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It is about time for Mr. Gates to win or lose a few more fortunes.

Does Dr. Parkhurst imagine his Meal newspaper will fill a real want?

The employes of the U. S. steel corporation are obviously taking stock in it.

It is a great thing for royalty that would-be assassins as a rule are not good shots.

Those who are receiving the wages of sin never strike for shorter hours and more pay.

If lodge resolutions really help some, every deceased member will surely get to heaven.

Some people might be cured of seasickness by looking into a mirror—but there are others.

Why is it easier to stand up in a chilly barroom than to sit on a cushion in a warm church?

If you are smart enough to let her think she is having her own way, you may succeed in having yours.

An exchange says: "Cremation is making strides." We have always supposed ashes were its specialty.

The idea of "leaving Arizona out in the cold" will strike those familiar with its climate as deliciously funny.

Col. Watterson declares that happiness does not depend upon the stomach. Right down in Minguiepville, too!

A Swiss clockmaker has devised a phonographic alarm clock that tells a man why he should get up. It must be a cuckoo.

A trust is being formed to control the growth and sale of parrots. Later on it will probably be merged with the cracker trust.

Perhaps the Missouri clergyman who married eight wives was influenced solely by a desire to make sure of a congregation.

A war is on between the Turks and Bulgarians. This is a scrap in which even The Hague tribunal will be urged to keep hands off.

As Mr. Jeffries insists that his talk with Mr. Corbett shall be to a finish there is some prospect of an eventual rest for a tired public.

The supreme court of Minnesota has decided that advertisers must tell the truth. Truly, this is putting a club on fancy in one field of literary endeavors.

The Czar of all the Russias has unlimited power in many respects, but he can't follow the example of King Oscar and turn over his job as ruler to his son.

It is said that Armour made over half a million dollars in his recent wheat deal. Of course nobody lost. The money was just in the deal, to be picked up.

Senator-elect Ankeny of Washington owes his election, it is said, to his wife's able management of his campaign. But Mr. Ankeny he paid the freight.

An ambitious Boston society woman has been obliged to pay $15 to a servant who sued her. That is a small price for about $1,500 worth of advertising.

The Salvation Army proposes to start a "movement" for the purpose of saving rich men. Can it be possible that the army thinks it has finished with the poor?

One French statesman has scratched another's face, but neither tried to pull the other's hair. It has long been common, however, for French statesmen to wear corsets.

Mr. Carnegie says that neither he nor his wife cares for money, except to do good to others with it. And there are quite a lot of people who are willing to have the good done to them.

And if ever there should be occasion for Uncle Sam to use his 11,000,000 fighting men there will be enough old men and boys left to raise the necessary supplies for the commissary department.

A New York musician has deserted his wife for his piano because he feels that he "was created for better things." Probably his wife protested against his practicing eight hours out of every twenty-four.

A member of the German reichstag, after carefully removing the bullet from the cartridge, fired a revolver at himself the other day. He might have made his suicidal attempt by jumping into the water somewhere if it hadn't been so cold.

The Moorish pretender has been offered for sale by his followers. He wouldn't bring much of a price in South America, where every man may be a pretender for the price of a couple of pounds of powder and a tin sword.

The act of the Sultan of Morocco in rearresting his brother, Mulai-Mohammed, is sufficient evidence that from his point of view it is all right for him to be his brother's keeper.

A Vienna oculist claims to have found a way to illuminate the inner eye. What a great thing this would be for our senators and congressmen.

Until the news of his death came, comparatively few people knew that there was a Congressman Tongue of Oregon. He was not a great talker.

Michigan Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents.

COMPANY DEMANDS TOO MUCH

Allegan Citizens Refuse to Comply With Terms of Box Concern.

Allegan has been trying to secure a box factory, but when the company's demands became known the efforts immediately ceased. All the company asked was $10,000 in cash within ninety days, a deed to a fine site for a building, and the subscription of $25,000 of stock by Allegan citizens. The people were afraid that if they gave the company what it wanted this time it might take the remainder of the town some day without asking.

PET DOG SAVES LIFE OF GIRL.

Animal Awakes Her in Time to Escape from Burning Building.

Nellie McGunn, daughter of Ed McGunn, a North Plains farmer, undoubtedly owes her life to a pet dog. While the family were away from home and Nellie was alone in the house, the building caught fire and was burned to the ground. The dog awoke Nellie from a sound sleep by going to her bed and barking, and together they made their escape from the burning building.

"Works" Workman's Wife.

A Jackson stone cutter was asked by a smooth looking stranger if he might have the pile of stone dust which had accumulated under the saw and file. The workman told him to help himself and the fellow boxed it up and carried it away. When the stone dresser went home to dinner he found his wife had paid twenty-five cents for a few ounces of the stuff, which had been highly recommended to her for scouring purposes.

Extraordinary Church.

The millennium in churches has been found at Caumet. The Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Society has never held a church fair, social or oyster supper for remunerative purposes, has never begged a cent from the business people of the city or the county, and has never gone outside of its own membership for one cent of the cash necessary to support the church. There is a fine church edifice to keep up and a pastor's salary to pay.

Business-like Stand.

William H. Anderson, president of the West Michigan state fair, says the society will not follow the example of the old state association in asking the legislature for help. He says the West Michigan society will stand on its merits and with money in treasury sufficient to pay the entire expenses of the next fair he is confident of success.

Barbers and Early Closing.

The barbers' union of Owosso prevailed on the employing barbers to close their shops at 6 o'clock. An out of town barber named Peter Pester brought about the innovation. Now he has lost his job and the barbers have asked their employers to return to the old hours. Their request will be granted.

Doctors' Bills Increase.

Battle Creek physicians have decided that after March 1 the scale for day visits will be increased from $1 to $1.50 and those at night from $2 to $3. It is claimed that a working delegate will be employed to see that no one cuts prices.

Building Boom.

Prospects for building at Battle Creek the coming summer are very bright. Five lumber firms of that city have already made contracts for furnishing lumber for 433 new houses besides the shops and business blocks to be erected.

Woman Is Burned.

Mrs. M. E. Ford was severely burned by her clothes catching fire while she was working in their home creamery, two miles southwest of Reading. The blaze was extinguished by the hired girl by dashing a pail of water over her.

Jackson for Life.

John Bromish, who shot and killed Leroy Lester near Caro was convicted at Caro of murder in the first degree and sentenced to Jackson prison for life.

To Build Baptist Church.

The Baptists of Colon will build a fine new church the coming summer to replace the present frame structure, which is about fifty years old.

Chicory Factory.

All arrangements have been made by which the New Haven Chicory company will put up an 80,000 factory at Three Rivers.

Old Bomb Explodes.

When the fire was at its height at Mendon a large bombshell preserved in the G. A. R. hall as a relic of the civil war exploded. The entire front of the building was blown out and fragments of the shells pierced the brick walls across the street.

For Lighting Plant.

Schoolcraft citizens will vote this spring upon a proposition to bond the village for $11,450, the money to be used in installing an electric lighting plant.

Incorporate Divides.

Applegate in Sanilac county is somewhat wrought up over the matter of becoming incorporated as a village. Those in favor of the move started a petition to the supervisors, but the opposition got busy and a counter petition is also going around.

Falling Tree Kills a Man.

The body of John Olberg, a young Swede, was brought into Escanaba from the woods. He was killed by a falling tree. Olberg has been in this country but a short time.

BITES AT THE DIAMOND GAME

Flint Man Is Out $100, but Has Piece of Plate Glass.

A Flint young man was recently taken in on the old, old diamond substitution game to the extent of $100. A new-comer in town who struck up an acquaintance with him wanted to sell him a diamond for $150, and although a jeweler examined the stone and pronounced it a first class one the young man wouldn't buy. A few days later, however, he offered $100, and the stranger accepted. The stone and the money changed hands, and after the stranger had left town the purchaser found that he had acquired a fine piece of plate glass, the stranger having made the substitution between the examination of the real stone and the sale.

Smut Poisoning.

Veterinarians have been called frequently to treat horses and cattle ill with a strange malady which has recently been diagnosed as smut poisoning. The disease is caused by the animals eating smutty grain or hay, and is more prevalent this year on account of the wet weather last season, which injured much of the hay and grain. The disease frequently results in the death of the animal unless prompt medical attendance is procured.

Buys His Own Coffin.

William Northey, an old resident of Keweenaw county, was taken ill recently and was told by his doctor that he had not long to live. He immediately gave orders to have his coffin purchased and brought home, so that he could inspect it and see that it was what he wanted. When it arrived the old man looked it over with a critical eye, pronounced it satisfactory and said that he was ready to die.

Wants $15,000 for an Arm.

Joseph Belger of Charlotte has commenced suit in the Circuit Court against the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company for $15,000 damages. Belger lost his right arm while in the employ of the company as a wiper, the accident occurring at Potterville last spring. Belger was at his work under an engine when it started moving, cutting off his right arm close to the shoulder.

May Have Library.

Several months ago the school board of Tecumseh wrote to Andrew Carnegie asking for one of his famous libraries. An answer has just been received from him offering $8,000 upon the usual conditions, an annual appropriation of 10 per cent of that amount for maintenance. The school board will consider the matter of acceptance of the gift upon these terms.

To Have City Sealer.

The city of Owosso is to have a city sealer of weights and measures, so Mayor Waite and the common council have decided. A city sealer has been the pet hobby of Mayor White since the first year he served as alderman. The appointment will be made by May 1 by the mayor, who is elected in April.

Low Salary.

Calumet township, Houghton county, pays its clerk the munificent salary of $150 per year, although the township contains a population of 30,000.

HAS FIERCE BATTLE WITH LYNX

Trapper Brings the Brute's Scalp to Town and Collects Bounty.

Dennis Curran, a well know trapper, recently shot and killed several wolves and a lynx and has brought the hides to Bessemer for bounty. He stated that never in recent years have the wolves been so savage as this winter and attributes the condition to the fact that the game upon which these animals subsist is very scarce. He reports that his fight with the lynx was fierce, lasted several minutes and the ferocious animal was nearly into his camp when he fired the shot which killed him.

Severe on Husband-Beater.

In the eyes of the law as administered at Battle Creek it is a far worse offense for a woman to beat her husband than for a man to beat his wife. Clarence Hood pleaded guilty to having beaten his wife and was sent up for twenty-five days. He immediately made a complaint against his wife for thumping him, and when she pleaded guilty, sixty-five days was the judge's mandate.

Beat the Auction Game.

There was an auction sale of unclaimed express parcels at Kalamazoo the other day at which the packages were sold "unsight unseen." A college student paid fifty cents for a bundle that proved to contain a brand new, complete set of burglars tools of fine quality. For eighty cents a woman got a case of one dozen revolvers of a model that retail for $6 apiece.

"Confiscation."

The railroads at Jackson are finding out just how it is themselves. They steal coal belonging to patrons—confiscating, they call it, but it's the same thing—and now they are complaining because they find that someone has been "confiscating" several hundred tons from one of the stockpiles maintained in the outskirts of Jackson to supply their engines.

Delay Is Costly.

Because the railroad company had no empty cars for Portland Mrs. N. B. Barnes, Sr., of that city, is poorer by eighteen tons of hay than she was. She had tried to ship the hay to market, but the railroad hadn't gotten around to sending the necessary rolling stock when the barn in which the hay was stored caught fire and was destroyed.

Can't Keep Money.

One Eastlake man has about decided that it doesn't pay to have money. Recently he was held up and robbed of a considerable sum and then to prevent losses he adopted the plan of concealing greenbacks under his hat band. But the other day he hung the hat up in a restaurant and someone stole that.

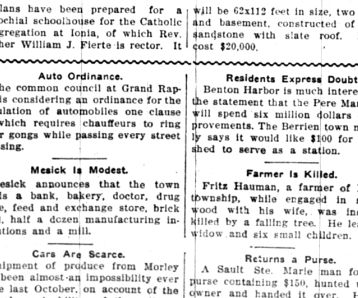
Farmers Buy Coupons.

The farmers of Lakefield, Sanilac county, bit to the extent of about $600 on a coupon book scheme for securing $64 buggies for $4. One of the men who roped them into it has been arrested at Elgin, Ill., and will be brought back to stand trial on the charge of fraud.

Hockey Craze.

Black and blue is the popular color combination at Grand Haven at present. The hockey craze has struck the town.

CATHOLIC PAROCHIAL SCHOOLHOUSE AT IONIA.



Plans have been prepared for a parochial schoolhouse for the Catholic congregation at Ionia, of which Rev. Father William J. Fierle is rector. It will be 62x112 feet in size, two stories and basement, constructed of Ionia sandstone with slate roof. It will cost $20,000.

Auto Ordinance.

The common council at Grand Rapids is considering an ordinance for the regulation of automobiles one clause of which requires chauffeurs to ring their horns while passing every street crossing.

Mesick Is Modest.

Mesick announces that the town needs a bank, bakery, doctor, drug store, feed and exchange store, brick yard, half a dozen manufacturing institutions and a mill.

Cars Are Scarce.

Shipment of produce from Morley has been almost an impossibility ever since last October, on account of the refusal, or inability, of the railroad company to furnish cars, and the people up there are just about angry enough to smash things. They are going to ask the legislature for relief.

Accept Carnegie Gifts.

The Norwalk city council, by a unanimous vote, accepted Andrew Carnegie's gift of $15,000 for a free public library.

Residents Express Doubt.

Benton Harbor is much interested in the statement that the Pere Marquette will spend six million dollars on improvements. The Berrien town modestly says it would like $100 for a new shed to serve as a station.

Farmer Is Killed.

Fritz Hauman, a farmer of Moltke township, while engaged in sawing wood with his wife, was instantly killed by a falling tree. He leaves a widow and six small children.

Returns a Purse.

A Sault Ste. Marie man found a purse containing $150, hunted up the owner and handed it over. He got not even a "thank you" for his honesty and trouble, let alone a reward. The purse belonged to a woman.

Asks Big Damages.

William Culver of Lawton, who lost both his legs while employed as a brakeman by the South Haven & Eastern railroad, has brought suit against the company for $100,000 damages.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Brief Chonicle of All Important Happenings

Typhoid Fever Scourge.

Cornell University and the city of Ithaca, N. Y., are in a state of terror over an epidemic of typhoid fever, and it is feared the university will have to be closed, for nearly 1,000 students have left. With more than 100 nurses fighting for the lives of fever patients and doctors working day and night, this little city of 10,000 inhabitants, 2,800 of whom are students of Cornell University, is in a state of panic.

Every day brings new victims to the fever and hardly a day passes without one or more deaths. Students are fleeing from the city by scores and the university threatens to be left without a corporal's guard.

The scourge has already caused more than a score of deaths and it is estimated that more than 200 persons have been stricken. Most of the victims have been Cornell students.

Father Busche Dead.

Fr. John Busche died Sunday morning. He had been a resident of Lapeer for forty years and was for many years pastor of the Catholic church. He finally became estranged from the church. After his separation from the church he married a Miss Hoffman, of Imlay City, and spent the remainder of his days quietly at his residence in the second ward, living a sort of recluse life. He never returned again to the faith, and when he knew he was near his end last night he requested Father McDonald, of the Presbyterian church, to preach his funeral sermon. Mr. Busche was about 63 years old and had been a sufferer from urinary troubles, for which he had been operated upon.

Roosevelt Is Earnest

President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of the next, the fifty-eighth congress, unless both the Panama canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaties are ratified at the present session. The president made this declaration of his intention to several senators to-day, and he made it as emphatically and unequivocally as he was capable of making it. It is deemed likely by officials of the administration and by many senators that both treaties will be ratified by March 4, but it is said there are grave reasons of state why both treaties should be ratified as soon as possible. These have induced the president to make the announcement to senators of his determination.

Ten Lives Lost.

Ten lives at least, according to the best information obtainable under difficulties, were lost in a fire which Friday morning destroyed the Clifton hotel in Cedar Rapids, Ia. The fire started at 2:30 o'clock and at 6 o'clock the smouldering debris furnished no fierce a heat that search for bodies was impossible. The hotel three-story, brick veneer, is said to have been a veritable fire trap. The flames started in a pile of rubbish in the basement, presumably ignited by defective electric light wires.

The list of dead may prove larger than the number given, but it is supposed the information which accounts for all but this number, is correct.

Eleven Were Killed.

Running at almost full speed a train on the D. L. & W. railroad, crashed into a trolley car loaded with pupils of the high school at Newark, N. J., high school Thursday morning. Eight pupils were killed and three died of injuries they sustained. At least 30 others were injured, some so badly that it is feared they will die.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

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

Card playing for women and all games on Sunday have been forbidden on the trains of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway.

George A. Hammond, 92 years of age, said to be the oldest shoemaker in the world, is still pegging away in his shop at Freeville, Tompkins.

Burglars entered the cathedral of St. Isaac at St. Petersburg and stole three diamonds valued at $50,000 which they took from the frame of a picture of the Savior.

William Marshall, declared dead by the doctors, as a result of a long spell of coughing, rose up and put a stop to the burial preparations which were in progress in his home at Clinton, Ia.

John Monk, aged 46, was found dead and frozen in a snow drift, near Coshocton, O. Marks of a heavy blow on the side of the head indicate that he was knocked down and robbed, and that the body was dragged to the roadside, where snow drifts soon covered it.

The Barcelona, Spain, newspapers publish an account of an anarchist meeting, recently held, at which a German engineer, who had been in Barcelona for a fortnight, and who has started for England, declared he pledged himself to make an attempt on the life of Emperor William, of Germany.

A letter was sent to Mrs. John F. Stafford, Fall River, Mass., signed "The Gang." It demanded that $350 be placed in the hands of one of her servants. Failure to do so the signers ordered was to be followed by shooting and robbery. Her husband is the grandson of John D. Flint, one of the city's millionaires. Mrs. Stafford is one of the leaders of local society, a very handsome woman.

Murderer Jas. T. Tillman, former lieutenant governor of South Carolina, who shot Editor Gonzales at Columbia without warning, was refused bail, Thursday, and must await trial in jail.

John Prucha and E. Chase, miners, who were working on a placer claim sixty miles northeast of Zamboanga, Mindanao, P. I., were murdered by Moros in January. The natives surprised and beloed the miners. Chase's decapitated head was found hanging to a tree. Prucha escaped from his assailants, but died in the woods of wounds and exposure.

Love of old books led to the embezzlement of over $60,000 by Henry T. Goodwin, former confidential clerk of Cassett & Co., New York, who committed suicide when his peculiarons were discovered.

CONDENSED NEWS.

From Duluth to the Gulf is the latest electric railway scheme.

Fatality in grip cases has increased by nearly one-half in New York during the past week.

Paul Grant, of Atchison county, Kas., aged 18, will marry Hattie M. Thompson, aged 33. He is her adopted son.

A colored footpad was shot by Miss Lillian Wilson, whom he held up on the street at Omaha. The robber is badly wounded.

Andrew Carnegie will endow a $100,000 school for the training of librarians at the Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

The widely heralded discovery of formalin as a cure for blood poisoning is declared by New York physicians to be a failure.

Death to five Italian coal miners resulted when the Kansas City limited on the Chicago & Alton road struck the wagon they were riding in near Braceville, Ill.

The coal strike commission is so jo ssnd u sqqun puu uao sn ie holding secret sessions at Washington, formulating their report to the president.

Ella Atkins is dead and Folger Green, in the hospital, at New Orleans, with three wounds as the result of a compact they entered into to end their lives.

Chicago street cars, it is estimated, injure five women every day in the downtown district, the victims being struck while craning their necks into shop windows.

Gross earnings of all railroads in the United States reporting for February to date are $13,637,966, a gain of 17.4 per cent over last year, and 17.6 per cent over 1901.

Thirty states were represented at the good roads convention at Chicago, which drafted a memorial requesting congress to appropriate $20,000,000 to build good roads.

The Venezuelan Supreme Court has just awarded $70,000 damages to the heirs of Henry Rudloff, an American, whose concession to build a market in Caracas was annulled.

The health officer of the town of West Seneca, N. Y., reports that there is no sign of typhoid fever at that place and probably more than 100 additional cases not reported.

Preferring death to going to the Philippines, whither his troop had been ordered, Private McDonough, of the Thirteenth Cavalry, killed himself with a revolver at Fort Keough, Mont.

Empty coffins, numbering 70, were found in the county cemetery at Knoxville, Tenn., and a negro has been arrested charged with working the "dead pauper" graft on the county officials.

Manuel Del Valle, of Yerba Park, a suburb of San Francisco, Cal., claims that he is 137 years of age. He has certificates showing that he was born in Zacatecas, Mexico, on November 24, 1765.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. North-Dowie, of Chicago, now, has been granted a divorce from John Murray Dowie, the father of the Zion leader, John Alexander Dowie, of Chicago, on the ground of cruelty.

Bessie Logan, believing that her father had sold her for $25 to her prospective husband, George Million, balked at the altar of the Mount Carmel church, near Hindleville, Ky., and fled from the church.

Commander-in-Chief Stewart of the G. A. R. has arrived in San Francisco from Pennsylvania. He will meet the members of the local command to decide on a date next summer for the holding of a national encampment.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature providing that drugs must bear the date of manufacture, the time limit after which they will be unfit for use, and imposing a penalty for the sale of drugs not so marked or after the expiration of the time limit.

Results of the operations of Canadian railroads, just published by the department of railways for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, show that 574 miles of new line were built, making the present mileage of the Dominion 18,868. The gross earnings in the year amounted to $85,966,502.

An icy torrent from the breaking of three reservoirs in the town of Shelton, Conn., destroyed buildings, street railway tracks and telephone lines by the logs and huge cakes of ice it swept along, with a loss of $100,000. There were many narrow escapes from death.

The torpedo boat Protector, a new type of vessel, is about to be officially tested off City Island, New York. She is built of steel, 60 feet long, and will tow cruise on the surface and, it is claimed by Capt. Simon Lake, of Bridgeport, Conn., her owner and inventor, travel on the bottom of the sea with wheels.

Drinking wood alcohol caused the death of Mrs. George Shave, aged 72, and her daughter, Mrs. Lemuel David, aged 27, at Schenectady, N. Y. They had been accustomed to drink small quantities of not diluted grain alcohol and during the night, neither being well, they purchased by mistake wood alcohol and drank it.

Mrs. Asa Prenier, proprietress of the Palace Hotel at Burke, W. Va., shot and killed John Downridge, a well known lumberman, because he used insulting language to her when she asked him to make less noise in trying to wake his brother, a guest of the hotel.

Apostle Reed Smoot's enemies in congress in his position as United States senator-elect will call attention to the fact that Bishop Nichol Hoo has been dropped from the Mormon church because, it has been discovered he was the author of a letter in a Salt Lake paper censuring Smoot for his candidacy for senator.

That the sun is inhabited is the theory of Alexander Young, a Laporte, Ind., astronomer, who says that he has seen on the sun's surface mountain sides with great and precipitous rocks which glow with prismatic colors, mingled with the greenness of a perennial vegetation and with a floral radiance more beautiful than that on earth. Beyond these mountains, he says he saw valleys and plains where people live.

That Carnegie's gift of $1,500,000 for the erection of 30 branches of the free library may be accepted by Philadelphia, a special bill having been introduced at Harrisburg.

PROSPERITY IN CANADA.

The Farmer in Western Canada Achieves Wonderful Success.

One of the first things that the man who wishes to change his residence endeavors to find out is where he can go and succeed. It need be a matter of little doubt or indecision now. During the past four or five years the development of Western Canada has been so rapid, and the conditions of life there so widely known, that upwards of 100,000 Americans have taken up their homes there, and the experience of these people is that they are thoroughly satisfied with their choice of home.

The methods of farming there are similar to those adopted in the United States, but the operations are simpler, the yield of grain greater and the profits more satisfactory. Ranching is carried on with lots of success. Mixed farming is always profitable, while the results in grain-raising are as certain as splendid soil, excellent climate and lots of sunlight can give.

The fields of——, but nothing is as satisfactory as the experience of the farmer himself, and extracts are selected from one.

A good, intelligent farmer named Mears, John Mears to be exact, left Cavalier county, North Dakota, two years ago and followed the thousands who had already gone to Canada. He had twenty-five years' experience in Minnesota, in buying grain, including flax, but in all his experience he never saw a district so well suited to the growth of flax as Western Canada. The financial results of Mr. Mears' operations in a single season are as follows: Wheat, 3,000 bushels, 1 hard, at 57½c, $1,755; 2,650 bushels 1 Northern, at 54c, $1,457.20; Oats, 1,750 bushels, at 35c, $612.50; Spelts, 154 bushels, at 75c, $115.50; Flax, 324 bushels, at $2, $648. Total, $4,598.70, a return of more than $4,500 from a little over 250 acres, an average of $18 per acre. It is surely testimony sufficiently strong to satisfy the most incredulous as to the money to be made out of the soil of the Canadian West. It is to facts like these—arguments expressible and demonstrable in dollars and cents—that the steady northward movement of American farmers is due. Mr. Mears is settled near Arcola, Assa.

A number of Americans who have chosen Western Canada as a home had the idea that a man enjoyed less freedom in Canada, but they soon found their mistake, and say the laws of Canada are the most liberal in the world, and such as prevent the litigation which breeds so much bad feeling between people in the United States and costs them so dear in lawyers' fees.

The government has established agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Wausau, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. Dakota; Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and Great Falls, Mont., and the suggestion is made that by addressing inquiries to these, who are authorized agents of the government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the chances of mixed farming, dairying, ranching and grain-raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc.

The Shah's Job Lot of Wives.

The Shah of Persia, on returning home, probably still full of the visions of beauty that he had witnessed in the music halls of Paris and London, found that his harem was wanting in freshness, and he has decided to renew it.

There is a job lot of some 2,000 wives who are going to be liquidated.

I understand the sale will be made by auction at some Tattersall's in Teheran.

I may mention that the Shah's harem consists of 2,700 women, that he has paid his kind address to every one of them, and that his offspring consists of 112 sons and ninety-six daughters.—Max O'Rell in Indianapolis Sentinel.

A Traveling Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain's visit to South Africa has suggested the expediency of periodical trips of the same kind by the Colonial Secretary, and, since a cabinet minister could not generally be so spared, the idea has brought forth a proposal to establish the office of a traveling secretary.

Just in Time.

Broadland, So. Dak., Feb. 23d.—Beadle county has never been so worked up as during the last few weeks. Every one is talking of the wonderful case of G. W. Gray of Broadland, the particulars of which are best told in the following statement which Mr. Gray has just published:

"I was dying. I had given up all hope. I was prostrate and as helpless as a little babe. I had been afflicted with Kidney Trouble for many years, and it finally turned to Bright's Disease. All medicine had failed and I was in despair.

"I ordered one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and this first box helped me out of bed. I continued the treatment till now I am a strong, well man. I praise God for the day when I decided to use Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Everybody expected that Mr. Gray would die and his remarkable recovery is regarded as little short of a miracle by all who know how very low he was. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly a wonderful remedy.

At Eventide.

At morn I see a flat level plain
So rich and small beneath my feet,
A sapphire sea, without a stain,
And fields of golden waving wheat;
Lingering, I said, "At noon I'll be
At peace with that sweet-scented tide,
How far, how fair my course shall be,
Before I come to the eventide!"

Where is it fled, that radiant plain?
I stumble new in miry ways;
Dark clouds drift landward, big with rain,
And lonely moors their summits raise,
On, on, with hurrying feet I range,
And left and right I see the dark hillside,
Gray valleys open, drear and strange—
And so I come to the eventide!
—Arthur Christopher Benson, in Spectator.

Circumstances may change, but God never does.

Tonsiline Cures Sore Throat.

Those who know most say least, until there is a special call to testify.