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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, OCT. 16.

The concert of Europe appears to lack an efficient bandmaster.

Prince Alert's mile in 1:57 shows Dan Patch that there are others.

Dressmakers do not worry over the bills. That problem is up to the men.

The first collar bone has been broken in a football game at Medford. Next!

Such a thing as a wild day in stocks does not appear to ruffle the country's equanimity.

The theatrical manager who shot up his company must have been looking at the show.

If blood was a merchantable commodity the Turk would be in the way to make substantial profits.

If it were not for the man who "also ran," the victory of the successful candidate would not be so conspicuous.

According to arctic explorers there is enough ice about the north pole this year to break the heart of the ice trust.

Barrie's play, "Little Mary," has the noble theme that England overeats. Now for a health food named "Little Mary."

Glance over the market quotations and see if you do not think this is a good time to lay in your winter supply of steel rails.

Joseph Jefferson admits that he visited Chicago in 1839. He stoutly declares, however, that he didn't play "Hip" at that time.

Placer mining machine has been invented that will make gold plentiful, and this will help us to stave off the trusts for a little while.

Let the boys play football while they can, for Dr. Wiley says we are soon to be a hairless race and then it would be an off with that sport.

"Dey say dar am a black sheep in ebry family," mused Uncle Rastus. "Wonder how de cullud man am 'sposed to 'tinguish de one in his."

Members of the international peace congress want to hold their next session in the United States, where there are no cannons booming or bullets flying.

Old wine, old shoes and old friends have always been declared the best. Now an old horse has paced a mile in 1:57, breaking the record of Dan Patch.

Officers are trying to prevent the inmates of the Pennsylvania penitentiary from making counterfeit money. It is too bad that a man can't work at his trade.

It is stated that bridge whist is suffering from a decline in popular favor. Perhaps the bridge sharps have succeeded in harvesting all the other fellows' money.

The Connecticut man, who has had inscribed under his name in the cemetery the words: "Going, but Can't Tell Where," is frank even if he isn't strictly orthodox.

George de Pinna, the purchaser of Shamrock I, might as well abandon the idea of converting her into a cruiser; she couldn't overhaul anything in case of war.

Noah Roby of Plainfield, N. J., who claims to be 132 years old, is down with the measles. This second childhood business appears to be dangerous if it is carried too far.

Patti actually has a new picture for advertising purposes! What has happened to the old one, taken when she was nineteen—with which we are all familiar? Did the negative get broken?

Judge Emmons will find a fine field of endeavor in Nome, where unique bal masques are advertised in the public prints as festive occasions to be avoided by all persons whose feelings are easily shocked.

Seventy-five teachers in Chicago's public schools have resigned this summer to get married. Well, it is pleasanter, after all, to teach your own children than it is to teach the boys and girls of other people.

One of the designs for the Lipton testimonial shows the American Indian buffalo, seagulls and American eagle, with delicate trimmings comprising dainty festoons of Indian corn. For heaven's sake, cut out the corn!

French aeronauts have succeeded in crossing the English channel in a balloon. People who have crossed the channel in boats unanimously admit that they don't know of anything which might more fittingly be crossed in a balloon.

After a thorough consideration of the statements made by the powers with reference to the situation in Macedonia, the unbiased observer will conclude that the matter is likely to be settled only when everybody has either moved out or been killed off.

Were Cotton Mather alive he would preach an interesting sermon on the 11,000 of his fellow countrymen who crossed the river from El Paso on a recent Sunday to attend a bull fight.

Miss Goelet will lose no time in getting acquainted with her mother-in-law after marriage. They are due to meet in December. Merry Christmas!

The Filipinos are organizing a baseball league. They will find more excitement and pleasure in the game than in any insurrection of the past.

Michigan Happenings

Wants to Be Let Out.

Frank C. Andrews, the Detroit financier, in an interview the other day said: "My friends have helped me to hold on to considerable property, and if I were out I could pay 85 cents on every dollar in a short time, and in a little while could pay up every cent I owe. I have many friends. They come to see me and are trying to help me. I will do the best I can. If I am let out I can testify in a dozen cases now pending and can do much to help matters. Even in the prison here I have been able, through the aid of friends, to hold on to much good property. What I could have done had I been left to work out the matter can be seen plainly. I did nothing criminal. After I have paid dollar for dollar I am innocent. If it was something I could not make reparation for I might feel worse. As it is, I know I can make good in time."

A Love Scrap.

Martin King and Geo. Kramp, young farmers living north of Owosso, fought for the hand of their lady love Monday night. They came to Owosso from Henderson and went at each other like tigers. On the main street of Henderson, surrounded by a crowd of cheer and approbative spectators, they fought for more than half an hour. Kramp was the weaker; he was badly pounded and forced to leave the field to his adversary. Constable Crane was the only officer in sight, and his attempts to stop the fight were frustrated by a number of young fellows who pulled him away. Miss Hann, disgusted at the uproar made over her, sees her way clear to dismissing both her admirers. She says she will have nothing to do with either.

Convict at a Funeral.

With a deputy sheriff watching his every movement John Harney attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Kate Harney, in St. Phillip's church in Battle Creek Monday morning and heard Rev. Fr. Sadler say the words committing her body to earth. Harney is serving a 10-year term in the state prison at Jackson for burglary. Postmaster Latta and other prominent Democrats interceded with Gov. Bliss and got permission for the man to attend the funeral. He was an hour late in arriving, and the funeral was delayed on that account. He is known as "Pup" Harney, and has borne a bad reputation.

Used Dynamite.

During Tuesday night somebody blew up a section of the Algoma Central track near the brickmaking plant of the Consolidated company on the Canadian side. Dynamite was used. The police are working on the case but have been unable to get any one that leads to identity of the guilty persons. It cannot be learned where the explosive was obtained. It is thought to have been the work of persons engaged in the recent riots. No trains were running at the time, so it could not have been done to cause a wreck.

The Governor's Leniency.

Gov. Bliss has commuted the sentence of Milton M. Wolfe, who has been out on parole for a year, so that it expires at once. Wolfe was sent from Chippewa county two years ago for four years in Marquette for larceny. The governor has issued paroles to Daniel McCabe, sent from Van Buren county in 1897 for 10 years in Jackson for criminal assault; and to George E. Webster, of Chippewa county, sent to Marquette in 1902 for four and a half years for assault with intent to do great bodily harm.

The Blockade at 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.

Shipping Blocked.

A steamer blockade that will mean the loss of many thousands of dollars at the fag end of the marine season hit on at the Flats canal, one of the three difficult points in the line of great lakes traffic. All traffic between upper and lower lakes of vessels loaded to draw more than 10 1-2 feet must be suspended, but for that which squeezes through a 75-foot passageway. The huge hulk of the steamer John N. Glidden repose peacefully in the narrow ship canal, prohibiting practically all passage.

Smallpox Still Working.

Two Bay City boarding houses, one the Park City Hotel, with 25 inmates, and the other a private place with 15 persons, are quarantined. Six cases of smallpox have been found in the latter place, and two in the former. In spite of every effort made by the board of health and the contract physicians, new cases spring up as soon as others are disposed of. With an expense account of about $35,000 in two years on account of smallpox, the supervisors are making all kinds of howls for economy.

Killed in a Runaway.

William Moreland, a wealthy farmer, living about four miles from Caro, was killed by his team running away and throwing him out of the wagon. He was one of the jurors on the first civil case tried in justice court in this township in 1860, was about 65 years old, and was an uncle of D. W. H. Moreland, the deposed commissioner of public works, Detroit. A neighbor who was riding with him was also thrown out, but not seriously injured.

Brevoort township, Mackinac county, has raised 5,000 bushels of peas this season.

A Manistique baby fell into a creek near the house and was under water five minutes before rescued by its father.

To raise money to paint the local church Bessie Smyth, a farmer's daughter living at Castine, sold her hair at auction.

The new pavement of East Walker street, St. Johns, was dedicated by a public dance on it.

A system of overhead sidewalks is in prospect for Petoskey's principal streets—the present walks are used by merchants for storage and exhibition purposes.

On Murder Beat.

Albert, the 23-year-old son of Thomas Goffe, a well-to-do farmer of Moscow ville, while insane shot a dog on the stoop of the residence of Scott Winfield Monday evening. When the latter, who is 50 years old, came to the scene to investigate, Goffe shot him with the other barrel, the charge taking effect in the face and arm. The surgeon who attended the wounded man believes he will live. Albert was captured at the breakfast table in his father's home Tuesday. He had abandoned his gun while eating and the officers were given a signal. They dashed in, and fell on him, but he fought desperately before being overpowered and manacled. His mother was present and her condition is considered critical. The officers were bruised in the struggle. He said that there were forty people in Moscerville whom he wished to kill. Scott Winfield, his victim, is father-today.

Apples Will Be High.

Before December 1, 30,000 barrels of apples will be laid away in Detroit cold storage houses for use later in the winter, according to reports now rife. The apples that the commission men are selling now for fully $4 a barrel in grocery are the high grade ones. Baldwins, greenings, and northern spies, nominally quoted now at from $2.50 to $2.75 a barrel. A storage charge of 50 cents a barrel for the winter is made, with the privilege of withdrawing the apples from storage at any time. Later in the winter these fancy grades will range from $4.50 to $5 a barrel, so that the commission men make a nice profit by holding them back. Apples are reported to be unusually plentiful in Michigan this year, and half a dozen of the largest commission houses in Detroit, who supply the trade have contracted with the farmers to take their whole crop, which is unusual. As fast as they come from the country the poorer grades, quoted at from $1.25 to $1.50 a barrel, are sold to the retailers, and the better one added to the supply in the storage houses.

The U. of M. Rush.

The assault on the police Friday night by a number of Ann Arbor students after the annual rush, has aroused the authorities and they are determined to put an end to the rowdyism. Ray Baker, of Adrian, who is alleged by Officer Collins to be the one who struck Officer Isbell over the head with a club, was arraigned in justice court on the serious charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than the crime of murder. Examination was set for Oct. 14, and he was released on $500 bail. E. Merriman, of Dayton, O.; Henry Cook, of Owosso; Fred Eakeover, of Niles, and John W. Rice, of Dayton, the other four students arrested, were arraigned under the ordinance for disturbing the peace and each were fined $15 and $5.62 costs, besides paying $7 each for carrying away stuff from the Y. M. C. A. building for a bonfire.

Wayne County Taxes.

The state tax commission in making an increase of about $30,000,000 in the assessment of Wayne county, boosted the real estate of the Solvay Process Co., on the left across on which there are the buildings are erected, from $415,000 to $1,204,000, and on another piece of property from $60,000 to $115,000. A reduction was made in the personal assessment of the company of from $550,000 to $250,000.

Other large increases that were made are: Conrad Clifford estate, $8,000 to $36,140; Consolidated Rolling Stock Co., real estate $14,000 to $21,500, personal $10,000 to $18,000; Michigan Carbon Works, real estate $200,000 to $405,000, personal $120,000 to $217,000; Thos. Ferman Co., Ltd., real estate $35,000 to $55,700, personal $25,000 to $36,400; Fischer Hughes Gelatine Co., real estate $7,000 to $30,000, personal $20,000 to $23,000.

Can't Borrow Money.

Judge Wanty has refused to allow Receiver Frankenthal to borrow money to pay the men formerly employed by the Michigan Lake Superior Power Company. His reason for doing this, as he announced is that the first mortgagees have not expressed themselves as consenting to this arrangement, and it is they who have first say on the matter. The announcement has aroused an ugly feeling among the men employed on the American side of the river, and various threats are heard which have resulted in the police department of this city carefully guarding all the works of the company. It was stated that the men had threatened to lower the head gates of the canal, thus emptying it, and a guard has been placed there to prevent anything of the kind occurring.

The Montague Failure.

Charles Montague, of Carney, filed a petition Monday morning to be discharged from bankruptcy. Jacob Zergas, however, said he had a claim of $500 against Montague, and as several other creditors wanted to examine him further Judge Swan withheld the discharge for 15 days.

Hundreds of men are idle in Amasa, Iron county.

Menominee is to have a broom and brush factory.

Capac's peat factory has been closed down indefinitely.

Lake operators at Cedar River are importing men to work in the woods this winter.

Crows, next to deer, are causing upper peninsula farmers no end of trouble this year.

Kalkaska ministers are against Sunday funerals and refuse to officiate on such occasions.

Shiawassee county is to have a normal training school, which will probably be located at Owosso.

The Michigan State Agricultural society has a balance of $23,000 in its treasury from the fair at Pontiac.

Frank Blitz, a miner, fell 250 feet down a shaft of the Calumet & Hecla mine, and escaped with a few bruises.

Marine men in the city say there will be a limited amount of new ship building during the next year or two.

A Manistique farmer raised eight potatoes that collectively weighed 13 1-2 pounds. One alone weighed 2 1-2 pounds.

John Hengles, for years a Soo resident, but who left for Germany last spring, writes the Soo mayor for character recommendations. Hengles is an applicant for a government position in his country and must prove his character to get it.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Iron River has voted to install a new fire alarm system.

Two tramps crawled into a box car at Elmira to sleep and set the car on fire.

Loren and Beulah Butler, brother and sister, aged 18 and 16, have mysteriously disappeared from home in Mendon.

Accidents have been so numerous of late that the common council of Crystal Falls has tabooed racing by drivers of powder wagons.

The price of shingles has fallen off so much that Menominee river manufacturers have shown their product to wait for better prices.

Because the only compensation for Buchanan city fathers is "glory," they do not attend council meetings and the town business goes slow.

Galien and Buchanan have been fighting over the responsibility of a diphtheria case which turned out to be one of sore throat.

While playing in a tree, a 10-year-old Hillsdale lad, fell, breaking his arm so that the bones protruded through the flesh.

Michigan ranks seventh in shipbuilding, with 51 plants whose capital is $3,883,018, and whose annual output is $4,132,100.

A western horse which he was training, knocked over S. M. Boyle, of Maple Rapids, and nearly trampled him to death.

Because Earl Crawford, of Saginaw, drew his gun toward him by its muzzle he will go through the rest of his life with one arm.

Mrs. Hattie Hicks, aged 72, and John Hartley, aged 50, are under arrest at Port Huron. The couple claim to be married, but have no proof.

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

John Smith, of St. Joe, the youngest criminal ever tried by a jury in Berrien county, was sent to Ionia for five years under the indeterminate sentence law.

Menominee farmers who planted sugar beets extensively are lucky, as beets are the only crop which has survived the late frosts in that section.

John Jacobson, of Carney, owns one of the finest orchards in Menominee county, consisting of four acres of heavily-bearing apple, pear and plum trees.

An unusual occurrence in farm life happened when a Hartford man dug large ripe potatoes and picked ripe strawberries off adjoining patches of ground.

Reports from various points in the upper peninsula are that there is a considerable shortage in the potato crop, and higher prices are already ruling.

An examination of second-growth timber in Lake, Schoolcraft, Menominee and Marquette, with special reference to their value for fuel wood, is now in progress.

Edward Duford and Philip La Vare, well known woods cooks, sent from Menominee, Sept. 1, for Louisiana, have not arrived at their destination. Foul play is feared.

Through the shooting accident which brought 13-year-old Leslie Crawford to the Mercy hospital at Bay City, his parents, for years estranged, met and were reunited.

By the aid of the X-ray it was found that an Olive Township veteran is carrying in his shoulder a piece of shot lodged there in the battle of Fort Donelson, March 5, 1862.

Mrs. Ella Spearbeck, of Hillsdale, who has neither friends nor means, was struck by a Lake Shore train, by which one leg was crushed. She was sent to the county house.

Muskegon's chamber of commerce bonus fund of $100,000 for the securing of new factories has been exhausted and the committee is trying devised for obtaining another $100,000.

An awful Lansing paper says: It was thirty years last Friday since the cornerstone of the capitol building was laid, yet there are hundreds of 28 in Lansing who can remember the occasion.

Master John Smith, of St. Joseph, clad in short breeches and aged only 14 years, was sentenced by Judge Coulidge to five years in the state house of correction at Ionia for burglary.

Gov. Bliss is in poor health. He narrowly escaped an attack of pneumonia a few days ago, and has been suffering from a severe cold ever since. He was at his office in Lansing Thursday, however.

Through the scarcity of houses at the Soo a builders' exchange has been organized, including 70 prominent business men, to engage contractors and builders and to otherwise look after building interests.

Peter Jacobson, of Negaunee, was attacked by a bull when his father's yard and was nearly gored to death before assistance came. His right shoulder and left collarbone were broken, and he sustained serious internal injuries.

Prof. A. M. Cobb, instructor in chemistry and physics of the Lansing high school, will make tests of samples of milk and meat in his school work this year, thus combining good work for the city with education for his pupils.

Michigan ranks seventh among 48 states in the production of belting and hose, ninth in bicycles, eighth in blank books, eleventh in boots and shoes, fourth in cigar boxes, ninth in fancy paper boxes, second in gas engines, eighth in brassware, tenth in bakery goods, twelfth in bricks and eighth in brooms.

Two Springvale, Emmet county, co-eds got hold of some dynamite which had been left in a field and ate it. The stuff did not explode but caused their death, and the owner, fearing to sell their carcasses for fear of explosion, buried them deep enough to escape contact with a plow.

Deputy Attorney-General Chase has gone to Washington to settle the case of the United States against the state of Michigan over the tolls from St. Mary's canal. The question of interest on the $680,000, which it has already been decided the state must pay the general government, remains to be settled.

Charles O. Frank, of Port Huron, who had stolen systematically from the store of his former employer for four years, is now in the county jail after he had paid $200. The employer had before refused to hush the matter up for $500. Judge Tappan said that Frank's disgrace and the loss of his position as a customs officer were almost punishment enough.

The St. Joe council has revoked the action of a preceding council in allowing the government supply station use of city water at cut rates. Hereafter meter rates must be paid. Over 300,000 gallons has been used by the government in three months.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

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

The New Jersey Floods.

Over $2,000,000 loss has been caused by the floods in Paterson, N. J., which are now receding. At least 500 families are homeless and thousands of mill employes will be idle for some time as a result of flooding of the factories. A score of buildings have tumbled into the water and many more will be untenable.

Passaic is a greater sufferer from the flood than even Paterson. Twenty mills in Passaic alone are under water, and 8,000 workers are out of employment, while 10,000 persons have left their homes. Eight hundred houses are flooded to the eaves and 1,000 acres are covered with water from a depth of a few inches to 20 feet. Several million feet of lumber have been carried down to Newark bay. The Erie tracks are suspended in the air, the 20-foot embankment having been washed away. Twenty three-story frame houses have gone floating down the Passaic river, and as far as can be estimated the loss of city property, real estate and buildings, is $2,000,000. The town of Wallington is still under water, and several hundred persons are taking refuge in the public schools. At Dutton'ville, 50 or more houses were washed from their foundations and more overturned and wrecked.

The town of Trenton has suffered severely. Scores of bridges have been washed away throughout this territory. The town of Ramapo is reported to be almost in ruins and many people are homeless.

War Is Threatened.

There has been no change for the better in the situation in the far east. If anything the outlook is more warlike, and the news which reaches Englan d indicates a condition that is most equivalent to open war. The most significant point in the day's news is to the effect that Japan is either landing or preparing to land troops in Korea. If this proves to be correct, it is almost equivalent to a declaration of war. As if in reply to this news comes the information that a powerful Russian fleet has left Port Arthur and cruised about as if presumably for Korean waters, to prevent this landing. There is no doubt the Japanese government will be backed up by a unanimous public opinion, no matter to what lengths it may go in opposing Russian aggression.

Turkish Atrocities.

A Dulbitza correspondent says: A young Turkish officer, Zeifonia Bey, who had been married only a month, was sent to the villayet of Bitoli by Sinia Pasha. He soon became disgusted with the cruelty and brutality of the soldiers. His troop took 20 children, aged between 6 months and 7 years, hung them head downwards, arranged according to their size. While their parents were compelled to stand near, the soldiers began shooting the children. Zeifonia Bey suddenly uttered a terrible cry, drew his sword and cut down the soldiers, who fled. Zeifonia killed two and wounded many of his soldiers before he was overpowered. He was sent to Constantinople, where he is now in a lunatic asylum.

A large female bear and two cubs were killed by Supt. Kruse, of the Forest nursery, Iron Mountain.

Capt. S. I. Stanber, who was first lieutenant in charge of the troop of Michigan cavalry which captured Jefferson Davis, is dead at his home at Hutchinson, Kas.

Cranks Are Numerous.

Another crank tried to get to the president Wednesday morning. About 10 o'clock a stranger was observed by one of the officers on duty at the White House wandering about in the north lobby. He had sneaked in the front door without being noticed. On being questioned he gave his name as John Decker, and his home in Norwich, Conn. He merely wanted to see the president, he said. The officer threw upon turned him over to the police. He was not armed and made no hostile demonstration, according to the statement of the officer in charge. On orders from Secretary Loeb the attaches of the White House are no longer permitted to give out information regarding such callers for fear that the notoriety will attract others.

Bryan Is Ill.

Looking thin, worn and haggard, and confessedly in bad health, Wm. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, erstwhile candidate for the presidency, is in New York en route to Europe, to recuperate. Mr. Bryan's bad health and nervous condition is said to be the result of his repeated political worries and disappointments, and to troubles in the family circle over the wilfulness of his daughter Ruth, who married Arthur Leavitt before her father desired her to do so.

CONDENSED NEWS.

The reward of $150 for the arrest of Tom Carruthers, the youth sentenced to hang at Atlanta, Ga., for the murder of Henry Byrd, is claimed by the lad's father.

A Millionaire junk dealer, who lost most of his fortune in real estate, Thomas Murray, died in a miserable hovel at Omaha. He was a bachelor and famous for his eccentricities. He built the first six-story building in Omaha.

The Frankfurter Zeitung's Shanghai correspondent says that news was received there from Chee Foo that the Japanese have occupied Ma-San-Pho, Korea. The correspondent adds that an important point in the day's news is to the effect that Japan is either landing or preparing to land troops in Korea. If this proves to be correct, it is almost equivalent to a declaration of war. As if in reply to this news comes the information that a powerful Russian fleet has left Port Arthur and cruised about as if presumably for Korean waters, to prevent this landing. There is no doubt the Japanese government will be backed up by a unanimous public opinion, no matter to what lengths it may go in opposing Russian aggression.

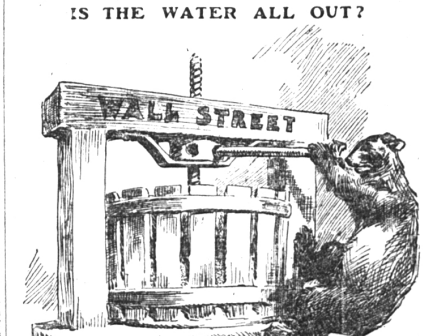
Pleading guilty to embezzlement of $14,000, Thomas F. Ward, formerly vice president of the Lenox, Iowa, National bank, faces a penalty of $5,000 fine and 10 years in prison. Ward's embezzlement of funds resulted in the failure of the bank in 1901.

Living in a both tub filled with water for 17 months, Thos. Brower, aged 11, of Athens, N. Y., is dead from the effects of a bullet which lodged in his spine. He became paralyzed and was suspended in the water by elastic bands.

Brigham Young's successor as an apostle of the Mormon church selected by the semi-annual conference at Salt Lake City, is Elder George A. Smith, a son of Apostle John Henry Smith, and the present president of the United States land office in Utah.

Christian Science is a legal method of doctoring according to a decision of the New Hampshire supreme court in a case against Rev. Irving C. Tomlinson, charged with criminal malpractice in treating a case of appendicitis by that method.

Henry Brown, a retired hotel-keeper, was shot in the head at Trenton, N. J., by Peter Kotz, into whose house he had broken in a fit of insanity. Kotz's wife held the lamp for her husband to aim by, and the two bullets penetrated Brown's skull, injuring him fatally.



—Chicago Record-Herald.

Great Britain's Imports.

The reports of the London board of trade show an increase in imports for September of $18,635,500 and a decrease in exports of $2,910,500. The imports are the highest on record for the month of September, the foot accounting being upwards of $72,900,000 of the increase, of which $5,000,000 is for grain and flour. The exports have only twice been exceeded, namely in September, 1902, and September, 1903. The decrease in exports occurred chiefly in iron manufactures, cotton fabrics and new ships.

A small dog owned by the Hillsdale livery man was covered with kerosene by some miscreant and set on fire. The animal, which was shot to end its sufferings, nearly set the barn on fire.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland will be the guest of honor of the Commercial club of Chicago on October 14, and will make an address before the club on that occasion.

Dispatches from the nine judicial districts of South Dakota quote the circuit judges as saying that they have not granted a decree of divorce to Mrs. Roland B. Molineux, of New York.

The statue of Nathan Hale in the New York City Hall park was found draped with a British flag and the motto, "Lest We Forget." It is believed to have been done by some overpatriotic citizens in honor of the visit of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company of London.

Conductor John Mullin and Tourist Agent Charles Thomas have been executed in Fort Huron from blame for the attempt to smuggle a Chinese and a case of whisky from Canada in a Pullman car, by Porter W. N. Crawford, who admits the whisky, but repudiates the Mongolian, who is held.

John T. Love, a New York artist, killed himself in a fit of melancholy brought on by the idea that he was going to lose his sight. His eye was so trained that his appreciation of line and color was his sole intellectual enjoyment, and the fear that some day this delight might be taken from him grew into an insane hallucination. Oculists said he was in no danger whatever.

Russell Sage is able to sit up now and eat five meals a day. "He eats more in a day than I do in a week," says Mrs. Sage in a tone that betrays her fear that the larder may become depleted.

Saving the Crops.

In Amelith and surrounding places in Ray county, the women are in many instances donning men's trousers and assisting their husbands in attempting to save crops still standing in the fields. Twenty-four hours of rain transformed the already soaking ground into a sea of mud in the lower sections, and farmers are pulling sugar beets out of the ground by hand, so soft is the earth, and they sink, meanwhile, knee deep. The last rain was the straw that counted, and hundreds of acres of beets will be abandoned. Ray county farmers predict a shortage of 33 1-3 per cent in the crop.

The schools in the village of Vetay are closed so pupils may assist in harvesting the potato crop. The potatoes are said to be rotting in the ground on account of the wet weather, and the schools have been shut for two weeks while the laborers are being harvested. Even with all the school children engaged in the work there is a scarcity of help, and when the moon is not observed for a couple each day's work is extended far into the night.

Mr. Pearce's Wanderings.

W. J. Pearce, the well known Pontiac public works commissioner and florist, who suddenly disappeared from Detroit August 18, arrived home Thursday morning. He was accompanied by Michael Boyington, of Pontiac, who went to Elgin to bring him home, and by his son, Hubert, who met them in Chicago. Pearce is unable to remember his movements in his long and wearisome trip. He does not even remember leaving Pontiac, and is as much in the dark about his actions in Detroit, August 17 and 18, as he is about his later wanderings. "At first, he could remember but little and could only recall people after I had mentioned their names," says the marshal. The same $25 that he was said to have had when he left was still in his watch pocket. On the way home he picked up a good deal, and by the time he reached Pontiac he seemed to be quite like his old self."

Typhoid Raging.

Lansing physicians are treating approximately 75 cases of typhoid fever, according to statements obtained from them in a canvas yesterday, though it is rumored that there are really 300 cases. The city health officer's reports to the state board of health have never shown the existence of more than 20 cases, but it is known that there have been many cases that were not reported to them, and a strong effort has been made to hide the fact that the disease was raging. Lansing doctors have no cases in the country, but in proportion to the population it is believed that the disease is just as widespread there as in this city.

Laughed himself to death, that was the case with Joseph Jennison, who was so amused by a joke at the Eighth Avenue theater in New York that he couldn't control himself and died in the lobby, whither he was taken by ushers.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending October 17

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONSO AUDITORIUM—Afternoons, 15c to 50c; Evenings 25c, 50c to $1.

AVENUE THEATRE—Afternoons 10c and 25c; Evenings 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Choice steers, $4 25@4 85; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,300 pounds average, $4 00@4 25; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds, $2 50@3 75; mixed butchers' fat cows, $2 50@3 00; canners, $1 75@2 25; common bulls, $2 50@3 00; good shippers' bulls, $3 00@3 50; common feeders, $2 50@3 00; good well bred feeding steers, $3 00@3 65; light stockers, $2 75@3 25. Veal Calves—Market active but at prices 50@75c lower than last week. $4 50@7 00. Milch cows and springers steady. $2 00@55 00. We quote:

Hogs—Light to good hogs, $5 50@5 65; pigs, $5 00@5 25; light yorkers, $5 25@5 50; roughs, $4 50@5 00; stags, 1-3 off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $5 00@5 30; fair to good lambs, $4 75@5 00; light to common lambs, $4 00@4 50; yearlings, $4 50@4 75; fair to good butcher sheep, $3 00@3 25; culls and common, $1 50@2 25.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Best export steers, none on sale; quotables, $3 25@3 45; best yearlings, 1,200 to 1,300 shipping steers, $4 60@4 90; good 1,000 to 1,100 butcher steers, $4 40@4 60; 900 to 1,000 do, $3 60@3 80; best fat cows, $3 25@3 50; extra, $3 75; good heifers, $3 75@3 50; common cows, $2 00@2 50; trimmers, $1 50; best fat heifers, $4 00@4 25; medium heifers, $3 25@3 50; common and stock heifers, $2 50@3 00; best feeding steers, $3 40@3 45; 800 to 900 pounds, $3 25@3 50; common stockers, $2 75@3 00; export bulls, $3 75@4 00; good butcher bulls, $3 00@3 25; bologna bulls, $2 50@3 00; fresh cows, slow, $3 25@3 50; better, $4 00@4 25; fair to good, $30@35; common, $15@25.

Hogs—Yorkers, $6 00@6 20; pigs, $5 40@5 65; mediums, $6 00@6 15; heavy, $6 00@6 15; roughs, $5 00@5 10.

Sheep—Best lambs, $5 85@6 00; fair to good, $5 75@5 80; bulls, common, $1 25@3 25; mixed sheep, $3 75@4 00; fair to good, $3 50@3 75; common, $2 00@3 00; yearlings, $4 25@4 50; cows, $3 75@4 25. On the market closed weak, 15 unsold.

Chicago—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $5 10@5 85; poor to medium, $3 50@4 75; stockers and feeders, $2 25@4 00; cows, $1 40@4 60; heifers, $2 00@5 30; canners, $1 40@2 50; bulls, $2 00@4 25; calves, $3 50@7 50; Texas fed steers, $2 75@3 25; western steers, $3 00@4 50.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 15@5 85; good to choice heavy, $5 10@5 50; rough heavy, $4 75@5 10; light, $5 25@5 80; bulk of sales, $5 10@5 50.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3 25@4 00; fair to choice mixed, $2 25@3 25; native lambs, $3 50@5 65.

Detroit—Wheat—No 1 white, 84½c; No 2 white, 1 car at 81½c; No 2 red, 5,000 bu at 84½c; 1 car at 84½c; December, 25,000 bu at 84½c, 5,000 bu at 84½c, 5,000 bu at 84½c; May, 10,000 bu at 88½c, 5,000 bu at 84½c, 10,000 bu at 84c; No 3 red, 82½c per bu.

Corn—No 3 mixed, 46c; No. 3 yellow, 50½c per bu.

Oats—No 3 white spot, 1 car at 36c; No 3 white, 1 car sample, 1 car at 36c per bu.

Rye—No 2 spot, 2 cars at 56½c per bu.

Beans—Spot, $2 25 bid; October, $2 22 bid; November, 1 car at $2 05; December, $2, nominal.

Chicago—Wheat—No 3, 78½c; No 2 red, 77½@79c; Corn—No 2, 45½c; No 3 yellow, 47½c. Oats—No 2, 35½c; No 3 white, 35½@36½c. Rye—No 2, 56½c. Barley—Feeding, 42@46c; fair to choice malting, 47@56c. Flax seed—No 1, $1 04; No 1 northwestern, $1 06. Timothy seed—Prime, $2 90. Clover seed—Contract grade, $10 75@11 00.

The Marquis of Donegal, who, although married three times, has hitherto been childless, has become a father at the age of 82.

A chase around the world ended at Frisco by the arrest of J. F. Arondez, wanted by the Netherlands government for an alleged embezzlement of $150,000.

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.

More than $21,000 has been pledged for foreign missions, by members of the Christian Alliance, following an appeal by Rev. A. B. Simpson, at the Gospel tabernacle in New York, where the alliance has been holding its annual con ention.