine. For years they have refused to handle the stuff, but the growing scarcity of good butter made it necessary for them to keep the oleomargarine for customers, who won't pay the exorbitant prices demanded for creamery butter.

No Fire Protection.

The question of bonding for fire protection will be submitted to the voters of Lakeview at the spring election. Every time the village has a fire this question comes up, and is just as regularly voted down.

Try to Boycott.

The union men of Owosso are trying to induce the local merchants to boycott the local papers, which refused to accede to the demands of the printers' union, and to do no more advertising in them.

City Cleans Walks.

At Three Rivers the householders are not depended upon to clean their own walks, but the council lets the contract for the whole city, the walks to be cleaned before 6 a. m. The cost is small.

Is Frozen to Death.

One fatality resulted from the blizzard in Northern Michigan on Christmas. The body of Mrs. Ida Parkkinen, aged 50, was found frozen stiff at Calumet. She leaves five children, none of whom live at home.

CONGRESS.

The house resumed work Monday after a recess of two weeks, but within two hours the machinery broke down for lack of a quorum. The bill to create a general staff in the army was the issue. An attempt was made to pass it under suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds majority. Although all the members of the minority of the military committee indorsed it, opposition developed because of the hurried manner in which it was proposed to pass the bill, and the division, 108 to 50, developed that it did not command the support of two-thirds of those present. A call of the house followed, but as the roll call showed about thirty less than a quorum, the house adjourned.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, made a long speech in the senate in advocacy of his anti-trust bill. It was devoted entirely to the question of trusts and partly to an explanation of his recently introduced anti-trust bill. He assumed that all thoughtful men are agreed as to the necessity of legislation, state or national, for the control of trusts. As yet there had been only apprehension and alarm but no serious injury, except in the case of the recent coal strike, on account of trusts. On the contrary, the progress of our material prosperity had been greater in the past few years than ever before had been known, and our workmen were better off. Still, there is, he said, actual peril, and it is none the less real because it involves only the future and not the present.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sagasta, former premier of Spain, and one of that country's most notable men, is dead.

The firemen of the city of Houston, Tex., have gone on strike for an increase in wages.

Traffic is at a standstill on the Northern Pacific at Tacoma. The chinook still prevails and water is pouring down the Cascades in torrents.

The Pike, second of the Holland submarine torpedo boats to be built on the Pacific coast for the government, will be launched from the Union Iron Works at 'Frisco, Jan. 14.

John Ott, an itinerant tinker, aged 45, was killed by the explosion of a gasoline stove in a Denver lodging house, and Nadine A. Shaneley, the proprietor, aged 28, was fatally injured.

Samuel Sorrels, of Kintail, was killed and Ralph Seargall, of McCurtain, and another deputy marshal were seriously wounded by an unknown man who resisted arrest at Coal Creek, I. T., and escaped.

Capt. Thomas Copeland, who has been a member of the New York police force since 1857, has resigned. The captain recently was examined as to his physical ability and passed successfully.

The strike of the rubber workers and other unions which tied up the plants of the Morgan & Wright Co. and the Mechanical Rubber Co. for two months, has been settled. The plants will start up this week.

Richard Blandon, stepfather of Stella Mayhew, the actress, made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide at Toledo, Wednesday, by cutting his throat with a razor. Just after he cut himself he wrote on the wall with his own hand, "Mose is to blame for this." Mose is a business partner. Blandon will recover.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending January 17.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Wm. H. Crane in [illegible]; Sat. Mat. at [illegible]; Eve. [illegible]

LYCEUM THEATER—"The Major and the Judge" [illegible] Sat. Mat. [illegible]

WHITNEY THEATER—"The Man Who Dared" [illegible] Eve. [illegible]

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons [illegible] Evenings [illegible]

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Choice steers, $5.15; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds average, $4.25@5.00; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds average, $3.25@4.00; mixed butchers and fat cows, $3.25@3.75; canners, $1.25@2.00; common bulls, $2.75@3.00; good shippers' bulls, $3.00@3.50; common feeders, $3.00@3.50; light stockers, $2.75@3.25; good well-bred feeders, $3.75@4.25.

Veal Calves—Market strong and higher, $4.75@8.00.

Milch Cows and Springers—Good cows, strong, $30.00@55.00, common, steady.

Sheep—Best lambs, $5.40@5.60; fair to good lambs, $4.75@5.25; yearlings, $3.50@4.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $2.75@3.50; culls and common, $2.00@2.50; light to fair lambs, $4.00@4.75.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $6.20@6.25; bulk at $6.25; pigs and light yorkers, $6.15@6.20; roughs, $5.15@5.25; stags, 1-3 off.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5.40@6.65; poor to medium, $2.75@5.00; stockers and feeders, $2.00@4.00; cows, $4.25@4.40; heifers, $2.00@5.00; canners, $1.25@2.40; bulls, $2.00@4.50; calves, $3.75@7.75; Texas fed steers, $3.50@6.00.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $6.15@6.50; good to choice heavy, $6.50@6.75; rough heavy, $6.25@6.45; light, $5.85@6.20; bulk of sales, $6.30@6.50.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4.00@4.60; fair to choice mixed, $3.25@4.00; western sheep, $4.00@5.90; native lambs, $4.00@5.80.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Steady. Veals—Steady; tops, $8.75@8.95; common to good, $5.50@6.50.

Hogs—Heavy, $6.50@6.55; mixed, $6.45@6.50; yorkers, $6.40@6.50; light do, $5.50@6.60; pigs, 6.65@6.75; roughs, $5.50@5.75; stags, $4.50@5.

Sheep—Top lambs, $5.75@5.90; culls to good, $3.75@5.65; yearlings, $3.25@4.75; ewes, $4.25@4.50; sheep, top mixed, $3.65@3.85; culls to good, $1.75@3.50.

Grain.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 2 white, 1 car at 75c, 1 car at 74c; No. 2 red, 2 cars at 79c; December, 5,000 bu at 80c, closing nominal at 79c; May, 11,000 bu at 89c; No. 3 red, 74c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 47c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 49½c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white, 1 car at 35¼c, 1 car at 35½c; No. 4 white, 34c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 53½c; No. 3 rye, 51c per bu.

Chicago.—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 73@74c; No. 3, 69c; No. 2 red, 72⅝@73⅜c.

Corn—No. 2, 44c; No. 2 yellow, 44c.

Oats—No. 2, 31¾c; No. 3 white, 32¼@33c.

Rye—No. 2, 46c.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The fire loss of the United States and Canada for the year 1902, as compiled by the Journal of Commerce, amounted to $149,260,850; in 1901, $164,347,450; 1900, $163,362,250.

Gov. Savage, of Nebraska, has given Daisy Lawrence, aged 10 years, of Norfolk, a Christmas present in the shape of a pardon for her father, who is serving a three years' sentence in the state penitentiary for embezzlement. The pardon was granted in response to a pitiful letter from the little girl.

Prof. Jacob Forney, of the Alabama state university, was accidentally killed at Springville, Ala., while shooting sparrows with a parlor rifle. Prof. Forney was a son of the late Maj.-Gen. John H. Forney, of the confederate army.

The plasterers' union of New York city is talking of electing Borough President Cantor an honorary member of their union if he succeeds in settling the strike at the city hall and other municipal buildings. The plasterers' principal demand is that the plastering done at the city hall by the foremen shall be torn out and done over again by union men.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

Operators Take Revenge.

The Boston Commercial Bulletin, one of the leading and best informed financial papers in the east, which has always sympathized with the coal operators rather than with the miners, makes three sensational statements in an editorial:

The operators are making the cost of the strike out of the consuming public because of the latter's sympathy with the striking miners, a sympathy which, from a later point of view, seems to have been misplaced, as witness the absolute inconsiderateness of the many holidays which these miners have taken since the strike was nominally declared off.

Our best information is that the strike is not settled and will be resumed with renewed vigor in the spring, and that the price of anthracite coal for the next few years will be abnormally high.

That the operators are making money is shown most conclusively by the steady advance in the market value of the stocks of the coal carrying roads.

Was a Bigamist.

It develops that Wilson Morton, of Chicago, one of the victims of the Wanstead, Ontario, wreck, was a bigamist. His first wife lives on Fall's avenue in Toronto, and the second resides in Hamilton. The first marriage took place in Toronto in 1874, and the second in Hamilton in July, 1901.

The Hamilton woman was Miss Morley Mutten, and she married Morton on the strength of an alleged divorce obtained by the latter in Chicago. Morton's wife No. 1, on learning of her husband's death, lost no time in making a claim for the body, and the Grand Trunk authorities giving up possession, together with any documents and baggage, the body was brought to Toronto, and the funeral took place on Tuesday.

The Hamilton woman, who is only 22, is expected to claim the estate and also any damages that may be due from the Grand Trunk railway, on the ground that she was Morton's legal wife. Morton was about 52 years old.

Oxnard Says So.

Whether acting with authority or not, Henry T. Oxnard has notified Senator Cullom that when the National Beet Sugar Manufacturers' Association meets in Washington it will vote not to further oppose the Cuban reciprocity treaty providing section S is modified to make a flat reduction of 20 per cent, instead of preferential reduction under the lowest existing tariff. The section is so worded that if the United States should reduce the tariff in favor of Jamaica or any other country, Cuba would be entitled to a 20 per cent reduction under the Jamaican rate. Oxnard, assuming to speak for the beet sugar people, said they had no objection, but would oppose a reduction that might reach 35 per cent or even more. He said he spoke for the beet sugar association, and assured Senator Cullom that the association would agree to the terms he proposed.

Millions Couldn't Save Her.

Mrs. Wm. A. Clark, Jr., of Butte, Montana, died at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Mabel Foster Clark was born 23 years ago near Pittsburg, Pa., the daughter of John H. Foster, who came to Pittsburg nearly 17 years ago. On June 19, 1901, she was wedded to Wm. A. Clark, Jr., youngest son of Senator W. A. Clark. Her baby boy, for whom she gave her life, was born December 2, and won the $1,000,000 offered by Senator Clark for his first grandson. The little one's condition is excellent.

Mrs. Clark was 21 years old at the time of her wedding, and was a very handsome young woman.

Wife of a Drunkard.

The first notable case under the licensing act, which went into effect Thursday, came up in a London police court Friday, when Sir Charles Allen Lawson, the Anglo-Indian newspaper editor and writer, applied for a summons against Lady Lawson, whom he described as a habitual drunkard. The summons was granted.

The new act enables either a husband or wife to secure a separation in the case of habitual drunkenness, and allows the police to arrest an inebriate anywhere except in a private house, whether disorderly or not.

Pacific Cable Goes.

The first section of the Pacific Cable Co.'s cable was completed Thursday night, when the two ends were brought together in Molokai channel, 35 miles from Honolulu, and Hawaii is now 2,000 miles nearer the parent continent. A large crowd had gathered about the cable station there, and the announcement was received with cheers. Judge Cooper, representing Gov. Dole, who was absent from the island, sent a message to President Roosevelt announcing the opening and extending a greeting from the citizens of Hawaii.

"Topsy," the bad elephant, was electrocuted at Coney Island Sunday, after having first been given a dose of 200 grains of cyanide of potassium concealed in a carrot. A current of 6,000 volts was turned on through copper plates on which the animal stood. A big crowd witnessed the execution.

Nine hours instead of ten hereafter will be considered a working day in all of the iron works of Portland, Ore., without any reduction of wages.

Cholera is depopulating the Moro village on the east shore of Lake Lanao, Mindinao. The disease also prevails at Bacolod. At Macin the deaths average 50 a day.

Owing to a strike of the carriage drivers of Rochester, N. Y., nearly all persons who attended the numerous receptions and other entertainments given in that city on New Year's eve, were obliged to walk. Several funerals were postponed on account of the strike.

The project of building a chicory factory at Gagetown is being again agitated.

Tate Lively, W. I. Mann and Willis Brown, three boys, were drowned at Evansville, Ind., Thursday. They were skating on a pond when the ice broke. Their bodies were recovered.

The Cleveland City Railway Company, known locally as the Little Consolidated, through its president, Senator M. A. Hanna, has signed a one-year contract with the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employes of America, covering the scale of wages to be paid to its motormen and conductors.

Postoffice Discontinued.

The postmaster at Indianola, Miss., is Mrs. Minnie W. Cox, a colored woman. She served three years as postmaster under President Harrison. When President McKinley came in she was again appointed in 1897, nearly six years ago. Her character and standing in the community are indorsed by the best and most reputable people in the town.

Among those on her bond is the present democratic state senator from the district, together with the leading banker of Indianola and ex-state senator from the district, also a democrat. The postmaster and her husband own from $10,000 to $15,000 worth of property in Sunflower county. The reports of postoffice inspectors who have investigated the office from time to time show that she has given the utmost satisfaction to all the patrons of the office; that she is at all times courteous, faithful, competent and honest in the discharge of her duties. Her moral standing in the community is of the highest. Her reputation is of the best. Few offices of this grade in any state are conducted better.

For all this under threats from the lawless element who demanded it, she resigned. Her color was the sole reason of the threats. By direction of the president the following was sent to the bondsmen:

"The postmaster's resignation has been received but not accepted. In view of the facts, the postoffice at Indianola is closed. All mail for that place will be forwarded to Greenville. The case will be referred to the attorney-general."

Central America Activities.

The volcano of Santiago, about eight miles from Granada, is shooting out fire and at night illuminates the heavens for many miles.

Monotumbo, near the seacoast, is belching forth smoke.

Isalto in Salvador shoots forth smoke and lava every half hour and at night forms a brilliant spectacle as its molten metal runs down the mountain side in a stream of fire.

The inhabitants of Gautemala City fear that the volcano at Attitian will break out at any time.

The seacoast and ocean for many miles is strewn with pumice stone from the volcano Santa Maria.

King of Saxony Dying.

The German specialists who were called to attend the king of Saxony held a consultation Saturday and issued a bulletin declaring his condition to be critical. It is believed at Dresden that there is little hope for the king's living more than a few days.

The attending physicians are stimulating his majesty with quinine. The king's heart action is feeble and his temperature vacillates 5 1-2 degrees in half a day, falling to 92 1-2.

His majesty's condition has grown worse through the insistence of the patient in discharging government business.

CONDENSED NEWS.

New York's postoffice receipts for 1902 were $12,425,789, an increase of more than $1,200,000 over 1901. The profit was $8,621,764.

Miss Clara Ware, aged 19, is dead in Madison county, Tenn., having spoken to the members of her family a few hours before her death, for the first time in her life.

Just as he resumed his seat at the conclusion of a speech accepting the presidency of the Woonsocket, R. I., board of aldermen, Emmanuel L. Simmons expired in his chair.

Rev. J. B. McMichael fell dead in the pulpit of the United Presbyterian church at Sugar Creek, O., Thursday night. He was formerly president of Monmouth, Ill., college.

The torpedo boat destroyer MacDonough exceeded her contract requirement of 28 knots an hour in her trial spin off Provincetown, Mass., yesterday. She was built by the Fore River Ship & Engine Co., of Quincy, Mass.

The bill to create a general staff in the army passed the house, 162 to 52. Mr. Warner, of Illinois, declared sarcastically that he favored the bill because it would do so little harm. In time of peace, he said, it would provide a few officers with harmless amusement. The amendment was adopted.

When the Baltimore & Ohio passenger train arrived at Columbus, O., from Cincinnati the body of a female colored child, wrapped in an old skirt was found hanging to the brake rod under the rear platform. It was dead but still warm. The postmortem showed that it was healthy and had died from exposure.

Brig.-Gen. Wood has gone to Columbus, O., by special direction of Secretary Root, to investigate the advisability of selling the lands and improvements, or any portion of them of the military reservation in that city, using the proceeds for the purchase and improvement of other land at or in that vicinity for military purposes.

For the first time in the history of the Connecticut river an attempt was made to blow up an ice jam. The bridge between Hartford and East Hartford was in danger of being swept away by the ice that extends to the river bottom. Twenty pounds of dynamite was used at each blast. When it was discharged, ice cakes were thrown 300 feet in the air.

James H. Robin, president and principal stockholder of the bank of Silverton, Colo., has disappeared and the bank is closed. Its capitalization is $30,000, liabilities $300,000.

The city firemen of Houston, Tex., who went on strike Wednesday for higher wages, found public sentiment was against them, and hustled back to work Thursday.

Creeping Bear, a full-blood Cheyenne Indian, is in jail at Memphis, Tenn., for tomahawking Policeman George Millard. Millard's condition is serious. Creeping Bear says Millard insulted him.

Massachusetts cities generally inaugurated city governments, Monday, including a socialist mayor at Brockton. In nearly all cases the providing of adequate school accommodations for children was referred to as a most serious question.

Paul Revere's old home at Boston, Mass., has been purchased by John P. Reynolds, Jr. He proposes to preserve it. The house is in North square, in the heart of the thickly settled north end, and was built in 1676. Revere buying it 104 years later, and it was from the door of this very building that he went forth to his famous ride on April 19, 1775.