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A man does not have to die to leave his will. He may get married.

The hearty feeding nations are the much achieving nations.—Mexican Herald.

Every time we hear about Xantippe we make the guess that Socrates wasn't any angel.

It is seldom that the Sick Man of Europe feels too "poorly" to sit up and smile at the powers.

Japan is sending troops to Corea but reassures the world by explaining that it is only for exercise.

Dressmakers have decreed that the Kangaroo walk must go. In Australia it is called the kangaroo hop.

A wallop or two from Mr. Fitzsimmons may convince Mr. Gardner of the duty of respecting the aged.

Young Chamberlain's monocle evidently constitutes his chief point of resemblance to his strenuous sire.

A hard fate confronts Count Tolstoi. The Russian government has decreed that he shall stay at Yasanajapoljana.

Notwithstanding the football field is marked off like a checkerboard this season, yet the games are still different.

The arbitration tribunal has decided that Venezuela must pay Germany $418,250, but carelessly neglects to explain how.

And now Canada may vote $125,000 in aid of a polar expedition. Lieut. Peary will probably not be alarmed at competition.

Chicago is only a hundred years old, and it must make Editor Stead shudder to think what she will be at two hundred.

If the Eastern ladies insist on getting married they must give up the idea of holding the golf championship for that section.

The prison missionary old enough to know better, who married a nineteen-year-old prisoner, got her deserts in getting deserted.

The really honest and honorable man is always found in three places at times when he is needed there—in his home, in his business office and at the polls.

A Jersey City electrician, accused of bigamy, declares he knows nothing of his second alleged marriage. It was a sort of mechanical sparking, as it were.

At a New York wedding a few days ago a billygoat ate the bride's veil and most of the flowers. This probably happened while the presents were being examined.

That defenseless wife whose cruel husband insisted on reading Thomas Carlyle to her should have got even with the monster by quoting Marie Corelli to him.

It is now thought that Dowager Empress An of China cannot live more than a year. Alas! that year may cost the Flowery Kingdom years upon years of repentance.

The method adopted by a nurse girl in Texas to still the cries of an infant—stuffing its mouth, ears and nose full of mud—may be effective, but it is not to be commended.

If women had more sense of humor brides could get a good deal more fun out of life by promising to obey, and then watching the efforts of their husbands to collect the goods.

With English noblemen carrying off American heiresses and English titled girls preparing to come over and carry off our men of millions the English invasion of America seems to be on in earnest.

A New York chauffeur, charged with driving his machine at a high rate of speed, successfully pleaded in extenuation that he was on his way to call a doctor. Automobilists, elsewhere, will take the hint.

The absence of a minister from a service at New Haven, at which he was to be ordained, recalls the clergyman of a New Hampshire city who was once missing from a funeral and was found at the circus.

Don't get ready to enter and settle upon the Chippewa Indian lands in Minnesota, Nov. 10, unless you see money in the raising and marketing of bullfrogs. About 522,000 of the 753,337 acres are swamp land.

A Newport society leader is quoted as saying: "We should not be too democratic, as it is dangerous, and people are not equal, anyway." The declaration of independence and the constitution can now be considered obsolete.

At a convention of women over in Germany the other day it was declared that corsets and jewels are barbarous. They will never get them abolished, however, until society can be convinced that they are likely to be productive of large families.

There is a widespread belief that Sir Thomas Lipton ought to be appointed British ambassador to the United States. But why so? Isn't being a jolly good fellow its own reward?

The fast young man will have to put on spurs this winter in order to make any sort of showing against the gaits of Lou Dillon and Major Delmar.

It appears that the original Goelet made his fortune in the glue business. But this isn't what is causing the future duchess to be stuck up.

Michigan Happenings

He Punished the Fiend Severely.

Friday night Mrs. E. P. Fulmer, the wife of a farmer living some three miles north of Mancelona, had her suspicions aroused by the actions of her eleven-year-old daughter and, upon careful inquiry from the child, the latter alleged she had been assaulted by Herman Frickey, the hired man, on the evening of May 30, during the absence of the family, and that the little girl, also a son about 10 years, who was present and witnessed the act, had been kept quiet during all these months by Frickey's threats to kill them if they revealed his crime. Mrs. Fulmer's suspicions were aroused by the fact of the child taking medicine which it seems, Frickey had procured for her. Frickey was absent at the time of the revelation by the little girl, but returned to the Fulmer home where he was still working, some two hours later. The father of the girl met him at the door and immediately felled him with a blow between the eyes. He proceeded to tie him and during the night would every fifteen or twenty minutes repeat the pummeling, and Saturday morning after tieing Frickey in the barn the father came to Mancelona and procured a warrant for Frickey, who is about 25 years old. Physicians state that the child's story is true, and no sympathy is expressed for the fiend, though his appearance is such as to make even the physicians who treated his wounds recoil from the repeated pummeling which the child's father gave him during the night, sick and faint.

Railway Taxation Suits.

The railroad attorneys in the railway taxation case, on trial at Lansing, placed T. J. G. Bolt, another field man for the state tax commission, on the stand to testify as to the assessment of general property. One of his statements concerning inequality of assessment was that many assessing officers had engaged in the practice of placing a higher valuation on the property of non-residents than that of residents.

A. F. Patriarche, general traffic manager of the Pere Marquette system, testified for the railways in their suit against the state over the assessment of their properties, that the electric railways and the sleeping car companies were doing the same kind of business as the steam railway companies, yet were not taxed in the same way. The purpose of this testimony was to show that the tax law was invalid because it discriminated.

Ripper Law Attacked.

Judge Shepard has granted a writ of mandamus ordering Supervisor Edmunds, of Gibson township, to show cause why he should not present the assessment rolls of his township to the Bay county board of supervisors for the purpose of equalization and apportionment of state taxes. The petition for the writ alleges that the detaching of Gibson township reduces the number of townships in Bay county below the number of townships fixed for a county by the constitution; that it divides a county, placing parts thereof in two separate senatorial districts, and that the transfer of Gibson to Arenac county was made without the consent of the people of either Bay or Arenac counties.

Montague's Taxes.

The latest incident in the business affairs of Charles Montague, of Caro, is the filing of a petition by Perry F. Powers, auditor-general of Michigan, in behalf of the state. He represents that the state is entitled to about $5,000 for taxes assessed upon a large quantity of land for and prior to the year 1900, and interest at 1 per cent a month. The petitioner represents that he should be allowed to sell the lands and that the title to be conveyed should cut off all other titles, claims, liens and demands. There was a decree made adjudging taxes to be a lien upon the lands February 23, 1902. These lands are the same included in the schedule of assets belonging to Montague.

Olds Wants the Flats.

S. S. Olds, of Lansing, has made a demand upon State Land Commissioner Wildey for a deed to the property of the Lake St. Clair Fishing and Shooting club and other Flats lands to which he was recently decreed to be entitled by the supreme court. Olds holds certain swamp land scrip, upon which he claims the lands. Commissioner Wildey declined to issue the deeds until he could confer with the attorney-general. The lands claimed by Olds do not constitute all the valuable properties at the Flats, but a large proportion of them. The title to other lands is now being tried out in the supreme court.

Cost an Eye.

A brassie wielded by H. A. Babcock with great force on the Ann Arbor golf links Saturday afternoon broke, and the lower part flew 30 feet and struck Prof. George Hempl on the right eye with such force as to knock him senseless. Dr. Flemming Carrow, the specialist, subsequently ascertained that in order to preserve the sight of the left eye it was necessary to remove the injured one, and this was done Saturday. Prof. Hempl is an eminent teacher of philology and English linguistics.

Port Huron is in the midst of an ice famine.

George Byke, of Harrison, escaped a sentence for burglary only by being sent to an insane asylum instead.

Bay City health officials seem unable to check the epidemic of smallpox there.

Willie Wilson, aged 10, of South Haven, raised a check from $1 to $2 and cashed it to buy candy and tobacco.

Lake Odessa's common council recently declared a shooting gallery a public nuisance and revoked the license.

Although thousands of dollars' worth of potatoes have rotted throughout the thumb, it is believed that if the fine weather of the past week continues two or three weeks more the bulk of the crop will be saved. Beans, too, are in the main in good shape, except on very low lands.

Francis Teal, the 85-year-old hermit of Six-Mile Creek who was found unconscious on the street in Qwosso Saturday night with an ugly cut in his head, is said by a man who was with him earlier in the evening to have received the injury as the result of a fall while drunk. Teal cannot tell how he met with the accident.

City Hall Burned.

Fire gutted Cheboygan's city hall Wednesday morning, leaving nothing but the bare walls standing. The building was erected in 1887 at a cost of $35,000, and the upper portion was used for an opera house. The origin of the fire is attributed to electric wires, and the supposition is that the fire smoldered for some time before eating its way to an air vent. The insurance on the building and furnishings amounts to $27,000. It is thought the old walls will do to rebuild on.

During the past month 2,222 deaths occurred in the state.

Resist Tax Commission.

It was announced Tuesday at a meeting of the special committee that Wayne county supervisors are seriously considering the advisability of unanimously refusing to spread the tax commission's finding upon the township assessment rolls, thus forcing the commission to take the whole matter into court in a suit to compel the altering of the local levies. This phase of the matter is now receiving the consideration of the prosecuting attorney.

Fool and Gun.

Seraphin Vizan, of Ellisville, was shot with a rifle in the hands of Pat Conners. There was a social at Connor's home Saturday night, and about 2 o'clock the men were joking, when Conners took down a 22-caliber rifle and pointed it at Vizan, not thinking it was loaded. The ball entered the corner of Vizan's eye, and lodged in the bone near the surface. He is expected to recover.

Governor Bliss Ill.

Gov. Bliss, who has been quite ill for several days, is some better. He is afflicted with a severe case of congestion, resembling the grip and has been advised by his physician, Dr. L. W. Bliss, to break off entirely from all thoughts of business or affairs of state. He is not regarded as seriously ill, but he must take the best of care of himself.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Battle Creek Socialists have opened a co-operative grocery store.

A company has been formed at Mt. Pleasant to manufacture gas.

A new roof costing over $45,000 is being placed on the state capitol.

This season will practically close the lumbering operations on Dead river.

Washtenaw farmers pronounce their corn crop the biggest they ever raised.

Grant village fathers have decreed that no more board sidewalks be laid there.

For stealing radiators from a church two men are under arrest at Port Huron.

Grapes are selling at the highest prices known in Benton Harbor for 20 years.

Tons of squash are being delivered to the canning factory by Bay City farmers.

Flint has bonded itself for $234,500 to purchase the plant of the Flint Water Works Co.

Boyne City is promised two new factories—a chemical plant and a tanning concern.

The latest second growth crop is that of peaches in Capt. Cowle's orchard, Berrien county.

Michigan's hay crop averages 1,727,617 tons on 1,339,238 acres. Its annual value is $16,325,981.

An Escanaba woodenware company expects to get out 27,000,000 feet of hardwood this season.

During the past year 34 persons were sent to the Newberry asylum from Marquette.

So far as prices are concerned Presque Isle fishermen are having a harvest just now.

There are nine rural schools in Otsego county closed because of inability to secure teachers.

Charlotte has decided to give no more bonuses to factories inducing them to locate there.

Thieves looted the postoffice and general store at Eagle of $100 worth of stamps and goods.

Michigan's barley crop averages 904,806 bushels, on 37,858 acres. Its annual value is $425,259.

An Allegan farmer sold 10,000 bushels of peaches from his orchard, averaging over $1 a bushel.

Clark Baker, the veteran thrasher of Hillsdale, reports his daily average of grain has been 1,760 bushels.

An Ovid five-year-old nearly died from swallowing six belladonna pills given him by a small classmate.

Six schools in Branch county, closed for lack of teachers, are reported by the county school commissioner.

Michigan's annual product of rye is worth $499,763; the acreage is 71,306, the average crop 310,240 bushels.

While hunting in the woods 20 miles from town, a Manistique man killed a big bear which weighed 167 pounds.

Since Roy McKesson of Manistique killed a 147 pound bear a few miles from there, he is the hero of the town.

Two Bessemer woodchoppers cut during the past month 116 cords of body maple four-foot wood, an average for each man of over 2 1-3 cords each working day.

A special election will be held at Eaton Rapids November 23 to vote on the question of spending $12,000 for a municipal lighting plant.

A deer ran ahead of a Pere Marquette train near White Cloud for nearly two miles, then bounded off the track into a barbed wire fence, breaking two legs.

The state agricultural college lands in Oscoda county, consisting of 32,000 acres of hardwood timber, are to be sold in Lansing Nov. 12.

Michigan ranks sixth in the vehicle industry. She has 393 plants with a combined capital of $19,427,003 and an annual output of $28,465,773.

By eating pressed beef at the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Richards, of Burton, 25 of the guests were poisoned. They will all recover.

William Keskeys, of Ishpeming, has worked underground 66 years and thinks there isn't another miner in the country who can equal his record.

Saginaw capitalists have purchased 320 acres of land near Omer in which there is an immense bed of clay. They will erect a big brick plant there.

Two Glendora merchants were arrested by internal revenue officers and fined $50 for selling six cases of tropi-malt, a soft drink that tastes like beer.

The continued quiet in the lumber market has curtailed the amount of logs being put in this winter in the lumber region.

A yield of 500 bushels of marketable potatoes and many small ones from the 210 square rods, is reported by a Charleston farmer.

A Hawatha, Schoolcraft county, farmer, has an apple tree grown from a seed planted 16 years ago. It bore four bushels of apples this year.

George Pomeroy of Jonesville has picked, and sold 700 quarts of strawberries in the past three weeks, selling them for 25 and 30 cents a quart.

Two young foreigners, V. Gonsalez, of Peru, and D. Burbanotz, of Ecuador, neither of whom speaks good English, are attending the Michigan Agricultural college.

Michigan farmers planted 171,453 acres to potatoes this year; the yield is 16,630,941, giving an average of over 97 to the acre, and the value is $8,324,-684.

There has been so much demand at Jonesville for an all night electric lighting service that the question will be submitted to the people at the next village election.

Instead of their annual hunt and game supper, the numerous Modern Woodmen of White Cloud and vicinity joined forces and made good roads in the village recently.

A Buchanan fisherman caught a specimen about ... inches long, spotted black and yellow and a large fan-shaped fin on either side that look more like wings than fins.

William B. Kinde, first apostle to New York of Elijah Dowie's Christian Catholic Church, was a few years ago a travelling salesman for a Michigan corset manufacturing company.

Four years ago aged George Williams, of Niles, disposed of lands for $4,000 and divided the money among his eight children. At the age of 87, he must now go to the poorhouse.

Through trying to enter her apartments by way of the fire escape, Mrs. Don Clark, of Grand Rapids, lost her balance and fell to the sidewalk. She sustained serious internal injuries.

An immense pile of coal at Escanaba has been burning for two months. The cause is spontaneous combustion due to the enormous weight and pressure bearing upon the coal at the bottom of the pile.

James D. Le Bat, aged 96, is the oldest resident of Battle Creek, has voted for more presidents than any man in Michigan, and was the first man to be made a Mason in western Michigan.

Clinton farmers, after losing many chickens, sat up one night to catch the thief. They shot a horned owl which measured five feet six inches from tip to tip, the largest ever seen in that section.

While visiting a neighbor's in Grand Haven, William Brosch picked up the photo of a beautiful girl living in Ireland. He secured her address, wrote for her to come here, which she has done, and the couple are to be married.

Ora Grove bled to death at the home of his mother, in Richfield township. He was suffering from pneumonia, when his gums began bleeding, and the physicians were unable to stop it. Grove was 23 years of age.

Mrs. Frank Barger, of Galien, has a pet shepherd dog which sprang playfully up on her and knocked her over. She fell in such a way that she broke her leg. On account of advanced age her recovery is doubtful.

Twenty-three years ago this month the steamer Alpena, plying between Grand Haven and Chicago, went down with 120 persons on board, of which only 13 bodies were ever recovered. The boat's hull never was located.

After giving a hobo his breakfast, Mrs. J. Titlin, of Port Huron set him to chopping wood. He chopped a few pieces and would have skipped out had not the plucky woman brought him back with a gun to finish the job.

The new south vein of the Bessemer mine is proving a bonanza for the county, at least, in bringing in delinquent back taxes. Land owners in the vicinity of the reported new find are rushing in their money to clear their lands.

Berrien is now the most profitable fruit-producing county in the middle west, her crop being shipped all over the United States. Every form of fruit yielded a bumper crop this season and the total revenue from it is reported as $1,316,760.

It is believed that George Coon, a Grand Marais mill man who went to Alaska in 1897 and was never heard from, is dead. A mechanic, who left Alaska in 1899, claims to have made a coffin for a George Coon who died there of typhoid fever.

A St. Joe man, thinking his cow was choking to death, rammed his hand down her throat to remove the obstacle. His arm was badly mangled and an artery severed, but prompt assistance saved his life. The cow died from eating blue vitriol.

A new grafter is doing many of the rural towns by attending church services Sunday morning and falling in a fit before the benediction. Inside his coat is found a message to send his body home to his relatives. He usually works the congregation for $20 or more.

The body found in the bay at Duluth, Minn., was that of Roland P. Hatch, foreman for the Nester estate logging interests at Baraga. Frank Nester, of Baraga, went to Duluth and identified the remains. It is believed that Hatch met his death by being thrown from the bridge by another man.

Bay City people are much interested in the story of the effort of Miss Mae C. Wood, the Washington clerk, to get a settlement from Senator Platt of New York, for breach of promise, for Miss Wood, or rather Mrs. Wood, is the divorced wife of Albert C. Wood, a prominent business man of the city.

Francis Teal, the 85-year-old hermit of Six Mile Creek, who was acquitted of the murder of Fred Marker three months ago, was murderously assaulted in Owosso Friday night. Teal killed Marker in the former's home in self-defense. It is believed that in spite of his injury and the old man's extreme age he will recover.

It has been ascertained that Gov. Bliss' pardon of Deputy Game Warden Spafford, who killed aged Chris McLean, is defective in that it is addressed to nobody in particular, so Judge Chittenden refuses to order the prisoner's release, and will, instead direct the sheriff to bring him into court for sentence unless a new and valid pardon be made out.

Pretty Geneva Bradt, the 11-year-old daughter of D. L. Bradt, of Frankfort died, the result, it is alleged, of a criminal operation. The child's ante-mortem statement implicated W. W. Cox a bartender, and he was apprehended at North Star.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Dowie in New York.

"Elijah" Dowie's entrance to New York at the head of his 4,000 crusaders of the "Restoration Host" was not as pleasant as he might have wished. In the first place he arrived at the Grand Central station, thus missing the crowds who were awaiting him at the West Shore railroad ferry, and where his private carriage with his blooded horses was awaiting him. So the Zion leader, with his son and two lieutenants took a public hack to the Plaza hotel, where "Elijah" and his chief officers have splendid apartments. Arriving at the hotel, Mrs. Dowie discovered that during the confusion at the Grand Central station in disembarking from their private palace car she had been robbed of a $1,500 diamond and pearl brooch. The great expense of the crusade follow:

Railroad fare	$ 75,000
Meals for 4,000 persons, 20 days (actual cost 12½ cents a meal)	30,000
Lodging for 4,000 persons, 20 days (average cost 75 cents per day)	60,000
Rent of Madison Square Garden, 14 days, at $1,000 per day	14,000
Rent of Carnegie hall, 6 days, at $500	3,000
Printed matter, uniforms for Zion Guard and other transportation of Dowie's horses and miscellaneous supplies, about	10,000
Total	$192,000

Senator Platt's Wedding.

Senator Thos. Collier Platt stole a march on his friends and others interested in the plans for his marriage to Mrs. Lillian T. Janeway, which was announced to occur Thursday morning at the Marble Collegiate church. The wedding party did not appear and there was no explanation until nearly noon, when it was announced from Senator Platt's office that they had been married last Sunday at the Holland House, where Rev. Dr. Burrell performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate members of Mr. Platt's and Mrs. Janeway's families.

If Miss Mae C. Wood, the Washington clerk, had any intention of bringing a $25,000 suit for breach of promise against Senator Platt, she changed her mind, though it is intimated that Miss Wood's presence in New York was one of the chief reasons for the wedding previous to the time announced.

Miss Wood is reported to be about $15,000 better off than she was earlier in the week.

Was Acquittal Just?

Lieut.-Gov. James H. Tillman, who has been on trial for shooting and killing Editor Gonzales at Columbia, S. C., some time ago, was Thursday morning found not guilty. Tillman, who is a nephew of the notorious Senator Tillman, last January murdered Editor Gonzales, of the newspaper called the State. He met Gonzales on the street and shot him down in cold blood. Gonzales was not armed. Gonzales, through his paper, had opposed Tillman's political aspirations with vigor, declaring him to be an unfit man for public office. The feeling between them became intensely bitter and Gonzales, hearing that Tillman had threatened to kill him, once told one of his fellow workers that if Tillman attacked him he (Gonzales) would "shoot him so full of holes that he would look like a sieve." This fact was brought out by the defense during the trial, but nothing was adduced to show that Gonzales had ever threatened to shoot Tillman except in self-defense.

The Sault Plants.

The Canadian Soo is in a fever of excitement and the American Soo is to a certain extent, affected by the news from Toronto that some of the plants, at least of the Consolidated Lake Superior Co., are soon to be opened. These reports in full could not be confirmed at the offices of the company, but Mr. Coyne did say that men were to be sent into the woods soon to take out what lumber had already been cut and if affairs were settled before this work was done these men and others would be kept in the woods. The provincial government is to guarantee the wages of these men.

Great Strike of Coal Miners.

A great strike in the coal fields of the western states will be called, according to President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers. Twenty-three thousand men will be called out in Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and New Mexico. President Mitchell will personally direct the struggle for the men. The reason for the strike order is that the owners have refused to treat with the district officers of the union, who have asked for a new scale.

Nine men were killed as the result of the breaking of a traveler crane on the Pittsburg end of the new Wabash bridge over the Monongahela river Monday morning, and many injured.

J. E. Leimer, cashier of the Princeton, Wis., state bank, has been arrested and taken to Dartford, where he is now in jail. State Bank Examiner Marcus G. Burgh states that Leimer has confessed to forgeries amounting to $69,000.

Russell Sage still clings to his old residence in the heart of the noise and dirt of New York's business district, but Mrs. Sage is moving the furniture piece by piece to the new residence they have bought opposite the cathedral. Sage will probably hang on to the old spot as long as she leaves him a chair to sit on.

Fiji Islanders imported to Hawaii as laborers have proven unsatisfactory and have been deported.

Deep into the acute business mind of John Alexander Dowie has sunk the thought that New York will turn out to be a bad investment financially.

American miners are leaving British Yukon for the American side of the Alaskan boundary. John McGillivray, a New York mining engineer, who was sent into the Klondike when the first discovery of gold was made, emphasizes his belief that between no government at all and that given Yukon territory by Canadian officials, the former is preferable.

Gompers' Warning.

A warning to capital against cutting wages, if financial depression comes, by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, and a plea for harmony between employers and toilers by Senator Hanna, were made at the closing session of the national civic federation conference in Chicago. He said: "If the time comes to suggest the advisability of the employer to cutting or making any attempt to cut wages it will be disputed by us. We will not let that go easily. We will make a stand against it, not alone because it is uneconomic and unwise, but because it simply accentuates the industrial crisis and gives it greater strength."

Senator Hanna, as did a number of the other speakers, including those for capital and labor, advised conservatism in all disputes between both sides, and praised the element of labor organizations. Future success in maintaining industrial peace, said Mr. Hanna, was a greater matter than the question of who is the next president. Captains of industry, he said, and the other side were only too willing to learn from teachers who have had experience. Discord preached by labor leaders, he declared to be an unfair proposition. There was not, he said, any real difference that could not be settled, but fair dealing was necessary.

Extra Session Is Called.

The president today issued a proclamation calling the fifty-eighth congress in extraordinary session on Nov. 9, at 12 o'clock. The proclamation states that the purpose of the session is to consider the commercial convention between the United States and Cuba, which requires the approval of congress. United States Consul-General Steinhart, at Havana, says: "Cuba is now importing from us at the rate of $30,000,000 a year, and I confidently believe that in six months after the passage of the treaty the total will be doubled. Most of the increase will be in cotton goods and in rice. With prices declining in the United States it should quickly regain the Cuban market and sell much more to the island than ever before."

The Alaskan Boundary.

The Alaskan boundary commission has an agreement whereby all the American contentions are sustained with the exception of those in relation to the Portland canal, which Canada wins. All that now remains to be done is for the commissioners to affix their signatures to the decision and complete the map which will accompany it. On the map will be marked the boundary line definitely fixing the division of American and British territory, on such a basis that no American citizen will lose a foot of land he already believed he held, while the United States will get all the water ways to the rich Alaskan territory with the exception of the Portland canal, which gives Canada the one outlet she so much needed.

Bryan Says Issue Is Dead.

Prof. James W. Bradshaw, of the Iowa Commercial college, reasserts the truth of his recent statement that Bryan, in an interview with him, had declared the silver issue dead and quotes the apostle of 16 to 1 further to this effect: "Had I dropped free silver in 1896 I would have been elected president." Bryan, Bradshaw repeats, not only admitted that free silver would not be an issue before the convention of 1904, but gave it as his opinion that it never again would be a national problem in the United States. Bradshaw says Bryan based this theory on the fact that the nations of the world had settled down to a gold basis and it would be impossible to change the current of the ways.

Pius Wants to Get Out.

The relatives of the pope state that his holiness has made it understood at recent audiences that he wishes to abandon the seclusion of the vatican and go about the streets of Rome. The pontiff, they say, wishes to begin trips as soon as he learns what measures the government will take to safeguard his person.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Leopold J. Stern, the indicted postoffice department grafter who sought refuge in Canada, has been returned to Washington.

That the British race is deteriorating from a too liberal use of soap is the argument of a writer in the London Times who says he has never used soap himself in 30 years and has therefore avoided rheumatism, chills and colds.

In a riot in New York, the result of a strike at a rag factory, several girls were stabbed, one of them, Leni Schwartz, so seriously that she had to be taken to a hospital. She will recover.

The only condition on which the Colombia government is now prepared to conclude the pending treaty for a canal is the payment of $25,000,000 by the United States and an agreement to let the territory remain as a part of Colombia.

The charges on which Brig.-Gen. John Chase of the Colorado National Guard has been summoned before a military court in Denver, are perjury and disobedience of orders. The perjury is in connection with the imprisonment of Davis, one of the strike leaders at Cripple Creek.

John Jesse Courtney, of New York, is suing Lewis Earle for $25,000 for insinuating that he was an idiot. The exact words, contained in a letter to Mrs. Courtney, were: "I have seen a good many Englishmen and I have lived in London for two years, but of all the idiots I have ever seen there, your husband takes the blue ribbon."

The cruiser Baltimore, which has been out of commission since she returned from Manila after Dewey destroyed the Spanish fleet, is to escort a torpedo boat flotilla from New York to Manila, a 16,000-mile cruise. This is the first fleet of the kind ever sent out from American shores, and it will require six months to reach Manila. Five boats—the Decatur, Bainbridge, Barry, Chauncey and Dale—will go.

Though married 21 years, Cesare Pinselli, a prosperous fruit dealer, and his wife, of New York, have found it necessary to remarry, because of the failure to have the first duly recorded.

Gushing Letters Read.

For the first time since the commencement of the famous Adams-Baker breach of promise case on trial in Grand Rapids several letters written by the pretty plaintiff were read in court Saturday. The first dated October 6, 1901, and was mailed to the defendant while the latter was working in the northern part of Minnesota. It read in part:

My Dear Stuart: You would not have kissed me tonight for Ned Hurd was standing on the sidewalk. You would have to take me on the side of the house in the shadows. I am very lonesome tonight. * * * O, Stuart, darling, I cannot stand it much longer. I hope the lumber camp will break up soon, so that you can return to me. I am proud of my love for you. I wish you were near me. I would give anything to hold you close. There is nothing so good as to care for one like I do you. I love you so. You must feel it way off where you are. Here is a close kiss for you. Yours lovingly, HENRIETTA.

Miss Adams on the stand stated that there was nothing indelicate in her request, "Stuart, hold me close." In explanation to what she meant by certain parts of her letter that are omitted, she gave a reason that need not be elaborated upon.

The letters of the defendant read were of such a character that they cannot be printed. During the reading of them Miss Adams wept. Her brother who sat beside her, looked angrily at the defendant and it seemed that he was exercising the greatest control over himself to prevent himself from doing something rash.

The Blockade in the Flats.

The steamer John N. Glidden, sunk in St. Clair Flats canal by the barge Magna, of the steel trust fleet, will be a total loss and may be blown up by the government, as an obstruction to navigation. The work started by the Magna Friday morning, when she crashed through the bow of the boat and carried away everything back almost to the pilot house and nine feet down from the main deck, was completed by six other boats which struck the wreck in passing and practically broke her to pieces.

Two negro women inmates died from fright as the result of a fire at Grady hospital, Atlanta.

Senator R. A. Alger and Cornelius N. Bliss, ex-secretary of the interior, have left Prescott, Ariz., for Los Angeles.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending October 24.

DETROIT—Saturday Matinee at 2; Evenings at 8—"Way Down East."

LYCEUM—Matinee, Wed and Sat. 25c, Evenings 15, 25, 50 and 75c—"Robert Emmet."

WHITNEY—Matinee 10, 15, and 25c; Evenings 10, 20 and 30c—"The Peddler."

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 10c to 25c; Evenings 10c to 50c.

AVENUE THEATER—Vaudeville—afternoons 10c, 15c and 25c. Evenings 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Choice steers, $4 70@4 80; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $4@4 50; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds, $2 50@3 50; mixed butchers' fat cows, $2 50@3 50; canners, $1 50@2; common bulls, $2 50@3; good shippers' bulls, $3@3 50; common feeders, $2 50@3; good well-bred feeders, $3 25@4; light stockers, $2 75@3 25. Veal calves—Market steady at last week's prices; $4@7.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $5 80@5 90; pigs, $4 50@5 40; light yorkers, $5 65@5 75; roughs, $4 75@5; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $5@5 25; fair to good lambs, $4 75@5; light to common lambs, $4@4 50; yearlings, $4 25@4 75; fair to good butcher sheep, $3@3 50; culls and common, $1 50@2 25.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5 70@5 75; poor to medium, $3 50@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 15; cows and heifers, $1 40@4 75; canners, $1 40@2 50; bulls, $2@4 25; calves, $2 25@7 25; Texas steers, $2 75@3 75; western steers, $3@4 50.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 60@6 20; good to choice heavy, $5 75@6 15; rough, heavy, $5 25@5 75; light, $5 50@6 10; bulk of sales, $5 65@6.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3 35@4; fair to choice mixed, $2@3; native lambs, $3 50@5 90.

Grain.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 1 white, 85½c; No. 2 red, 2 cars at 85c, 1 car at 85¼c, 2 cars at 85½c; December, 5,000 bu at 85¼c, 10,000 bu at 85¾c, 5,000 bu at 85⅞c, closing 85½c; May, 10,000 bu at 85½c, 10,000 bu at 85¾c, closing nominal at 86c; No. 3 red, 83½c per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 48c; No. 4 mixed, 1 car at 46½c; No. 3 yellow, 50c per bu.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 2 cars at 38¾c; No. 4 white, 1 car at 38½c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 57c, nominal.

Beans—Spot, $2 25; October, 2 cars at $2 26, closing $2 25 asked; November, nominal at $2; December at $1 93, January at $1 93 per bu.

Chicago.—Wheat—No. 3, 79c@81c; No. 2 red, 81c.

Corn—No. 2, 45½c to 46c; No. 2 yellow, 47¼c@47½c.

Oats—No. 2, 36¾c; No. 2 white, 39½c; No. 3 white, 36¾c@38¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 54½c.

Barley—Good feeding, 40@42c; fair to choice malting, 45@58c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 95c; No. 1 northwestern, $1 02¼.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 80.

Clover—Contract grade, $10 75@10 85.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Best export steers, $5@5 50; best 1,200 to 1,300 lbs. shipping steers, $4 50@4 75; good 1,050 to 1,100 lbs. butchers' steers, $4@4 25; 900 to 1,000, do. $3 40@3 60; best fat cows, $3 25@3 50; fair to good, do, $2 50@2 75; common cows, $2@2 25; trimmers, $1 50; best fat heifers, $3 75@4; medium heifers, 900 lbs., $3@3 25; light fat heifers, $2 50@2 75; common stock heifers, $2 25@2 75; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., $3 40@3 60; 800 to 900, $3@3 25; common stockers, $2 50@2 75; export bulls, $3 50@3 75; good butcher bulls, $2 75@3; bologna bulls, $2 25@2 50.

Hogs—Yorkers, $5 70@5 90; medium, $5 90@6; heavy, $5 75@5 85; pigs, $5 25@5 35; roughs, $4 75@4 90.

Sheep—Best lambs, $5 35@5 40; fair to good, $5 15@5 30; culls and common, $4@4 75; mixed sheep, $3 35@3 50; fair to good, $3@3 25; culls, bucks $2@2 75; export ewes, $3 40@3 50; wethers and yearlings, $3 75@4; closed very weak. 40 cars unsold.

Senator Platt and his bride are in Lakewood, N. J.

Two masked men entered the camp of R. D. Hunter of the Northern Light Co., on Ophir creek, Alaska, and robbed him of more than $7,000 in gold dust. The men overlooked 400 ounces of gold which laid in plain view on the table.

Mourned as dead for weeks, another body having been buried as his own by his parents, Guy Jones, aged 11, of Chicago, has returned home, having run away because his father scolded him. The body buried was found in the lake soon after Guy disappeared.

The Ohio board of health has directed the secretary to take steps to prevent the sale of "toy pistols and other explosive appurtenances." The resolution recites that 600 persons were killed, 100 made blind and 1,000 others injured on the last Fourth of July.

By the confession of Henry Farley, co-worker of Sam Parks, the latter is considered to end the latter's career in labor circles and land him in the penitentiary. Farley tells in detail the story of the blackmailing operations of Parks and further shows that, in the recent trial of Parks, both Farley and Parks perjured themselves.