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Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

Venezuela is a small turnip out of which everybody seems to want blood.

The trunkmakers have formed a trust, thus tightening the grip of the octopus.

The Atchison Globe says the chafing dish is only a frying pan that has broken into society.

Toledo, Ohio, is bragging of quadruplets born in that city last Saturday. Now, Chicago!

When a man goes crazy for love the girl can avoid trouble only by moving away and leaving no address.

J. Hickory Wood is the name of one of the playwrights. We can't understand why he should cling to the J.

A Chicago ordinance forbids barbers talking while at work. There are not enough soldiers in Illinois to enforce this law.

More than 66,000,000 germs inhabit a single adult oyster. They're a bit small, but they seem to be mighty good to eat.

A captious contemporary complains that "Kocian is bowlegged." Well, would he fiddle any better if he were knock-kneed?

Prof. Delitzsch of Berlin says that Moses was a plagiarist. Would that we had more of this quality of plagiarism nowadays.

Constabulary Inspector Fletcher who killed eleven bolomen that attacked him, is the sort of man to establish permanent peace in the Philippines.

When the wireless telephone comes along the belated husband will have a fine time dodging. He will be forced to dig a hole in the ground or quit the earth.

A bill has been introduced in the Missouri legislature prohibiting the playing of football. Now watch what the rush line will do with this wonderful measure.

President Wilson of Princeton opposes mass play in football. How about the mass play in business, on which we remember having heard one or two criticisms?

A Michigan man who is rich went crazy the other day and started in to eat up his money. Pity the sorrows of the man who has it and knows he can't take it with him.

Uncle Russell Sage's unexpected call upon his office employes who thought he was ill proves that the ancient millionaire is something of a humorist in a quiet way.

King Edward's daughter is in love with Joseph Chamberlain's son, but can't marry him because of the social gulf between them. Edward might help by making Joey a duke.

Carnegie's life motto, "Thine own reproach alone do fear," must be considered excellent. It is the ruling principle with a good many trust magnates and they get along wonderfully well.

A Minnesota man committed suicide a few days ago because he was homely. He should have gone to Massachusetts. There are women down there who don't mind a little thing like that.

A Kansas City man left home a week ago with $165 in his pocket, for the purpose of buying a drink. He has not yet returned and it is believed that he succeeded in his purpose at least once.

A Cleveland surgeon announces, as though it were a thing to be proud of, that he kept a dog alive ten hours after cutting its head off. What a grand, ennobling, humanizing thing is vivisection!

Boasting the New York woman who has just sued a friend for $2,000 damages for alienating her dog's affections, we will contribute the powder and shot if some one else will furnish the gun.

Bottled grape juice is the latest sure kill for the typhoid germ. Gradually but surely we are getting back to the old "bug juice" remedy which our forefathers applied to all ailments, including snake bites.

"The fact that there seems to be nothing between Sue and young Jackson," said Pater to Mater, after a glance into the dimly-lighted parlor, "only confirms my suspicion that they are either engaged or ought to be."

A Jersey City merchant, after experimenting with hypnotism, Christian Science and the faith cure, announces that he can once more "think in a straight line." The phrase should live.

Boston's transcendental philosophy has withstood the strain of coal shortage, but a threatened bean famine is too much for its esoteric equanimity.

Does Jenkin Lloyd Jones want this nation made completely dyspeptic? His demand for young women who can make pie and cake is alarming.

The girl who wrote poetry before she killed herself in an improvement on the man who always kills his sweetheart before he shoots himself. The women do these things better.

The deplorable scarcity of old boots and shoes for fertilizer in France may be due to the demand for hash ingredients in the French cities.

When a certain kind of man tells a girl that he would be willing to die for her, she need feel under no obligation to starve with him.

CONTROL GRAND RIVER POWER

Platt Bros. of Lansing Secure all the Water Rights.

Platt Bros. of Lansing have closed a deal with R. Oliver of Diamondale by which they become owners of Oliver's saw mill and his interest in the mill dam. They bought the flouring mills of G. W. Sherman and this deal gives them complete control of the water power of Grand River between Diamondale and Lansing. They intend to raise the dam, put in larger water wheels and erect a power plant to supplement the plant at Lansing. Electric lights will be furnished for the town.

VROMAN IS GIVEN PRISON TERM

Iron Mountain Conspirator Sentenced to Eighteen Months in Marquette.

Charles Vroman of Iron Mountain was convicted of conspiracy to defraud the firm of Baber & Watson of Menominee and sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment at Marquette. Charles Sjoquist, his partner in the conspiracy, turned state's evidence and was fined $500, to be paid to Menominee county before the next term of the Circuit court or he must serve six months in the county jail. He is still under $1,200 bonds.

Syrup Tank Bursts.

A large concrete syrup tank at the Sebewaing sugar factory, in which was stored hundreds of tons of syrup, burst. About 300 tons of syrup was lost. The intense pressure of the inside of the tank forced two of the walls outward. The tank is outside of the factory, and a large area of ground is flooded with the syrup. The loss on the syrup, which was stored for shipment to the alcohol factory at Bay City, amounts to about $1,500, and on the tank nearly as much.

Must Return Equipment.

Quartermaster-General Kidd has directed all companies of national guard to turn back to the state all Springfield rifle equipments, including rifles, revolvers and slings, in their possession. This is in line with the provisions of the Dick bill, whereby the state troops will be armed with the Krag-Jorgensen rifle.

Takes Poison by Mistake.

The wife of a mail carrier, Herbert L. Davis, of Petoskey, is in a critical condition from an overdose of morphine. She was taking chlorotize and morphine as a relief from pain and by mistake was given morphine instead of the milder chlorotize. It was with great difficulty that she was roused from her lethargy.

Cow Has Three Calves.

Considerable interest is excited by the fact that a Durham cow owned by the Hon. W. A. Blake of Galesburg gave birth to triplets the other day. All the family are doing nicely and are objects of curiosity and admiration to many visitors.

Local Option Contest.

The W. C. T. U. and Anti-Saloon League of Van Buren county are busy preparing a vigorous campaign against the liquor element of the county. The contest in favor of local option bids fair to be a severe one on both sides of the case.

Legislative Junket.

A party of ninety-three members of the Michigan legislature on a junket through the peninsula country, seeing sights, visited the Michigan college of mines at Houghton and the mines and stamp mills at Calumet and Lake Linden.

Temple for Corunna Masons.

The Masons' lodge home at Corunna was destroyed a month ago by fire. Preparations have been begun to erect a new temple. It will be a three-story building in connection with the First National bank to cost about $20,000.

To Vote on Bonus.

Otsego will vote February 21 on the proposition to bond the village for $12,000 to purchase land for factory site purposes and other public improvements.

Pine for Matches.

One company is getting 25,000,000 feet of pine in Ontonagon county this winter, all of which is to be used in the manufacture of matches.

Economy In Sight.

Mendon's electric lighting plant is being run on short hours, closing down at 10 o'clock each evening on account of a shortage of coal.

Log Crushes Driver.

Will Mingus of Bagnall was crushed beneath a log which rolled off a load he was driving near Mesick.

Chance for Canning Factory.

If the people of Howell want a canning factory located in their village and will subscribe about $10,000 of the stock, the institution will be established in time for the coming summer's campaign.

Hotel Changes Hands.

The Coburn exchange at Howard City has again changed hands, H. G. Coburn taking possession. Mr. Coburn is to refurnish and renovate the house and make it one of the best in the state.

Lightning Strikes Church.

At West Branch lightning struck the Catholic church steeple and did some damage. The church was crowded at the time, but no one was injured.

Sober at Dowagiac.

Dowagiac made a record last month. Not a single arrest for drunkenness was made in the city during the whole month.

Old Man Whoops.

A 73-year-old resident of Cilo is suffering ~~~ whooping cough.

HUNTER SHOOTS ALBINO BUCK

Claims It is First of the Kind Killed in the State.

F. L. Harris of Newberry has mounted, as trophies of the chase, the heads of ninety-seven deer, and among them is the head of what is said to be the largest deer ever killed in the peninsula. During the last deer hunting season Mr. Harris succeeded in bagging a white buck, the first, it is claimed, ever killed in the state.

"Three white does have been killed during the last twenty years," he says, "but I have never heard of a single white buck, except that shot by myself, that has fallen before a hunter's bullet. This buck weighed 127 pounds, and was a pure Albino.

"He was absolutely white, with pink eyes and nose, and even his hoofs were white. I mounted him myself, as I have learned to do with all of my game, and the deer is now at my lodge, a few miles from Newberry."

Where Does It Go?

About a year ago the roadbed of the highway on the line between Casnovia and Chester townships, near Casnovia, began to settle. It was first planked and recently in order to make it passable, about 100 logs were drawn and placed in the gap and covered with several hundred cubic yards of dirt. Now the whole roadbed for about 100 feet, plank, logs and all, has completely disappeared, and at least twenty feet of water occupies its place. Another very peculiar thing is that just north of the road a piece of ground about three rods square has been raised from two to five feet above its former level.

Hobos Move On.

While a number of tramps were being registered by the city jailer at Lansing Chief of Police Starmont appeared in the doorway. One of the men asked the chief where he could obtain a drink of water, and not knowing that his questioner was under arrest, the chief directed him to a fountain in the corridor. Three of the hobos availed themselves of this opportunity to get a drink and then walked out of the building. Only one man was recaptured.

Wolves Killing Deer.

The game warden, in his report for the month of January, states there were only thirty violations of the game law in the month. This, he declares, indicates that citizens are beginning to appreciate the necessity of obeying the law to save the game. Birds and larger animals are wintering well, he says, except that wolves are killing some deer.

Pheasants Take Flight.

Lee K. Forsythe of Battle Creek has spent many years in raising Mongolian pheasants of rare variety, but he has lost them all, because a small boy left the door of the park open after a clandestine visit. There were nearly a hundred valuable birds in the flock, and there is no clue to the whereabouts of even one of them.

To Build Line to Lakeside.

President D. Mahler of the Lake Shore electric railway has announced that at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the company to be held in Cleveland, Feb. 17, a plan for the building of a line from Genoa to Lakeside will be approved. The new line will be thirty miles in length.

Breaks Arm and Ribs.

A Newaygo county farmer fell from a barn and broke an arm and two ribs, yet next day he was at work again as usual. The arm and the ribs belonged to the hired man, who happened to be standing at the time on the very spot the farmer had picked out to fall on.

Tablets Kill Child.

Archie D., the 2-year-old son of Alfred Williams of Okemos, died as the result of eating some medicinal tablets which he found on a table on which he was playing. The medicine had been procured on a doctor's prescription for the child's mother, who is quite ill.

Republican Convention.

The Republicans of Berrien county will hold their convention for the purpose of nominating a county school commissioner and electing delegates to the state convention at Berrien Springs February 20.

Surveying a Railroad.

The Manistee-Alpena Railroad is now being surveyed through Wexford. This road will open up immense tracts of hardwood timber in Wexford, Kalkaska, Otsego and Montmorency counties.

Caught in a Trap.

John Franks of Lake Linden, Mich., while hunting deer, was caught in a noose attached to a maple tree bent far down, and as the catch on the deer trap was released he was lifted into the air. He extricated himself with difficulty.

Child Is Crushed.

Little Bessie Hocking, while at play at Iron River with several companions, was crushed and instantly killed by a large stable door falling upon her.

Blame the Boys.

School boys frightened the horse driven by Mrs. W. R. Hoadley, a prominent Niles lady, and the animal ran away. The rig turned over and Mrs. Hoadley was hurled against a telegraph pole and was seriously injured internally.

Lawyers Are Thankful.

To get out of paying a fine of $25 for using foul language Charles W. Jewell, of Bancroft, has already spent about $500 in court and lawyers' fees, and the end is not yet.

COAL DEALERS OUT OF STOCK

Grand Rapids Men Declare They Can Not Get Fuel Supply.

The regular coal dealers at Grand Rapids are complaining about being unable to get coal except at big prices, but the poor commissioners, who are running a sort of municipal coal yard in that city, are not having any trouble in getting all the coal they want. Also, they are selling anthracite at $9.50 a ton, delivered, though the regular dealers declared their inability to get any of that kind of coal. However, the poor commissioners haven't any big stock of soft coal that they want to dispose of at exorbitant prices, which may account for their being able to get anthracite as they want it.

Interesting Case.

A notice of appeal in a case from the Ionia Circuit court will be one of general interest throughout the state. Some time since Calvin Bird of Ionia had for a guest at his family table Mattie White, a minor. Beer was served and the young woman partook of it. Bird was arrested and on his trial was found guilty. A stay of sentence was granted by the trial judge on motion of Bird's attorney, and the question as to whether a person has a right to serve liquor to guests, regardless of their age, will be passed upon by the Supreme court.

To Protect Game.

Traverse City sportsmen have started a movement the object of which is to secure better protection for game in that section. At present there is a game warden for each county, but the pay is so small that no man will give enough of his time to the work to make it effective. The idea now advanced is for Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie counties to go snacks in paying a good salary to one man who will look after the enforcement of the law in all three counties.

Protects Pavement.

Mayor Rockwell of Midland warns owners of horses that they must go slow on Main street. He doesn't propose to have the pavement torn up by speeding. And yet Mr. Rockwell does not want Midland to be called a slow town. Other towns in Michigan like to hear the clatter of the sleigh bells, and see the horses go rushing by. It brings people out to see them, makes the streets lively and helps trade generally.

Lapeer Has the Oil Fever.

Some of the business men of Lapeer have always felt that the surface indications of oil which are found in several localities here are very pronounced, and they feel that a valuable vein might be tapped with a little expense. Recently the subject has been revived owing to other discoveries along the above line and some of the business men propose to contribute $100 apiece to make a test.

Coffee Substitute.

A chickory factory for Gagetown seems now assured. A meeting of the factory directors, town committee and farmers was held and arrangements made whereby the town guarantees a bonus of $1,200, the factory directors to furnish their own site. The merchants and farmers are quite elated over the results, and no trouble will be had in getting plenty of acreage for the chicory crop.

Discounts Canadian Coin.

One of the banks in West Bay City has placed an embargo upon Canadian five-cent silver pieces. It has hung a sign in the corridor which says they will be taken at a face value of four cents. The reason given is that there are so many of the fifty cent pieces in circulation that the bank finds it difficult to get rid of them. A large amount was recently sent to Detroit and sold to a broker at a discount.

About Three Rivers.

Three Rivers has free mail delivery, electric lights, water works and paved streets, and flatters herself that she is an up-to-date city, yet the stores keep open nights. To the credit of the merchants, however, let it be said that a movement is now on foot, and promises to be successful, to close the doors of all business places except drug stores at 6 o'clock every evening except Saturday.

Armory and Theater.

The militia company at Grand Haven is to build a new armory for its own use, and has made an offer to the local business men which may result in securing a new theater for the city to replace the one recently burned. If the business men will put up $5,000 the soldier boys will furnish the remainder of the amount needed to put up a building that will include theater and armory both.

Peat Fuel Company.

The development of the peat beds in Martiny township, Mecosta county, and the conversion of the stuff into marketable form is the object of the Grand Rapids Peat Fuel company which has been organized by Grand Rapids men.

Old People Marry.

At Shearer, Arenac county, a man of 90 years and a woman eight years his junior appeared before a justice of the peace and induced him to tie the knot up in the bonds of matrimony.

Imports Heavy Horses.

The Diamond Match Company has received at Sidnaw a carload of the finest heavy draft horses ever brought to the upper peninsula. The lightest one in the consignment weighed 1,900 pounds.

Buys Timber Land.

W. M. Taylor, the lumberman, has closed deals for the purchase of 14,000 acres of timber land in Ontonagon and Gogebic counties, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, buying as a speculation.

Henroe Flooded.

Ice gorged to the bottom of the River Raisin at the Lake Shore bridge, in Monroe. Cellars and yards along the river are flooded. There has been no material damage yet, as all had warning of the freshet. The heavy snow of Saturday night makes a big flood imminent when the ice breaks.

A fire engine was used to pump water out of the cellar of St. Mary's convent Sunday afternoon. The Monroe Canning company was compelled to move all the canned goods stored in its factory on the river bank.

A reward of $300 has been offered by the city to anyone who will relieve the ice situation. In the flood of 1900 the city spent several hundred dollars in blasting, to no effect. Now the ice is jammed to the bottom of the river for a mile, and thousands of dollars of dynamite could not move it. When the gorge breaks it is liable to carry away the Lake Shore and Michigan Central bridges. The situation is considered precarious. A meeting of citizens was held last night, and D. R. Cunningham, expert engineer of the Shore Line railroad, was employed to break the gorge if possible.

After Thirty Years.

After nearly thirty years of litigation, A. W. Brown and Miss Marion E. Brown, of Boston, have won their suit against other heirs of William White for $330,000 and a quarter interest in timber lands on Thunder Bay, Mich. The defendants were Frank W. Fletcher, regent of the University of Michigan; Allan M. Fletcher, mayor of Alpena, Mich., and Grace Fletcher King, wife of a millionaire Indianapolis, the children of George N. Fletcher. A part of the property in dispute is land on which the city of Alpena now rests. Judge William L. Putnam, of the United States circuit court, acted as arbitrator. Proceedings will now be begun in the Circuit Court of Wayne county, Michigan, to secure payment of the above award, and the redemption of the lands in dispute. The costs in the case were over $7,000.

Dr. Newark Held Responsible.

After hearing the evidence of Day Clerk Birney of the Phoenix house, Charlotte, Dr. Leroy F. Weaver, the physician called into the case after the accident of Dr. Newark, and Dr. V. J. Rickard, who was called in as counsel at the request of Dr. Weaver, the coroner's jury summoned to investigate the death of Mrs. W. H. Wirtz of Marshall returned a verdict after being out a couple of hours; that "Harriet May Wirtz came to her death from the result of an abortion produced by Dr. W. E. Newark, of Newark, who is out on bail, was subpenaed as a witness, but his attorneys, who were in attendance, claimed the constitutional privilege for him and the prosecution made no effort to have him sworn.

The kaiser is looking pale and overworked, while his hair has turned quite gray. A court official says that unless the kaiser takes a rest a breakdown is inevitable.

Hiram Collins, of Grand Rapids, director in the Consolidated Sportsmen's Association, and an enthusiastic hunter, is having prepared an amendment to the game laws which will make it an offense to kill any deer without horns.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Fe bruary 14.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—"Francis Wilson"—Charming Mat. at Everymon day.

LYCEUM THEATER—Hagenbeck's Trained Animals—Mat. Tue., Thurs. and Sat.

WHITNEY THEATER—"For Her Children's Sake"—Mat. Tue. and Sat.; Eve. 10c, 20c, 30c.

TEMPLE THEATER (Up Woodward Ave.)—Vaudeville—Mat. 10c to 25c; Evenings 10c to 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle: Prices a shade higher than last week. Choice steers, 1,300 lbs. and upward, $4.50@4.75; choice steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $4@4.40; choice fat cows, $3@3.50; choice heifers, $3.50@4; light to good butchers' steers, $2.75@3.25; common to good cows, $2@2.50; common to good heifers, $2@2.50; common to good bulls, $2.25@3.25; milkers and springers, $30@50; veal calves, $6@6.50; feeders, $3@3.50; stockers, $2.50@3. Veal calves: Market active at about Saturday's prices, $5.50@7.50.

Sheep: Choice lambs, $5.85@6; light to fair lambs, $4.10@5.15; common to prime sheep, $3@3.85; light to good shorn sheep, $3.25@4.65; common killers, $2@2.25; culls, $2@2.50.

Hogs: Prime mediums and fat yorkers, $5.70@5.75; light flyers and yorkers, $5.60@5.70; roughs, $4.75@5.25; stags, 1-3 off.

Chicago.—Cattle: Good to prime steers, $4.50@6; poor to medium, $3@4.40; stockers and feeders, $2.20@4.60; cows, $1.40@4.60; heifers, $2.25@4.75; canners, $1.40@2.60; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $4.50@7.50; Texas fed steers, $3.40@4.60.

Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $4.50@5.25; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.50; native lambs, $4.50@6.40; western lambs, $4.75@6.25.

East Buffalo.—Cattle: Tops, $7.50@7.75; common to good, $5.50@7.25. Hogs: Heavy, $7.30@7.40; mixed, $7.40@7.45; Yorkers and pigs, $7.40@7.45; roughs, $5.75@6.25; stags, $4.50@5.50. Sheep: Top lambs, $6.40@6.45; yearlings, $5.25@5.50; sheep, $5.25@5.50; yearlings, $5.25@5.50; ewes, $4.25@4.40; top mixed sheep, $4.30@4.75; culls to good, $2@4.40.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat: No 2 white, 3 cars at 75c. No 2 red, 2 cars at 46c; May, 5,000 bu at 83½c; 5,000 bu at 82¾c, 10,000 bu at 82¾c, 10,000 bu at 83c, 5,000 bu at 82¾c, closing nominal at 82¾@82½c; July, 5,000 bu at 78¾c, 10,000 bu at 78¾c, 15,000 bu at 78¾c, closing 78¾c; No 3 red, 6 cars at 75c; by sample, 1 car at 77c per bu.

Corn: No 3 mixed, 40½c; No 3 yellow, 40½c per bu.

Oats: No 3 white, 3 cars at 38c; No 4 white, 36c per bu.

Rye: No 2 spot, 54c bid; No 3 rye, 51½c per bu.

Chicago.—Cash—Wheat: No 2 spring, 76½@80c; No 3, 70@79c; No 2 red, 75¼@76c. Corn: No 2, 45½@45¾c; No 3, 45½c. Oats: No. 2, 34¼c; No 3 white, 33½@35c. Rye: No 2, 46c.

John W. Steele, the former Flint man who shot and killed Lulu Knight at West Superior, Wis., Monday, has been given 25 years in state's prison on his plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. Steele followed the girl to the Wisconsin town, and when she refused to return here and live with him fired two revolver bullets into her, killing her instantly.

Mrs. Lafayette Taylor, of Centerville, N. Y., whose husband disappeared January 25, has confessed that she accidentally shot him while he was drunk and abusing her, cut his body into small pieces, and burned it in her kitchen stove.

Several months ago J. B. Shoemaker, a brother of Mrs. Clark Reed, of Three Rivers, enlisted in the United States marine service, and was assigned to the United States receiving ship Franklin. Mrs. Reed has just received a letter from her brother, in which he says that the black smallpox has been raging on the vessel, and that out of 67 boys from the vessel who were taken to the hospital ship, all but 5 had died, he being one of the five survivors.

The capacity of the Michigan Soldiers' Home is taxed to the utmost. There are more inmates than ever before since the home was established.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

The Niles Robbers Caught.

A letter dropped by the robbers who held up and shot Edward Stewart, of Niles, two weeks ago has led to the capture of two men who are charged with the crime. The letter was addressed to Merrill Mason, and the writer gave her address as Charleston, Ill. An investigation revealed the fact that Mason was a printer and that he had been employed at Kalamazoo; also that Mason and Lloyd Jeffers, a boy of 16, had left town a few days before, but that Jeffers had returned. The latter was located in a furniture factory and placed under arrest. Jeffers is now in jail, crying continually and denouncing his fate. He has confessed to having a hand in the hold-up, but claims that Mason did the shooting. A man was found who had received a letter from Mason, dated Chicago, in which he said that a loan be sent him at a certain number in that city. The officer took the first train for Chicago, where Mason was taken, and will be brought back.

A Juror and Smallpox.

A smallpox scare put an abrupt end to the trial of Joe Perkins, the alleged Lowell poisoner, Friday morning. Juryman Jason Peacock, of Sebewa township, complained of not feeling well. It was learned that he had been exposed to smallpox and court promptly adjourned till a week from Monday.

Before this happened Prosecutor Clute had explained to the jury that a year ago Perkins and Mrs. Kemp brought from the Saranac postoffice a flag salt powder mailed at Lowell the day before, and how two weeks later Merritt took the stuff and came near dying. He told of Will Klump having been two weeks in jail at Grand Rapids on suspicion of poisoning his wife, being released, and how Klump started the investigation which led the officers to believe Kirckes to be the guilty man.

A Wife in Hiding.

Since Tuesday last a little woman, just 27 years of age, with her two bright-eyed little girls, has been in hiding from the wrath of her husband at the home of a Detroit policeman. The woman is Mrs. Laura E. Axtell, wife of "Rev." J. T. Axtell, the once famous pugilistic promoter of the gospel and later a barber at Royal Oak. It was just after she began suit for divorce in the circuit court that, fearful of the anger of her husband, she left her home and fled for security with her little ones to the home of the charitable policeman. Judge Hosmer granted her an injunction to prevent her preacher husband from further molesting her, but she declares he has taken the order of the court, and called upon her mother, looking for his wife.

Weir Acquitted.

The jury in the Weir case, tried in Cadillac, on Saturday returned a verdict of not guilty. David S. Weir, whose wife died from arsenical poison last fall, was charged with murder. It developed in the investigation that he had been maltreating improper relations with another woman, who acknowledged her guilt on the stand, and further swore that he had told her he would soon be free to marry her. The defense claimed that Mrs. Weir was despondent from ill-health, and, while attributing the fact that death resulted from natural causes, insisted that if it was caused by poison, it was self-administered.

Mr. French's Illness.

Hon. W. A. French, ex-state land commissioner of Dundee, came to Saginaw last week and on Friday was taken ill and removed to St. Mary's hospital. He is suffering from some growth in the abdomen. Physicians made an examination Thursday and performed a serious operation. It is said that part of a cancer, as large as a man's head, was found, and a piece of it was removed and the organs left in as good condition as possible. One of the doctors is reported to have said: "There is little or no hope for Mr. French. A cancer was found back of the intestines which affected the entire bowels."

It Was Suicide.

Sheriff Rust, of Flint, who went to Montrose to look further into the case of Henry Mallory, who was found dead on the floor of a woodshed on a farm he had just leased, with a bullet wound in his body and a rifle by his side, returned last Saturday. Scratches on the dead man's face led to the suspicion that he might have been murdered, but the sheriff found that they were inflicted by his wife, who about seven weeks ago gave birth to a baby, had been treated by Christian Scientists, and is now out of her mind. There is no further doubt but it was a case of suicide.

Mad Dog Victims.

Charles J. Gray, of Detroit, his wife and 5-year-old boy, who were bitten by a mad dog on Tuesday, left for New York Friday to receive treatment from the famous specialist on hydrophobia, Dr. Cabot, of the New York hospital.

Van Buren's new county buildings are complete and ready to turn over to the county.

What is known as the Philippine extradition bill was signed by the president and is now a law.

The Charlevoix Courier says E. W. Coulter, of that city, picked half a dozen pansies in his front yard one day last week.

Deputy Game Warden Hayes found eight Marion milliners with plumage in stock. Mr. Hayes swore out warrants.

Five cases of smallpox have caused the Otter Lake authorities to order school closed until the epidemic has subsided.

The Whitehall public schools were closed Friday on account of scarlet fever. There are now twenty-five cases, and a strict quarantine is being maintained.

Jesse Hunter, of Saranac, the lad who was shot a few days ago by a schoolmate and whose life has been despaired of ever since, is still in a precarious condition and the physicians will not give any hope of ultimate recovery, although he shows some signs of improvement.

Mariette business men are beginning to appreciate the value of good roads to a village which depends on the farming community for its business, and will probably build a good gravel road ten or twelve miles to the east of the village the coming summer, at their own expense. It will be money in their pockets to do so.

AROUND THE STATE.

The cement plant of the Hecla Co. at Edwards, Ogemaw county, is almost completed.

One of the banks in West Bay City has placed an embargo upon Canadian five-cent silver pieces.

The State Farmers' institute for Ingham county is to be held at Stockbridge, February 20 and 21.

In Bridgehampton township, Sanilac Co., lives a man who is six feet six inches in his stocking feet, yet weighs but 140 pounds.

The Michigan Dairymen's Association is holding its nineteenth annual convention at the Agricultural College with a good attendance.

Mrs. C. England, whose home was formerly at New Lathrop, is dead at her home in Laporte. She had been married only six months.

The rumor that the peat industry at Capac has been sold to the coal trust is declared by men in position to know to be without foundation.

West Michigan State Fair Association has decided to hold its fair at Comstock park, Sept. 14-19, the week following the state fair at Pontiac.

The home of Thurlow Lyding, in Fairplains township, was burned Saturday. Two children, aged 1 and 3 years, perished in the burning house.

Justin R. Whiting's will divides the property equally among the eight children, and John R. Whiting, Harry Whiting, and J. George Zink are named as executors.

Adrian citizens are investigating the matter of a central heating plant and it is considered likely that such a plant will be established in Adrian by local capital.

A large concrete syrup tank at the Sebewaing sugar factory, in which was stored hundreds of tons of syrup, burst Tuesday afternoon. About 300 tons of syrup was lost.

Farmers around Vernon apparently are prosperous. Ten large barns ranging from $800 to $2,000 apiece will be built the coming summer in the immediate vicinity of the village.

One of the few remaining narrow gauge roads in the state will be widened to standard gauge as soon as spring opens. This is the Almont division of the Pere Marquette.

The trial of David P. James, the aged Holton township farmer who is alleged to have murdered his son, John P. James, by shooting him five times on August 31, 1902, is in progress.

A large force of workmen is busy finishing up the electrical equipment of the Lansing-St. Johns road, which on the line must be in operation by March 1 or the franchise will be forfeited.

"Fifteen carloads of coal confiscated by the railroads" was the message which Secretary Keeler of the University of Michigan received Wednesday. There is only a week's coal supply on hand.

A slight earthquake tremor was felt in Allegan, Monday night. The disturbance was sufficient to shake pictures on the walls and rattle doors, windows and dishes. It lasted but a few seconds.

At the beginning of the present year there were 156 divorce cases pending in the Ingham Circuit Court. This is 49 more than at the beginning of the previous year. During 1902, 46 divorces were granted.

Crystal Lake, on account of its fine perch fishing, attracts nearly as large a crowd in winter as in summer. The ice is dotted with little villages of fish shanties and a number of people make good wages catching fish to sell.

Michigan postmasters were appointed Thursday as follows: Canfield, Ogemaw Co., Thomas Frank Sheldon, vice Rena A. Sheldon, resigned; Valentine, Montmorency Co., Edward S. Ewing, vice Mrs. Esther Montgomery, resigned.

Benzie county has been invaded by a large number of Indians the past year, owing to the building of charcoal and chemical plants. The braves make good money cutting cordwood, and their squaws help in the struggle for wealth.

County Clerk Church at St. Joseph has drawn the grand jury ordered by Judge Coolidge to investigate alleged unlawful imprisonment and abduction of the two Loescher girls by Watson and O'Rourke, two traveling men.

The Diamond Match Co. has received at Sidnaw a carload of the finest heavy draft horses ever brought to the upper peninsula. The lightest one in the consignment weighed 1,700 pounds. The company now has 50 horses in its camps near Sidnaw.

Miss Baxter, one of Lawton's most popular and handsome young ladies, has smallpox in the most malignant form, and it is feared that the disease has been spread very widely over the town. Miss Baxter had been visiting in Hastings, Mich., and left there before the cause of the prevalence of the disease in that place.

Charles Promiller, aged 16, living in Davison township, with rabbit hunting with his brother George, aged 21, Saturday afternoon, and in getting over the fence the hammer of the gun was caught on the top rail, discharging the weapon. The load struck Charles and tore a great hole in his body. He died Sunday morning.

Solon Stone, who is supposed to be the oldest person living in Shiawassee county, will be 102 years old March 19, and is still able to be around the house some. He has lost his eyesight and is hard of hearing, but otherwise he is contented and happy at the home of his grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Westcott, in Vernon village.

Jesse Braddock, of Traverse City, 28 years old, died Thursday morning. He tried to board a moving Pere Marquette train, slipped and fell beneath the wheels, his right leg being crushed. After amputation of the member, he rallied, but died from shock.

If won't be long before every piece of land in Bay county under which coal is to be found will be controlled by some of the coal barons which Michigan is producing at a rapid rate. There are thousands of acres now held by coal operators which, in the usual course of events, won't be reached by the miners in many years, and yet the operators keep on seeking leases.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nollett, of Bay City, have been the parents of thirteen children, six of which died at birth, six lived for periods of from a few days to seven weeks, and the last to come, a girl, lived until past 13 years old. She was buried Thursday.