

The inevitable has happened. Cole Younger will write the story of his life.

The new strawberry blonde postage stamp has no excuse for being stuck on itself.

Every woman believes that the shortest cut to a man's heart is by way of his vanity.

Reflect, again, that many a harmless oil bachelors would be a howling nuisance as a married man.

If only nature had not left of supplying her creatures with two sets of brains like the dinosaur!

Honduras is "comparatively" quiet now. It has only two revolutions and one international war going on.

What we fail to understand is why a man foraging Mr. Morgan's name should have puttered with a paltry \$100,000.

The boy who has an expensive girl and a small salary is already beginning to worry over the coming of Fall.

Now that Kipling has taken up the novel, England's South African problem may be considered as solved.

Pat Crowe has turned up in Liverpool as a hero of the literati. But a war shouldn't always be judged by its heroes.

It is estimated that the hens of this country lay \$6,000,000 worth of eggs in a year. But you never hear a crow about it.

Salvador denies that there is war within its borders. The revolutionary fever appears to have failed to take in this instance.

The Sultan has his eyes after all. Nobody ever suggested him as a traitor when the nations have quarrels to be settled.

A Pennsylvania newspaper that suspended publication has again proved that there is something in a name besides letters. The editor's name was Stuck.

A Mexican multimillionaire wants to pay off part of his country's debts. What is the matter with the man? Doesn't he believe in kid words?

It is five years now since someone blew up the Maine in the harbor of Havana. But who it was that did it seems likely to become a mystery of history.

The Vermont man who died leaving twenty-six children will probably be blamed by President Eliot for his early demise. He should have made it an even thirty.

With four new battleships equipped with the latest death-dealing armament, the United States will be able to establish the most peaceful block-ade on record.

The mint at Philadelphia turned out more than 70,000,000 bright new cents last year—one apiece for every man, woman and child in the United States. Did you get yours?

Another reason for taking patriotic pride in the revolution of '76 has already been indicated by President Roosevelt. Look at the large family of daughters it left!

The Chicago health commissioner has decided that guests in cheap lodging houses must be provided with bathing facilities. Evidently he never expects to get the cheap lodging house out of his mind.

An American who was engaged in throwing his money to the birds has been arrested in Milan under the impression that he has become violently affected with the European virus of tipping.

A Boston woman's club has solemnly resolved that woman can get along without man. It is to be noted in this connection, that the Easter bonus for this year are to be just too cute for anything.

Queen Wilhelmina may figure in the dispute between Venezuela and the allies. It is too bad to bother the young queen with this matter. She was seemed of late to be having such a nice, quiet time.

In 400 years, says Lord Kelvin, the earth's coal will be exhausted. From the way things are going now the earth's patience will be exhausted about 30 years earlier than that.—Saturday Evening Post.

It would not be surprising to learn that the judge who declared that "women are more irritable than men" found his opinion sustained when he spoke to the bosom of his family.

King Edward opens parliament now and then with some grace and dexterity which the Prince of Wales uses to open bottles of champagne.

Painful memories of many hotels and restaurants "orchestrated" will induce the warmest sympathy for Mrs. Fat in her Detroit experience.

King Leopold of Belgium has renewed his threat to visit the United States. He will probably take good care to come next to the train that takes that at Paterson, N. J.

If Prof. Loeb has found a cure for nervous prostration he has taken away an excuse that has served a good many people faithfully and well.

A trust has been formed for the purpose of conning the mastodon bones. The stray Indian arrow heads are still open to individual enterprise.

Michigan Items

EATS SUGAR SALTS FOR SUGAR

Joke is on man who runs Down His Competitor's Wares.

Along the "Railway to Port Hope" sugar beet plantations, a funny business is being carried on by the sugar beet men in the Thumb, which the following: "The other day while representatives of the Marquette Beet Company were canvassing the farmers near Port Hope they happened to meet in one of the stores in that village, and incidentally talk about the merits of their sugar and the lack of merits in their competitors'. Noticing a broken sack lying near the store, the man immediately identified it as sugar of the Sanilac make, and after feeling all of its bad qualities attempted to prove his argument by eating a handful. The results were epidemic what he expected—it was epas.

CARRIES INJURED MAN HOME.

Remark of the Townsman Farmer.

While trying to climb a stump to get a shot at a rabbit, Wesley Fletcher, a prominent young Robinson township farmer, was severely injured. The gun prematurely discharged, blowing off his left arm at the elbow, taking off his left cheek and blowing his eyes. His wife carried the unconscious man half a mile to his home.

Is Whirled Around Shaft.

George F. Robinson, an employee of the Genesee Fruit Co., Lansing, was caught in the shafting at the factory and whirled around by a rotating shaft. He was whirled about nearly a hundred times, his left leg being broken, his face cut, forehead gashed and other injuries. One of his arms and the tip of his broken leg protruded through the fish and nearly every stitch of clothing on his body was removed. In spite of his injuries he will probably recover.

Controls Summer Resort.

The Michigan Automobile Association, that recently chartered Parker's resort, consisting of six acres at Lake Gougar, has leased the entire resort to the Michigan Automobile Association, thus controlling the entire resort business at the lake the coming summer. The company will make extensive city improvements and put in all sorts of amusements. Martin E. Brown, proprietor of the Battle Creek Daily Moon, is at the head of the company.

Follows the Trust.

When the Michigan (Bell) Telephone company made pay stations of its telephones in both public and private places, there was great indignation, in which the independent men took a prominent part. Now the independent contractors are following the same thing, and hereafter any one who uses a telephone in a hotel, drug store or other public place there must first drop his nickel in the slot.

Seeks to Aid Women.

The state officers of the Y. W. C. T. U. are in a hot battle with the patriots meetings from house to house arousing an interest in that association, and it has been decided to organize a union in that connection. There are now more women employees in the health food factories than at any other place in the state, and the union expects to do much good work among these girls.

Wild Geese Swaps Hunters.

A wild goose was seen in the township of Hope, northwest of Battle Creek, the first one that has been seen in that section in many years. It was shot by a party of hunters, and the farmers and some of the old-time hunters went after it, but the animal escaped. The deputy game warden will investigate the murderous instincts of these so-called sportsmen.

Dogs Have Indignation.

A Grand Rapids man who is an authority on dogs says that it is not only the dogs of that city that are present, but also the dogs of the flat has gone forth that all canines must be muzzled. Gee, but suppose every human being who was afflicted with indignation had to wear a muzzle!

Case of Easy Money.

The arrest of Wm. Leahy at Jacksonville, Fla., is of interest in Michigan from the fact that Leahy is charged with having been the partner of Durand out of \$41,000 last April means of a fake footrace. The swindle was perpetrated at Springfield, Ill., and Leahy will be taken to that place for trial.

Ice Combine.

The ice dealers of Battle Creek have combined, and the new concern controls the ice business of the whole city. The price of ice will be raised, but combinations like this always say that. They don't always mean what they say, however.

Poultry Show.

The first poultry show ever held in the Grand Traverse region will be held at Traverse City, March 14 and 15, and much interest is being shown throughout the region in the affair.

Wants All Dogs Muzzled.

Secretary Baker of the state board of health, has issued a circular to the effect that he has decided to issue in the state calling attention to the alarming prevalence of hydrophobia in dogs running at large, be either muzzled or killed.

Dead at 83.

Levis Atherton, one of the most influential farmers about Hudson, is dead, aged 83. He was one of the oldest residents of this section.

GOT DRINKS FREE OF CHARGE

David O'Keefe Had Rare Reputation as a Champ.

David O'Keefe is dead after a three month illness with tuberculosis, his demise taking place at the Menominee county poor house. O'Keefe achieved notoriety through his ability to drink quantity large quantities of intoxicants and water and was known along the river as "the champion water drinker." When unable to get liquor, free or otherwise, it was his practice to gather a crowd about him, haranguing them on some political topic, and wind up with an offer to water the coat of drink that he could swallow three or four quarts of water in a given number of seconds. He very seldom lost a bet.

Couldn't Save the Sledge.

Noble Johnson of Traverse City was walking across the bay at that place on the ice carrying a heavy sledge hammer. The hammer slipped from his grasp and struck the ice. Johnson was killed by a falling block through which it and Johnson sank into the water. It was several minutes before Johnson could get out. The sledge is still in the bay.

Idiotic Joke.

Dr. E. P. Ramsey of Central Lake was walking toward a man near his farm to attend a man near his farm with a broken leg, whipped furiously through nine miles of snow and made his way to the prospective patient well and active. The man drove sorrowfully home and is now doing his pretense to learn who phoned in the fake message.

High Price for Farm.

J. A. Sperry has sold his farm just north of Centerville to W. K. Gore, who is paying \$100,000 for it. The farm is a stock farm and fatten western cattle for market. The farm contains 400 acres, and the consideration was \$200,000, or \$100 per acre. This is the largest price paid for real estate in St. Joseph county in a great many years.

Too Thoughtful.

A Coldwater man saw a rusty nail sticking out of a board, and fearing that some one might be hurt on it, he tried to pound it down. There was a hammer handy, so he used his boot. The nail went clear through the board, and the man who was poisoning ensued, and his foot will now probably have to be amputated.

Street Car Burns.

Fire caught from a stove in one of the street cars at the general barn at Ann Arbor, when all the city cars were in the building and at a time when the cars were being repaired, which led to the fire. The fire department, however, saved the remaining cars and the service was not seriously crippled.

Has Brittle Bones.

Ben Monroe, who has been a trencher for fifteen years in Owosso, broke his right leg for the sixth time. In addition to that Monroe has broken his left leg three times and his right hand twice. This is the second time that Monroe has been the victim of a cat's paw and once was buried out of sight, but was rescued by workmen.

Doesn't Keep Boarders.

A Bay City woman routes the members of her family of bed early in the morning without their having had sleep enough or not, that they may have breakfast early, so they will be hungry by dinner time. She says she doesn't propose to get meals for people who are not hungry.

Washnetan Goes Back.

In 1877 Washnetan raised more wheat than any other man in Michigan, but it has now dropped away down. In 1897 the acreage was 5,413, and in 1902 but 28,791.

Dies of Gangrene.

Charles Russell, an aged resident and author of the book "Who is Sunday," was killed at Allagan. He died from gangrene.

IMLAY CITY TO HAVE NEW HOTEL.

Imlay City has enjoyed a remarkable growth during the past few years, and the above is one of several new buildings which will be erected there this spring. John Dwyer is the proprietor of the hotel, and will occupy one of the most desirable corners in the business center of the village. Most of the \$7,000 will be spent on the building alone and it is to be furnished throughout with the best of fixtures.

Brook Trout for Branch County.

Mr. Thomas Bushnell of Coldwater received 10,000 brook trout from the state hatchery and will plant them in the streams of Coldwater, Blavia and Ovid townships. Mr. Bushnell has planted several thousand trout in waters of Branch county before.

Pioneer Passes Away.

Delos Walters, a pioneer resident of the village of Summerville, is dead. He was 92 years of age. Deceased is survived by a widow and one son.

Smallpox at Frontier.

The people of Frontier are experiencing a great deal of difficulty on account of the smallpox epidemic which has broken out in that place. Fifteen or twenty of the families quarantined. The disease is spreading southward.

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TOWNE TO RESIDE AT LANSING

Noted Politician to Take Up His Abode in Native State.

Hon. Charles A. Towne intends within a few months to return to Lansing to reside. "I am arranging my affairs to that end now," said Mr. Towne. "Of course I shall have to be in the office in Wall street a portion of each month, but I shall make my headquarters at Lansing and establish an office, leaving the larger share of the business in New York to my associates there. I was born and raised in this state and I have always had a desire to return and make my home there. Questions as to Judge Parker's candidacy for the presidential nomination, Mr. Towne said that he guessed it was being well received. "He has been a competent public official and while he is not in popular vogue to any extent, I believe he is making many friends."

Nice Legal Point.

The first legal fight over grade separation was started at Ann Arbor. Dean C. Co. filed a bill in equity against the Ann Arbor railroad and the city claiming that the street crossing First street did not receive a sufficient grade. The vote of the aldermen. They secured an injunction restraining the work at the crossing near their warehouse, but Judge Killee allowed the city or the railroad company the right to move for a dissolution or modification upon giving two days' notice.

Tablet to Departed Firemen.

On April 1, 1900, when the Central school burned at Owosso, Fireman Fred Ross was killed by a falling brick wall. A local paper has started work with which to purchase a large granite tablet to the memory of the fireman, which will be placed in a brick wall near the spot where Ross met his death. It will be dedicated April 1, and Rev. Mr. Collins of Detroit, chairman of the State Fireman's association, will do the honors.

Remembers the U. of M.

Dr. J. W. G. of the University of Michigan, has again been heard from. Every once in a while Treasurer Soule recited Ross was killed by a falling brick wall. A local paper has started work with which to purchase a large granite tablet to the memory of the fireman, which will be placed in a brick wall near the spot where Ross met his death. It will be dedicated April 1, and Rev. Mr. Collins of Detroit, chairman of the State Fireman's association, will do the honors.

Myers is Insane.

Edward Myers of Coldwater was adjudged insane and sent to Kalamazoo. The stomach of his mother, which was sent to Ann Arbor, did not show any poison, but it was more than what embalming fluids might contain. Myers' actions for some time past have been very queer and the sudden death of his mother brought suspicion to his door.

Met Horrible Death.

A freight train on the Erie, made up principally of tank cars filled with oil, was wrecked at Ann Arbor, N. Y., Monday evening. The two engines and the train came together with a crash and one of the oil tanks was demolished. A large crowd of people left the city for the scene of the wreck. The bodies of persons were caught within the wreckage of the fire and enveloped in flames. Men were hurled against the tracks with their clothing a mass of flames. Others fell where they were struck by the wreckage of the train. Just how many were killed is not known, as many of the bodies were destroyed.

The Work of Congress.

Tally sheet figures of the Fifty-seventh congress show that the number of bills and resolutions introduced was 18,129, of which reports were made on 10,270. The senate sent to the house 1,620 bills and resolutions, and the house acted on 1,100 of the measures introduced during the session. The house passed 1,100 bills and resolutions, and the senate passed 1,100 of the measures introduced during the session.

Twenty Killed, Seventy Injured.

The Richfield & Ontario Navigation Co.'s magnificent steamer Montreal, on her way from Detroit to Chicago, was wrecked at the water's edge in Montreal Saturday night. A huge crowd was attracted by the configuration and several hundred persons found their way to the roof of an Allan life boat, which, unable to hold the water, was overturned, and the people going down on a crowd was killed. Two persons were killed by the falling of the steamer, and several others were injured. The property destroyed was worth \$100,000.

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The Democratic state convention held its sessions in the Light Guard building, Detroit, on Tuesday, the chief feature being the address by W. Bryan, the party's presidential candidate in the last two national campaigns. (Continued on page 2.)

When I hear what Mr. Cleveland says, I am almost ashamed to say anything. I can say nothing worse of his policy. I can say that I have made money out of his policy. I have made money out of his policy. I have made money out of his policy.

The convention gave unanimous approval to the platform proposed by the Detroit delegation. The platform is as follows: For Supreme Court, George L. Yule, of Michigan; for U. S. Senator, George L. Yule, of Michigan; for U. S. Senator, George L. Yule, of Michigan.

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