THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY 15.

Shamrock doesn't seem to be a very lucky name for a yacht.

As a good spring tonic a medium-sized garden spade is not bad.

Japan is convinced that Russia is trying to arrange an open trapdoor.

'Tis a poor woman that can't get the best of an argument with a man.

This is the time in the baseball season that the pennant is most easily won.

Misfortune is a hard road to travel. Lord Barrington has gone from buffets to a buffet.

Feather beds, it is asserted, are coming in again, but the statement may be taken on tick.

The man who conceals his failures will in the end triumph over the man who trumpets his successes.

If Hetty Green had only been Russell Sage's wife, then both of them would now be satisfied with life.

The testimony regarding the death of Mr. and Mrs. Fair ought to be a warning to all reckless automobilists.

A New York woman has just paid $1,650 for her spring hat. What a joy it must be to husband a woman like that!

Although the air is free Marconi has increased the capitalization of his company from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000.

Terrible Terry is now plain Mr. McGovern of Brooklyn. But he's young enough to go out and get another reputation.

It is wise for the Red Cross Society to patch up its difficulties while there is nothing else doing in the way of hostilities.

The legislature sits sixty days. This by no means includes the nights the members put in sitting up with those sick friends.

Russia is indeed unselfish. She declares that the door will be kept open even if she has to stand in the doorway to keep it so.

Wisconsin steps to the front by raising the limit for child labor to 16 years, and without a dissenting vote in the legislature.

A boy in Appleton City, Mo., named Salad, has received the nickname Chicken. It is hoped that he will not turn out to be a lobster.

Sooner than see the British authorities humiliated by the disclosure of his innocence Whitaker Wright will fight against extradition to the very end.

Prof. Alexander Graham Bell thinks he has solved the air ship problem. It is to be hoped, however, that Prof. Bell will get some cheap man to make the first trip.

May starts out for the organized workman with a nine-hour day and a prospective aggregate increase in wages for this year and in Chicago alone of $1,500,000.

If, as a new scientist maintains, man originated at the North pole, he seems to be employing the well-known maxim, "Never go home so long as you can go any place else."

The name of the first typewriter artist installed on a transatlantic steamer is Miss Casey. Passengers will find letter writing a mere pastime with Miss Casey at the keyboard.

This is a copy of a notice on the beach at Asbury park: "In cases of ladies in danger of drowning, they should be seized by the clothing, and not by the hair, which generally comes off."

Sir Thomas Lipton will please take notice that there is now another vessel in the drink, upon which we place our Reliance for the detention of the cup on this side thereof, barring flukes.

Under the West Point rules cadets must not have tobacco in their possession, but it is difficult to understand why the faculty didn't include cigarettes while they were about the formulation of rules.

The number of leaves on a large sixty-foot high oak tree has been counted and found to exceed 6,000,000, declares an exchange. Which goes to show that some people have time for almost anything.

A locomotive combine has been formed in Great Britain embracing works that employ 7,000 men and turn out 600 locomotives a year. And its capital stock is only $10,000,000! There must be a severe drought over there.

A boy can lug an old shot gun about all day without firing at a living thing, and be under the impression that he is having a good time; but all attempts to induce him to imagine that he is killing Indians when he is sawing wood have proved futile.

The New York chorus girl who for $500 gave the tip of her nose to be grafted upon a society leader who had been disfigured ought to be able to come out as a star next season.

Notwithstanding the rumpus that is being raised in England over his marriage Mr. Vanderbilt has the lady, and probably isn't worrying just now.

Castro has drawn public attention back to himself again and is now in his normal condition, which is technically known as hot water.

THE MICHIGAN NEWS

What is Doing in All Sections of the State

Seventeen Indicted.

The Saginaw grand jury brought in seventeen indictments Saturday, the parties indicted and offenses are as follows:

Ald. James Lester—Two indictments; accepting a bribe in connection with the electric lighting deal and offering $5,000 bribe to Thomas Nichols in the bridge matter.

Ald. George Phoenix—Soliciting $1,000 bribe from Charles L. Benjamin in connection with the bridge deal, and one from Robert Glenn, former janitor of the city hall.

Ald. Frank Starkweather—Accepting bribe in connection with electric lighting deal.

Ex-Ald. James Willhite—Accepting bribe in connection with the electric light deal.

Ex-Ald. Lavern Stine—Accepting bribe in connection with the electric lighting deal.

Ex-Ald. John Herman—Bribing Ald. McCrea, Stine and Willhite in connection with the electric lighting deal.

Ex-Ald. Fred C. Peters—Accepting bribe in connection with the electric lighting deal.

Ex-Ald. Charles H. Bird—Accepting bribe in connection with the electric lighting deal.

Ex-Ald. James McCrea—Accepting bribe in connection with the electric lighting deal.

Thomas J. Norris—Offering bribe in connection with the bridge deal.

August Hanisch—Selling liquor at the west side Arbeiter without a license.

Clemens Polzin—Selling liquor at the west side Arbeiter without a license.

Robert Heyn—Selling liquor at the west side Arbeiter without a license.

The jury returned two secret reports to the court aside from the seventeen indictments.

The Average Tax Rate.

The state tax commission, sitting as the state board of assessors, met in Detroit, Saturday, to execute the mandamus issued by the Supreme court on application of the Detroit board of education last week, and ordering the board to reconvene and fix the average rate of tax to be spread against the railroads for distribution. The cash valuation of the general property as assessed by the local assessing officers by the total amount of county and state taxes levied, this increases the average rate from $13.68 on the $1,000 to $16.55, making a total increase in the revenue to be received by the state from the roads of $568,955.47, and making the total amount to be paid from the roads to $3,288,962.06. With the increase in the taxes of the express companies and car loaning companies the state will be benefited by over $582,000 altogether, all of which goes to the school districts, Detroit's share being nearly $60,000.

Saginaw's Grand Jury Work.

Saturday night the grand jury, which has been in session almost continuously since March 23, reported to Judge Beach in the Circuit Court. In addition to the indictments returned in about thirty-three full days in the consideration of the electric lighting, Genesee avenue bridge and municipal cases wherein allegations of wrong doing have been made. As near as can be determined about a dozen indictments were returned. The court gave explicit instructions that no one was to be served give out any information whatever. Those indicted will be served with notice to appear in court. There are a good many nervous people in the city as it is not known who is to be called upon the carpet.

Poisoned by Wild Parsnips.

Starvation was indirectly the cause of the death of Mrs. Fred Bachmann, of Bay City, who recently moved to a farm 10 miles north. She and her husband, who is a stone cutter of roving disposition, did not live together, and she struggled alone to maintain the existence of her little ones. On Friday night, she and her two young children were penniless and without a morsel of food. She went to the woods, gathered wild parsnips, and cooked them, and the three ate. Coroner Mitchell found the youngest child lifeless beside her dead mother, while the elder had crawled to a nearby farm house.

The Smiley Funeral.

The funeral of Joseph Bert Smiley, the poet, editor and lawyer who committed suicide at Kendallville, Ind., was held in Kalamazoo. The body was brought from Kendallville, and with it came the dead man's father, George Smiley, and Kendallville friends it was taken directly to Mountain Home cemetery. Rev. Roger H. Peters, rector of St. Luke's church, officiated at the grave. The press and the bar of Kalamazoo were represented, the pallbearers being members of the legal fraternity. The Press club sent a floral piece, and the lawyers also paid tribute in flowers.

The teamsters' strike in Grand Rapids causes alarm and a serious situation exists.

Labor is very scarce at Niles, and the factories are unable to get as many men as they want.

The senate has passed the Wilson bill, increasing the salaries of judges of probate. Senator Kelly opposed the measure.

Falling from the window of an elevated train in New York, a babe was caught by two passers-by and restored uninjured to its frantic mother at the next station.

A final dividend of 18 per cent has been declared by the receiver of the Ingham County Savings bank, Lansing, making a total of 65½ per cent.

A beetle was removed from the ear of J. W. Sprague, of Muskegon, last week which had been there since 1891. Except for a few hours after it flew in there, the beetle had not bothered Sprague in the least until recently.

One of Wm. Wood's eyes was nearly torn out in a runaway accident in Flint, and his left arm was broken. He is 67 years old and may not recover.

The Luce Redmond Chair Co., capital $50,000, has been organized in Grand Rapids and will use the old Crescent Furniture Co.'s plant.

The Kalamazoo Valley Power Co. has been granted a franchise for a pole line through Marshall to carry high tension wires. The council will try to get the Jackson & Battle Creek Traction Co. to sell 12 workingmen's tickets between Marshall and Battle Creek for $1.

AROUND THE STATE.

Saginaw cedar dealers report a good demand, especially for railroad ties.

The cooperage plant at Coldwater will be removed to some other city before next winter.

The Marquette will spend $30,000 this summer for freight depots and other improvements in Bay City.

Benton Harbor has secured the Automatic Piano Stool Co., of Lansing, and a "piano" factory employing 40 men.

Hoboes or local talent, broke into the depot at Hersey Monday night. They secured only 40 cents in stamps.

The Calle-Richards Co. manufacturing of rolls is sending machines, will remove from Union City to Battle Creek.

Peach growers around East Dayton are feeling jubilant because the recent hard freeze did not destroy the peach buds.

A new branch will be built running northwest from the Grand Rapids & Indiana at Boyne Falls for lumbering purposes.

The state crop report says that farm laborers throughout the state are scarce and that the average wages for such are about $21 per month.

The old line life insurance companies paid claims aggregating $73,250 in Michigan for the two weeks ending April 11, according to the Insurance Press.

The old board of the Tamarack Mining Co. has been re-elected. President Higgins says dividends will be postponed "until we can see how we are coming out."

The contract for excavating and grading the new Michigan Central cut-off to eliminate the seven-mile grade between Kalamazoo and Oshtemo, has been let to a Pittsburg firm.

The new state game warden is out. The books are larger than those formerly issued, as they contain the names of all representatives and senators since 1851, which list covers 71 pages.

Fifty cases of smallpox were reported in the home of George McKenzie, in Bay City, Wednesday. Every member of the family is coming down with the disease, excepting Mrs. McKenzie.

Peter White will be the principal speaker at the Lake Superior Iron Co.'s semi-centennial celebration at Ishpeming June 24. The programme includes a Cornish wrestling match and a grand ball.

The grand jury in Berrien county has presented 12 new indictments for violations of the liquor law or the practising of doctors without licenses. Seven Niles men and one a Benton Harbor saloonkeeper.

Justice Grant, of the Supreme Court, will go out of his neighbors have complained to the chief of police that a parrot owned by a neighbor is a public nuisance, and the chief has been warned to abate it.

Surveyors for the Toledo & Michigan electric railroad have reached Quincy and are working westward. The promoters claim that the road will be completed and in operation as far as Hillsdale by November 1.

The $10,000 suit of Susan Allach, of Vernon, administratrix of the estate of her son, Henry, who was killed while on duty as a brakeman, against the Ann Arbor road, has been settled out of court.

Miss Frances Russell, a teacher in one of the Lansing schools, was taken ill with smallpox Friday. It is not believed, however, that the disease was developed sufficiently while she was in the school to cause infection.

A committee was appointed at a public meeting Thursday night in Port Huron to look into Gil R. Lovelay's project for a steam railroad between Port Huron and Bay City, with a branch connecting with the Toledo & Ann Arbor.

Albert Bisbee, a section man on the Grand Trunk Western, who had a wife and family near Millington, was struck from behind by an engine at Davison Saturday morning and died without regaining consciousness. He was 60 years old.

For the first Sunday in several years, every saloon in St. Joseph was shut tight. No wine room or gambling houses were open. One saloon at Benton Harbor was found to have wooden screens up and the proprietor was waited upon for the immediate removal or suffer the consequences.

The first boat excursion of the season was run to St. Joseph Sunday, the Soo City brought in from Chicago 400 passengers, 100 of whom were invited guests. The two-side-wheel steamers, City of Chicago and City of Milwaukee exchanged runs for the day on the Holland and St. Joseph divisions.

More than 100 people were exposed to smallpox in St. Joseph, Monday. The residence of George De Caught fire, and many people rushed in to put out the blaze and save the contents. Few of them remembered that there was a case of smallpox in the house and that even the front yard was under quarantine.

The village of Lathrawille is experiencing an epidemic that is pronounced chicken-pox. A peculiarity of the disease is that it attacks old and young alike, while those who have been vaccinated or have had smallpox are immune. The disease has not yet proved fatal in any case. There are those who claim it is smallpox in a very mild form.

Bert Rogers, the youngest of the trio of safe-cracking crooks, who committed the job at Lesh & Young's in Adrian, and will spend five years in Ionia, Ed. Ryan and Thomas Burke, the latter known as "Old Pointer," pleaded guilty of the burglary at the Cayden mill in Tecumseh, and were given 10 years in Jackson and Ionia respectively.

The senate concurred in the house amendments to the Burns' bill for the protection of hunters. The house amendments removed the penalty provided for county officers who might neglect to make investigations in cases of accidental shootings.

William Jones pleaded guilty in the circuit Court of Flint to the charge that he had burned Irving Morrish's barns in Thetford. Judge Wisner sent him to Ionia for two years.

Ex-Senator Arthur L. Holmes has been stricken with a malady resembling paralysis. He privately deprived of the power of moving his lower jaw and speaks with the greatest difficulty. About two years ago he was taken with an affection that resulted in his losing the hearing of one ear, and since then the other has become affected. It is believed that his present trouble is a development of earlier affections.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

The house held a short session Saturday forenoon, but as a large number of members were home Friday night and next morning, little business was done. During the sitting members slipped out one at a time to catch trains, until at 10:30 only 51 were left, and as the lightest opposition would kill any bill, with only that many present, an adjournment was taken. Conditions appear to be more favorable to an early date for final adjournment than at any time during the last month. There are fewer bills on the general order than at any time for several weeks, and it looks as if all business being seriously considered could be cleared up inside of a week or less, as soon as the primary election bill is out of the way. The fight on this measure bids fair to be a warm one and may prolong the session. Whether it may prolong or shorten can be made or not is the burning question. Some aver that no compromise can be made and that the effort will be wasted even if state and county conventions are refashed. This week will develop the situation more clearly, but the result of the struggle ending favorably to any bill of worth being enacted is doubtful.

The law in regard to the liability of employers for accidents to their men from defective machinery is now so constructed that masters may set up in defense the knowledge of their men that the machinery was not safe. Representative Shea's bill providing that such knowledge on the part of an employer should not constitute a valid defense in damage cases came up on third reading in the house Saturday, and Representative Paddock, of Charlevoix, offered an amendment providing that if the employer did not know the machinery was defective he could not be held liable. The amendment was adopted, but Shea did not try to put the bill through, fearing that with the small number present it might fail of passage. He will try to pass it later.

Senator Scripps rose to a question of personal privilege Tuesday and stated his views on the conduct of legislative business. He told his colleagues a combination had been formed between Detroit and Wayne that state business was suffering. He concluded by telling the gentlemen who were opposing him that his appeal was taken before the tribunal of the state of Michigan. He then announced that his art museum bill be taken from the committee on cities and villages. There was no discussion of the motion, but the ayes and nays were taken, showed that Mr. Scripps's appeal had made no difference in the sentiment of the majority, the motion being defeated.

For the first time in many years a railroad company comes to the legislature asking relief for the passage of a bill which would practically raise passenger rates. These rates are now fixed according to earnings, in the lower peninsula, the rates being 2, 2½2 and 3 cents a mile. T. J. O'Brien, who is attorney for the Grand Rapids & Indiana, asks the house railroad committee to report a bill which would knock out the provision for fares at 2½2 cents, leaving them either at 2 or 3 cents. Under the present rate of earnings, the Grand Rapids & Indiana has to carry people at 2½2 cents, and the proposed change would give that road the 3-cent rate.

Representative Halladay, of Osceola, an antiprimary farmer, sprung what looks like a scheme of the convention men to renew the fight in the house. He had a skeleton bill covering the election law, and to-night had it referred to the house committee on elections. He said his bill will provide for direct nominations, but does not take the Baird substitute, and will leave it optional with the counties, cities and villages whether they will nominate by convention or by the direct method of voting.

Senator Smith introduced a resolution providing that work shall be closed up Friday, May 22, final adjournment to take place May 30. The resolution was adopted 18 to 5. The house refused to adopt the resolution. It will not agree to any date for adjournment until the primary election question is disposed of. Speaker Curtiss finds this to be the temper of the representatives.

The senate adopted the house resolution welcome to the governor-general of Canada, and amending it by adding a committee of five, three from the house and two from the senate, to visit Detroit and represent the legislature. The president pro tem. appointed Senators Scripps and Vaughan as the senate members.

Senator Doherty, chairman of the railroad committee of the senate, says his committee will probably kill the bill passed by the house providing for the submission to the people of a constitutional amendment which would permit the appointment of a freight rate commissioner.

President Fuller, of the senate, has carried out his announcement that he would not sign the bill legislating Deputy Game Warden Fowler out of office. The bill, which has been printed, was twice sent to Fuller and he sent it back each time without his signature.

The bill to appropriate $147,000 for the construction of a new cell block in the prison at Jackson was passed to the third reading by the house in committee of the whole.

Secretary Root has purchased a plot at Park avenue and Seventy-first street New York, and will at once begin the erection of a fine present building and the erection of a residence. The price paid was over $100,000, and Mr. Root will spend not less than $150,000 on the new residence.

The wife of James K. Polk, nephew of former President Polk, is dead in New York as the result of burns received a few nights ago. She carried a candle into the bathroom and set fire to the window curtains. Her bathrobe caught fire. She turned on the water in the bath tub and jumped in, but it was too late.

Life imprisonment for a murder it was known he did not commit was the sentence on Arthur K. Johnson, alias "Red Price," at Los Angeles. Johnson held up a saloon, and when Charles Bervin attempted to escape he was shot by a guard outside. The murderer escaped, but Johnson was arrested.

Cincinnati surgeons performed a most wonderful operation upon a man whose eyeball had been punctured. Removing the eye, they took out all but the shell and filled it up with sterilized paraffin in semi-fluid form, and allowed it to harden. The eye was then replaced and now the patient can move it as freely as the other.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Brief Chronicle of Matters of Importance

Ottawa's Great Fire.

A fire, suspected of being of incendiary origin, Sunday afternoon and evening destroyed hundreds of houses and millions of feet of lumber in Ottawa, Ont. John White, who had just been released from the penitentiary after serving a term of imprisonment for arson, was caught near where the fire was first discovered. He was taken to the police station, and will be charged with starting the conflagration. The fire originated within a stone's throw of where the great Hull fire of April 26, 1900, was checked. Fifteen million feet of lumber were destroyed. The loss on the lumber will be about $300,000. The buildings burned were principally dwelling houses and stores. They were all built since the last great fire and were either solid brick or brick veneered. Mayor Cook said that there were from 500 to 600 families homeless, or about 2,000 individuals. The loss on the buildings is estimated at $300,000, making a total loss of $600,000.

The Coal Combine.

Ramma & Vanderberg, independent coal dealers of Kalamazoo, who broke from the local coal combine several months ago, threaten suit against it in Buffalo for failure to deliver coal in that city from the Kalamazoo combine that the independent firm was selling below the trust quotations, wrote that the orders could not be filled unless proof was furnished that prices were being kept up. They have placed the matter in the hands of attorneys and will commence suit in the federal courts if coal is not delivered as per agreement at once.

Fremont, O., Rioters.

A serious conflict, the outcome of labor troubles in Fremont, O., occurred late Saturday night. Andy Mishke, a young man, 20 years old, was shot and killed, and Albert Gummell fatally wounded, the shooting being done by a gang of colored non-union men, three of whom are now in jail. A great excitement was caused by the murder, and a mob soon formed and started for the jail, where they demanded that the three negroes be delivered to them. Much shooting has been done, but the police and deputy sheriffs held the mob in check.

Killed to Save Her Father.

Miss Nellie Shuttleward, aged 27, daughter of Treasurer James S. Shuttleward, of the Medford Cooperative Bank, was fatally shot at her home by an unknown man who attempted to rob her father as he was returning from a bank meeting with a satchel filled with checks and currency. The assassin then jumped upon his bicycle and escaped. An Italian, who answered the description of the murderer, was arrested two hours later on suspicion.

Fifteen Sailors Drowned.

The American fishing schooner Gloriana, Capt. Geo. Stoddard, of Gloucester, Mass., ran ashore during a thick fog on the cliffs at Whale Cove, near White Point Ledges, N. S., and 15 of the crew, including the captain, were drowned, out of a total of 18.

Don Todd, a traveling man of Clinton, Ky., stabbed Will Davis to death for trashing his sister. Davis' heart was cut completely in two.

JOYS OF SAILING WITHOUT ITS DANGERS.

The Aerial Sailboat and Track.

Terror of the water need no longer deter any one from enjoying the delights of a trip in a sailboat. One of the latest forms of amusement is a device which has been recently patented, by which all the fun and exhilaration of riding on the crests of the foamy billows may be indulged in without the dangers of a similar trip on the water. The new sensation referred to is an aerial structure fitted with three tracks, along which it is designed that a regulation sailboat shall pass, driven by the force of the wind in the same manner as the boat is propelled on the surface of the water. The craft as she moves along will be given a motion identical with that imparted by the waves of the ocean, and the boat will travel along its course, sometimes with its sail spread out full to catch the breeze and making a straightaway dash under full speed, and then returning by making "tacks," in just the same manner as the sailboats on the water do, with sail pulled in and the boat leaning and dipping, ever and anon, as the wind strikes the close-hauled sheet.

Postoffice Department Investigation.

Before the present investigation of the postoffice department is concluded all the first-class offices in the country, including Detroit, will be overhauled. Postmaster-General Payne made this announcement officially.

Because he weighed but 15 pounds, Joseph Bernstein, aged 7, will be deported to Russia as a cripple, though strong physically and mentally.

A government official who is in a position to know, says that one druggist in Van Buren county sells twenty-five barrels of whisky every year.

James Sweeney, who was being tried for murder at Wilkesbarre, Pa., was dissatisfied at the way his attorneys were handling his case. "You have made a dreadful fool of me," he said, interrupting, and thereupon he changed his plea to one of guilty. He got a 20 years' sentence.

Three men, armed with revolvers, held up the saloon of William Manion, at Chicago, while half a dozen patrons were drinking at the bar. They secured $500 in negotiable checks, a watch and chain and $100 from the proprietor. Hidden behind the bar was a cigar box containing $1,600, which the thieves overlooked.

Russian Aggression.

The Russians, it is announced, have reoccupied New Chwang with a large force and have also put garrisons in the forts at the mouth of the Liao river. They are further reported to be making extensive warlike preparations. The news of Russian activity, which comes from a most trustworthy source at New Chwang, adds that on their return to New Chwang the Russian troops brought with them several large guns. A large force has been ordered to reoccupy Tien-Chwang-Tai. The Russians have 14,000 troops between the mouth of the Liao river and Port Arthur. The Russians are reported to be constructing forts on the hills near Liao Yung, commanding the road between there and the Yalu river, and they have arranged to have a large quantity of provisions delivered at New Chwang. A dispatch from an official at New Chwang says indications point strongly to these active preparations being intended to guard against operations against the Russians in Manchuria.

The state department has received official confirmation from its agents in China of the increase of the Russian garrison in New Chwang, Manchuria, and there is reason to believe, if President Roosevelt approves, that it is preparing to take vigorous steps in the matter.

The Missouri Boodlers.

Former Lieut.-Gov. Lee's statement detailing his knowledge of boodling in the Missouri legislature, was presented to the Circuit Attorney Folk, Saturday. Several startling assertions are made on the paper, but throughout the greater part of it the former lieutenant-governor adopts a moralizing tone, pointing out the causes and results of the condition that exists. In a general way he charges several men with being corruptionists. The statement is prefaced with this expression: "I don't ask, nor do I expect sympathy for any mistakes I may have made," and then follows the details of the statement. He says he was given $100, due to distributing among seven senators. Of this amount he retained $1,500.

Only a Hoax.

After three days of careful investigation the police authorities announce that the attempted "dynamite outrage," whereby the Mafia sought to destroy the Cunard liner Umbria, by leaving a box containing an "infernal machine" in the hold before the Umbria was about to sail, was all a hoax. The Mafia had nothing to do with it, and the so-called explosives say the police, were entirely harmless.

Removing 19,000 bodies from three cemeteries is an undertaking of the New York aqueduct commissioners to prevent the pollution of the city's water shed above the Croton reservoir.

All but $200 of the $20,000 stolen from the United States express safe in transit from Philadelphia to Portsville has been returned by William J. Murphy, the messenger who confessed to taking it.

Alonzo Weed, a hobo, was elected mayor of Amesville, O., recently, as a joke. Now the voters are trying to have him impeached and separated from the job, as he is almost as big an idiot as the fokers who elected him.

Father Walser Set Free.

Father Walser, who was arrested in connection with the brutal murder of Agatha Reichlin in Elyria, Ohio, was set free on Tuesday. The prosecuting attorney, at the arraignment said: "After having listened to the evidence presented at the inquest today I can see that there is not sufficient evidence to hold the defendant. The action taken on the part of the officers in arresting Fr. Walser has been in accordance with their duty. A terrible crime had been committed and if the suspicion of a stranger, or of evidence against any other person I can assure you he would have been treated as the defendant has been."

Hold-up of Negro Carrier.

As a result of the hold-up of John C. Allgood, a colored rural free delivery carrier, near Columbia, Miss., by masked men, who objected to him because of his race, Postmaster-General Payne has suspended the service on that route. Allgood will be required that he and his colored sub-carrier must quit the service under penalty of death. Mr. Payne says that if the reports are substantiated the department will either abolish the route and leave the people without that service or send solicitors to the scene to protect the carrier in the performance of his duty.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Five dollars per pound for cherries was paid in New York for the first consignment this year from California.

Sid Baker, bootlegger, 63 Jay, and there is reason to believe, if President Roosevelt approves, that it is preparing to take vigorous steps in the matter.

Charles Jacobs, a New York shoe salesman, was chickenpecked in his bed at the Hotel Francis, Pocono, Pa., and was awarded $5,000 damages by a jewelry. The sum of $800 in checks was subsequently found in the street.

Nora Lyons, an 18 year-old Philadelphia girl, disobeyed her father by going to a dance. He told her he would threatened to spank her. She ran upstairs to her room and jumped out of a threatening window, but escaped with slight injuries.

Two ferocious bulldogs whom Mrs. Thos. B. Leonard attempted to separate as they fought on her front porch at Syracuse, turned on the woman, threw her down and terribly lacerated her face and body. Her clothing was torn to shreds.

Miss Tomkins Cudahy, niece of John Cudahy, the Chicago packer, fought a burglar in her room at midnight, hitting the door hinges she got a heavy cane and went for him. She beat him over the head until the stick broke, and the burglar fled.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Grand Opera in English. Matinee Saturday at 2. Evenings at 8.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Stock. Theatre Co. Charles Kirke's Summer Prices, 25 and 50 cents.

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—"A Bargain Hunter." Matinees Sat. Tues. & Thurs. Evenings at 8.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons at 2, and 8. Evenings at 8. Admission 10c to 50c.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit—Cattle: Choice steers, $4.75@5.00; good choice steers, $4.75@5.00; good to choice butchers' cattle, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds average, $4.50@4.80; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds average, $4.00@4.40; mixed butchers fat cows, $3.75@4.25; canners, $2.00@2.50; choice bulls, $4.00@4.50; good shippers' bulls, $3.75@4.25; common feeders, $3.25@4.00; good well bred feeders, 900@1,000 pounds, $4.00@4.40; Veal Calves—Market steady, yesterday's prices; $6.50@7.00. Milch Cows and Springers—Steady, $30.00@55.00.

Sheep: Best lambs, $6.00@6.50; fair to good lambs, $5.50@6.00; light to common lambs, $4.00@5.50; yearlings, $5.00@5.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $4.00@4.50; culls and common, $2.50@3.50.

Hogs: Light to good butchers, $6.65@6.70; pigs, $6.50@6.55; light yorkers, $6.55@6.60; roughs, $6.00@6.05; stags, $4.50@5.00.

Chicago: Good to prime steers nominal at $5.25@5.50; poor to medium, $4.25@5.10; stockers and feeders, $3.00@4.75; cows, $1.50@4.60; heifers, $2.50@5.00; canners, $1.50@2.75; bulls, $2.50@4.30; calves, $2.50@6.00; Texas fed steers, $3.00@4.50.

Hogs: Mixed and butchers ready to be higher on account of good to choice heavy, $6.90@7.00; rough heavy, $6.65@6.85; light, $6.45@6.75; bulk of sales, $6.70@6.85.

Sheep: Good to choice wethers, $5.75 @6.00; fair to choice mixed, $5.00@5.75; native lambs, $4.50@7.25.

East Buffalo—Cattle: Supply light, prices ruling about as last week. Friday no receipts.

Hogs: Mediums, $6.95@7.00; heavy, $7.00@7.05; yorkers, $6.90@6.95; pigs, $6.85@6.90; roughs, $6.00@6.10; stags, $5.00@5.25.

Sheep: Best lambs, $7.40@7.50; fair to good, $7.00@7.25; culls and common, $5.00@5.25; mixed sheep, $5.00@5.25; fair to good, $4.50@5.00; yearlings, $5.00@5.50; wethers, yearlings, $5.50@6.25; culls; steady; tops, $6.75@7.00, fair to good, $6.50@6.75.

Grain.

Wheat: No. 2 hd. winter, 76¼c; No. 2 red, 5 cars at 76½c, May, 5,000 bu. at 76c, 10,000 bu. at 76¼c, 5,000 bu. at 76½c, 5,000 bu. at 77c, No. 3 red, 1 car at 72½c, 10,000 bu. at 73c, No. 1 red, 5,000 bu. at 76c, No. 1 white, 5,000 bu. at 76c, No. 2 white, 5,000 bu. at 75c, No. 3 mixed, 4½c, No. 2 yellow, 1 car at 44c, 2 cars at 44½c, 3 cars at 45c, No. 4 white, 36c; rejected, 1 car at 34½c, by sample, 1 car at 35½c, per bu.

Rye: No. 2 spot, 52½c, No. 3 white, 51c per bu.

Chicago—Wheat: No. 2 spring, 78@79½c; No. 3, 72@79c; No. 2 red, 77½@78½c.

Corn: No. 2, 44c; No. 2 yellow, 46c, No. 3, 45c; No. 2 white, 47@47½c; No. 3 white, 45½@46c.

Rye: No. 2, 49¾@50c.

Barley: Good feeding, 37@40c; fair to choice malting, 49@56c.

Tom Morris, one of the two men lynched at Vicksburg, Miss., for the murder of a planter, is not dead after all. When he was pushed from the bridge with a noose around his neck, he and Morris to have fallen into shallow water, from which he emerged after the lynchers had gone.

Hitching a cow to an electric light pole with a cable attached to her nose ending the career of Jas. Stein at Cedar Grove, N. J. He was thrown seven feet and so charged by the electricity that born who ran to his assistance could not handle him. The cow and a dog were badly shocked, too.

By a decision of the county surrogate, Mrs. Alice Hull Burdick will get the custody of her infant daughter. The surrogate declared null and void the provision in Burdick's will which directed that the children should be under the guardianship of his executors.

The "Water Cure" for refractory women patients in the Topeka, Kas., asylum was a common punishment, according to a former nurse, "They would throw a sheet over the patient's head, draw her to the floor and pour water out of a pan into the patient's mouth and face until she agreed to obey orders.

Deadly cerebro-spinal meningitis, popularly known as "spotted fever," one of the hardest contagious diseases to combat, has broken out in the ranks of 1,250 men aboard the receiving ships Minneapolis and Puritan, at League Island navy yard. Already it has killed three young recruits, while five more victims are hovering between life and death.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland is at Middle Bass Island for a week's fishing. With him are Rear Admiral Lamberton, Judge Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, John H. Lloyd, and Jethro C. Mitchell, of Tuxedo, and C. C. Dwight, of Chicago.

The grand jury of Ware county, Georgia, reports that in the convict camp operated by Edward McRae, one of the members of the Georgia house of representatives, prisoners are stripped, chained and unmercifully flogged for the slightest offences. At least 20 prisoners are held there although their sentences expired over a year ago. The stockades are guarded by armed men and bloodhounds.

Benjamin Bennett died of a broken heart at New Haven, Conn., when he found that his wife had auctioned off a lot of curiosities he had spent his whole life collecting.