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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY 29.

A bad cold is the surest thing to be caught on a fishing excursion.

Apparently the bear that walks like a man also lies like a gas meter.

They've got now so that they simply ask, "What's the score?" They know who lost.

A woman considers that she has no clothes at all if some other woman has more than she has.

One of the important things in the education of a boy is that he should learn to keep his lips together.

The Reliance has been outsailed in a trial race, but perhaps they are merely trying to draw Sir Thomas off.

But isn't the news that "Russia takes Manchuria" something like the old joke about the Dutch taking Holland?

The sultan is fluently making promises. The trouble is that he isn't generally so fluent when it comes to keeping them.

The way a woman apologizes to a man is to think up something he has done which demanded an apology from him.

All Paul du Chaillu's exploring expeditions sink into insignificance compared with the one on which he has deported now.

A special commission will soon have to be appointed to unravel the matrimonial tangles of the Belmont and Vanderbilt families.

If Joaquin Miller denies the rumor that he is dead his opinion should be accepted as conclusive. Joaquin is in a position to know.

Johann Most would tell you that New York city is going to the devil. The saloonkeepers there have abolished the free lunch.

The Turks have such an effective way of doing things. When they "suspect" that a village contains bombs they simply destroy the place to make sure.

William K. Vanderbilt says that inherited wealth is death to ambition. Possibly—to men of the type whose ambition would in any case end with wealth.

"A dozen college youths smothered in girls," says a news dispatch from St. Paul. What have college boys ever done to merit such sweet concentration?

Some men don't know enough to go in out of the rain, and women whose ankles are becoming to them sometimes know enough not to go in out of the rain.

Learning that "A Hot Time In the Old Town" is our national anthem and battle hymn, Frau Wagner greatly fears that "Parsifal" will be vulgarized in America.

The dome of the capitol at Washington is receiving a coat of paint, for the first time in nine years. This seems to put the finishing touch on the country's prosperity.

A New Jersey woman left $50 for the purpose of a jollification over her corpse. The jollification was duly held, and the crowd got gloriously full with the drinks that were "on the dead."

A Pennsylvania congregation recently asked Mr. Carnegie for $1 000 toward the purchase of a new organ—in fact, of a "kist o' whustles." Mr. Carnegie's reply was short, sweet and Scotch: "I will."

A whole lot of anxiety has been dispelled by the announcement that the end of the world is not due until 2914. That leaves us all plenty of time to wind up our business affairs and lay out our best clothes.

Perhaps the ladies, too, will take an interest in the trouble in the Balkans when they learn that it is sending up the price of attar of roses, the making of which is one of the principal industries of Bulgaria.

Frank Sallen of Marlboro, Conn., won a prize of $50 by sawing 17 cords of hard wood in five hours. This is believed to be the record, but if you have any doubt about it you can get a woodpile and a saw and try it.

The editor of the Hartford Post has had a sad experience. "One of the meanest feelings that man ever suffered," he says, is when he wakes up from a snooze in church and suddenly realizes that folks are watching him."

A reward of $5,000 was offered for the return of a lost rope of pearls by a New York woman. The working girl who found the jewels was given $100, and now she is suing for the remaining $4,900. Here's hoping she may get every cent of it.

When the Japan Mail of April 11 states that the Osaka copper mining company produced 1,400,000 kin in the last half year it says we know not what, but when it adds that the company will declare an 8 per cent dividend it speaks a universal tongue.

The governors who are complaining because they were offered dray horses to ride in the St. Louis parade should be grateful that they didn't draw bucking bronchos in the lottery.

A young New York millionaire takes a detective to Bible class with him every Sunday. He seems to have but little faith in the ways of the Lord.

Secretary Chamberlain has changed from a pessimist to an optimist. He wants to spent $175,000,000 in the development of South Africa.

THE MICHIGAN NEWS

What is Doing in All Sections of the State

Eleven Passengers Injured.

One of the worst accidents that the Rapid Railway has ever experienced occurred Tuesday morning on the outskirts of New Baltimore, a dozen people being more or less seriously injured. A locomotive is used on the Rapid Railway between Chesterfield and Marine City to haul freight running night only. As there is no turn table or "Y" at Chesterfield, the locomotive runs backwards when on its trip to Marine City. It is claimed that owing to a pressure of freight business these trains have of late been encroaching upon the time of the passenger service. The morning the engine was pulling 14 loaded cars when it crashed into the electric car. The tender of the engine was driven half way through the passenger car, smashing it in splinters. About 11 passengers were on the electric car at the time of the accident and nearly all were injured.

A Treasurer's Shortage.

Monguagon township has a sensation which has greatly stirred that quiet subdivision of the county. Township Treasurer Frank Parent and Deputy Treasurer Walter F. Sanders handed in their resignations to Supervisor Jones, with the statement that there was a shortage of between $3,000 and $4,000 in the accounts of the office. Parent at the same time turned over deeds to all his property, consisting of a saloon, boathouse and some real estate in Trenton, telling Supervisor Jones to use the property to liquidate as far as possible the defalcation. Parent is also under a small bond that it is expected will be sufficient to make up any difference between the amount of his property and the shortage in the funds. Deputy Treasurer Sanders, although in the entire charge of the affairs of the office, was under no bonds.

A New Paper.

Beginning with the middle of next month, Jackson prisons will have its own printing establishment and its own official organ—a four-page weekly paper. Some 60 long-term prisoners, from their meager earnings, have contributed enough money to fit up a well appointed plant. Altogether, $700 has been spent for the purchase of a very good hand press and the necessary type, and further purchases are being made from time to the equipment complete. The editorial management rests in the hands of a committee composed of prisoners who will devote the time they have to themselves, in the evenings and on Sundays, to the editing of the manuscript, while the warden will exercise censorship.

Killed a Soldier.

Larry Oliver, colored, stabbed Geo. Engels, a private in Co. A, First Infantry, at Sault Ste. Marie Sunday night, causing wounds which resulted in the soldier's death. According to Oliver's story, he was walking with his wife, who is a white woman, when five soldiers followed him, making slighting remarks about the "nigger with the white woman," and on his attention to them for a time, believing they were under the influence of liquor, and not responsible for what they were saying. However, when they turned off the street he says three of the soldiers assaulted him, and when one of them made a motion as if to draw a bayonet he pulled a knife and stabbed him.

Another Warning.

Prophetess Ellen G. White has issued another warning to the Seventh Day Adventists, which was published in the Review and Herald of Battle Creek Wednesday. She informs them that God's judgments have fallen upon the institutions in Battle Creek, and that other calamities are impending if the warnings continue to be disregarded. The frequent fires, which have resulted in a loss of $1,000,000, are some of the judgments to which she refers. Some of the leading Adventists have expressed opinions that Mrs. White is a doubtful prophet and do not hesitate to attribute the fires to incendiary origin.

The Railway Suits.

The hearing in the suits of the 30 Michigan railway corporations against the state, to prevent the collection of the ad valorem tax, will not be begun in Grand Rapids, as expected, this week. The mandamus case of the Detroit school board against the tax commission rendered necessary a new computation of the taxes, and the addition of about $570,000 to the sum the railways would pay under the new law, so the suits begun before Judge Wanty will be dropped, and new ones, involving questions arising out of the decision in the school case will be started within a few days.

Poaching in Michigan.

The Alpena Ranch Co., incorporated with $20,000 capital by a number of men at Cass City, filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state today. The company proposes to purchase lands from the state, ditch, fence and reclaim unproductive tracts, buy and sell lands and raise stock and farm products. The company was brought into existence by reason of the prospect that northern Michigan lands will become valuable for farming, the basis of the value of the state being an additional inducement.

Startling Evidence Coming.

Prosecuting Attorney Hooper has decided to assist Coroner Merritt in hearing the evidence in the Battle Creek sanitarium's fatal farm fire, and it is now rumored that some startling testimony may be introduced. Although the county officers have offered $200 reward for the discovery of the firebug, the sanitarium management has not increased the sum. A meeting of the board of managers has not yet been called to consider the question.

Ludington will get into the health resort game by building a bath house. It has been found necessary to order another shipment of street cars for Battle Creek, to be rushed as soon as possible.

One easy mark lost $25, and many others smaller sums in a shell game operated in connection with a circus in Adrian.

Mendon citizens will not have ice this season. The local ice men quarrelled last winter instead of putting up ice and the people are lamenting.

After drilling to a depth of 2,985 feet near Lake Goguac, Battle Creek's water supply hunters have struck a flow of petroleum instead of pure water.

AROUND THE STATE.

Fire destroyed the shingle and saw mill in Perronville with a loss of $20,000.

A fine new clock has just been installed in the tower of the courthouse at Allegan.

Fishing in Cass river is reported the best this spring that it has been for many years.

Dowagiac will have a Carnegie library of the $15,000 type instead of the $10,000 kind.

Caspar Schelling, of Lansing, has been appointed deputy game warden for Ingham county.

The new Elks' temple in Lansing, one of the finest in the state, will be dedicated May 28 and 29.

The new creamery factory to be erected at Gagetown is expected to be ready for business next fall.

Mrs. Mary Bell, of Traverse City, crazed by insomnia, drowned herself in Bordeman lake at midnight.

Grant, Newaygo Co., will have a canning factory and a salting station for a pickle factory this summer.

There is a great scarcity of bricklayers in Manistique this spring, and building operations are hampered.

The Grand Trunk and the Ann Arbor railway will give $5,000 each for a R. R. Y. M. C. A. building in Durand.

E. B. Butler's house in Merritt was burned Yednesday night and his daughters, aged 4 and 6, lost their lives.

Seven years ago on Monday, May 25, 1896—the terrific cyclone which caused the death of over forty persons swept over Oakland, Lapeer and Macomb counties.

An organized gang of robbers made a systematic raid on the Menominee saloons Saturday night, and, as a result, five resorts are out cash and various other articles.

Burnham's hardware store is out $30, and the postoffice $40 and a quantity of postage stamps, as the result of a visit of a gang of five burglars to Deerfield Saturday night.

Edward Coer Dubois, formerly an engineer of railways in Michigan, died in Callao, Peru, Monday. He had been a resident in Peru for thirty-two years and was much respected.

Shepherd will have an 18-year-old boy as superintendent of its public schools next year. He is Harold Kellogg, of Corunna, who is now in the Normal school at Mt. Pleasant.

The body of Nels Nelson, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago after threatening to kill himself, was found Sunday morning floating in Ross Lake, two miles from Iron Mountain.

After forty years the federal government has gotten around to allowing the claim of L. A. Dillingham, of Bay City, for four items of short pay while he was serving in the civil war.

J. E. Leland, alias Brown, a safe cracker, convicted, who blew up and robbed a safe in a store at Champion, this county, has been sentenced to eight years in the Marquette penitentiary.

At an auction sale at Paw Paw last week the old county jail went for $310 and a woodshed on the old court house grounds for $51, but not a single bid was received for the old courthouse bell.

Gov. Bliss, having signed the bill creating the village of Marlborough, where the Great Northern cement plant is located, the election of village officers will take place on the first Monday in June.

Bay county's four smallpox contract surgeons have absolute charge of all contagious diseases, taking such cases directly out of the hands of the city and township health boards. The only fixed thing about their services is their salary.

After a long and bitter legal contest the estate of George Hirst, of Byron township, was settled and the 12 heirs received $2 to divide among them. The entire estate amounted to $1,038.77, but the heirs could not agree on a division.

Garrett Pasoman, of Kalamazoo, aged 12, may lose his life as the result of peculiar accident. While he and a companion were spinning the Michigan Central roundhouse table he fell with his right leg across a steel rail, breaking the limb below the knee.

The strawberry season has opened in and about Galien, and pickers are flocking in from the cities by the hundreds. Berries form a large percentage of the berry pickers. The crop is about 10 days earlier than last year, and the yield promises to be enormous.

C. P. Schuler, of Allegan, believes from a description given him that the man who committed suicide in Michigan City, Ind., by throwing himself under a train, was his brother-in-law, who recently escaped from the Michigan state asylum. Matson, the suicide, was buried in the potter's field.

By remitting to the auditor-general $7,000, the difference between the tax levied originally by the commission and the new assessment made by order of the Supreme Court, the Manistique Railroad Co. has won the distinction of being the only railroad in the state to pay taxes under the new computation.

Burglars broke into Zilk's hardware store in Lenox Sunday night and stole three shotguns, a revolver and $25. They visited Horning, another hardware man, next, and took his horse. A little further on, they came upon a buggy that suited them, and then they drove off.

William D. Stormont, for many years an honored justice of the peace of Missaukee township, was arrested in a state of consternation. The town was somewhat wrought up over the matter, because, while the saloonkeepers have been forbidden to sell him any liquor, he has been constantly under its influence.

The prosecuting attorney says he does not believe he will be able to get an impartial jury in the case of Francis Teal, the 81-year-old man who used a club to defend himself from the assaults of Frederick Marker, 22 years old, even if the case should go to the Circuit Court. He thinks there is a prejudice in favor of an old man who has to resort to violence to defend himself from a youngster.

A. N. Wood, a religious fanatic of Benton Harbor, who left home to live the life of a hermit because his wife insisted upon hanging pictures on the walls, died yesterday as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

Congressman Smith, of Grand Rapids, has written Representative Colby on the matter of the primary election bill. "Permit me to say that I am unhesitatingly and unqualifiedly in favor of this proposition, the effect of which I think will be wholesome, and is certainly in line with public sentiment expressed in many states of the union, and in addition the national house of representatives have twice passed a bill having the same general object in view. As I said to you in my former letter regarding the primary election law I believe that the public service will be improved when nominations are made directly by the people, and I sincerely hope that the legislature may see its way clear to give force and effect to the sentiment widespread throughout our state regarding this matter."

Some of the members of the house are beginning to realize that it might be well to shut off the establishment of new institutions, as it means the raising of taxes not only for the buildings and sites, but means additional annual expense for maintenance, and when once established the boards of such institutions are always lobbying and scheming for more buildings, additional land, etc. It is being pointed out that while Michigan's population is increasing the number of inmates in her public institutions is growing much faster, and taxes are piling up out of proportion to the increase in population.

The primary election bill seems to be gaining headway. On Thursday some of its opponents expressed slightly altered views. Amendments are now being prepared at the instance of the opposition which propose that candidates for county offices, members of the legislature, and candidates for governor shall be nominated by direct vote of the people, and by the time the conference committees get together again next week it is quite likely that some arrangement with the house will have been arrived at.

Following is said to cover the essential points of the new libel law that will be introduced at this session. The bill provides for the collection of damages by offended parties for carelessness in or lack of reasonable investigation before the publication of untrue statements, whether such statements are libelous or not; provides for the collection of damages by parties who suffer mental anguish from slights put on the public press, whether true or not.

The following appropriation bills, aggregating the sum of $443,000, are before the senate committee on finance and appropriations, and will probably not be passed this session: Governor's mansion at Lansing, $50,000; White Cloud hospital and sanitarium, for consumptives, $65,000; additions to the state capital building, $25,000; psychopathic ward at the University of Michigan hospital, $12,000; monuments at Chickamauga and Chattanooga, $30,000.

The senate health committee has reported out the Nottingham medical bill. The measure has one important amendment, which was added at the instance of physicians far and wide who object to the publication of scurrilous or nasty advertisements by quack physicians. This amendment is attached to the section providing the conditions under which physicians' certificates are to be issued.

Rep. Partlow is just recovering from a serious illness and he will not be able to return to Lansing before the end of the session, according to a letter read in the house last week. Hence the action of the representatives in laying his bill to close photograph galleries on Sundays on the table until next January is equivalent to killing the measure outright.

Gov. Bliss has signed the bill to provide indeterminate sentences for criminals. The original bill was introduced by Vaughan, but the substitute for the measure that finally passed both houses. The governor also signed the bill providing for the junket to Georgia to dedicate the monument at Andersonville.

The house killed Senator Glasgow's bill to provide that in those judicial circuits having more than one county, the circuit judge should be reimbursed from the county treasury for his actual expenses in holding court in any county in his circuit other than that in which he resided.

The senate cities and villages committee has decided to throw into the waste basket Senator Bell's bill to create a juvenile court in Detroit; also, the bill to place the Detroit water commission's finances under the same system as those of the other departments.

President Angell and the members of the board of regents of the state university were before the university committee Tuesday night to argue against Rep. Randall's bill to limit the income from the one-fourth mill tax to $300,000 a year.

The house has passed the Ferry bill to provide that upon petition of 500 or more qualified electors of Detroit all proposed boulevards, parks, or extensions of old ones, in Detroit streets, alleys and public places, shall be submitted to the people.

Ex-Senator Earle's good roads bill has been put to sleep by the house ways and means committee. It originally provided for a yearly appropriation of $10,000 for the good roads commission, but this was reduced to $5,000 a year.

Reports from Representative Duncan, of Detroit, are to the effect that he will not be likely to attend to his duties at Lansing very much during the rest of the session. He has been ill for some time.

As Friday was Gov. Bliss' 66th birthday, the house, on motion of Rep. Sallen, of Detroit, passed congratulatory resolutions, which will be engrossed and presented to the governor and Mrs. Bliss.

The house adjourned to Monday night after being in session only an hour Friday morning and passed a few senate local bills. As usual there was no quorum of the senate.

Jake, the 18-year-old son of Earnest Baur, living near Reese, was accidentally killed yesterday afternoon, while playing in a barn. A heavy overlay attached to a swing fell, striking him across the chest. A blood vessel was ruptured and he bled to death before a doctor could reach him.

Chas. Runge, on a few miles north of Holland, is afflicted with senile gangrene, and his condition is deplorable. His toes are dropping off. He is about 70 years of age. At one time he had a good deal of money and owned several farms and other real estate, but he is poor now and needs the assistance of his neighbors.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Brief Chronicle of Matters of Importance

Jewish Massacre To Go On.

The singular state of mind of the townspeople of Kishineff, Bessarabia, while they were massacring the Jews is described in a letter from a non-Jewish German of Odessa, who writes: "The leaders of the bands, on entering Jewish dwellings, often addressed the occupants good naturedly saying: 'Poor brethren, we must kill you. It is so ordered.'

"The state of terror of the Jews at Kishineff continues. A fresh massacre is expected there and the Jews of Odessa and all large towns of Bessarabia are living in hourly dread of death. The whole province seems to be in a state of fanatical fury against the Jews. The excitement is intensified through proclamations distributed in the streets and from some of the bitterly anti-Semitic newspapers. The Russians say:

"'It is for czar's will that the Jews be everywhere robbed. Orders have been given that we start again at Pentecost.'

"Unless the St. Petersburg government develops a more energetic policy the events at Kishineff will undoubtedly be repeated in other towns."

The Deadly Automobile.

In view of the number of accidents some fatal, in the first stage of the Paris Madrid auto race from Versailles to Bordeaux, Premier Combes has forbidden the continuance of the contest on French territory. The second stage of the race which began at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, included a run over French territory from Bordeaux to the Spanish frontier. Premier Combe's action will probably result in the race being abandoned. Dispatches arriving from points along the course give an appalling list of fatalities and accidents. The latest occurred near Bonneval, 19 miles from Chartres, where machine No 243, driven by M. Porter, was overturned at a railroad crossing and took fire. The chauffeur was caught underneath the automobile and burned to death, while two soldiers and a child were killed.

Oppressed Jews Coming.

To Chicago alone it is said 6,000 persons from Kishineff and other stricken towns in Bessarabia will come, that number of tickets having been sent from here by friends and relatives of the Jews there. Although the public relief funds raised in this city have been remarkably large, having reached about $80,000 on the west side and $10,000 on the Lakeside club, inquiry among Russian Jews in this city has shown that perhaps even more money than they have contributed to the public funds has been sent privately in the form of drafts, express packages and postal remittances. A careful estimate of the amount that has been expended privately has been made by several leaders among the Jewish people in the Ghetto and it is believed to amount to $150,000.

Now the Truth Comes Out.

John J. Ryan, whose confessions caused the arrest of A. Wesley Jones, assistant attorney-general of the postoffice department at Washington, and of Jos. M. Johns, prosecuting attorney of Parke county at Rockville, Ind., operated his "get-rich-quick" turf investment concern from Chicago and from St. Louis and ran winter races at Newport, Ky. Other warrants have been issued as a result of the investigation of the postoffice inspectors. Ryan says Johns asked $5,000 but he got his work for $2,500.

Last Water Scandal Trial.

The trial of Gerrit H. Albers, of Grand Rapids, ex-circuit court commissioner, charged with offering a bribe to Ald. Renihan during the summer of 1900, is on. It is the last of the water scandal cases, and the information alleges that the defendant corruptly offered the alderman $3,000 to influence him to favor a contract to bring water to Grand Rapids from Lake Michigan. Former Prosecuting Attorney Rogers, Judge Allen C. Adsit, Myron H. Walker and Francis Stace appeared for the defense.

Destruction Was Widespread.

Hundreds of persons were rendered homeless and property damage to the extent of $200,000 was done in the Enid, Okla., bottoms alone, by a cloudburst that struck at midnight. The aggregate will be greater, probably, on account of losses between Enid and the seat of the storm. A bank of water, three feet high and 200 feet wide, swept down through the bottoms carrying houses and everything before it. It came upon Enid without warning while most of the citizens were asleep. Within a few minutes a hundred houses were partly or completely submerged. Rescuers went to work immediately and all night labored to save persons from perilous positions. Many lost everything they possessed. The means for relieving distress are inadequate. The rainfall the past ten days has been the heaviest in the history of Oklahoma and indications are that more will follow. Reports of losses in the country west of Enid are meager, but it is believed heavy damage was done.

Which Will Go?

Either Postmaster General Payne or First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne must leave the postoffice department within the next few months because of the conditions arising from the recent investigation into postal service. This statement was made by a former member of the postoffice committee of the house of representatives, who is interested in the affairs of the department makes him an exceptionally reliable source of information in such a matter. This gentleman says that both Mr. Payne and Mr. Wynne fully realize the situation and that they expect a crisis shortly after President Roosevelt's return to Washington, two weeks hence, or possibly closely following the end of the investigation.

Marcum's Murderers Indicted.

After an all day's session of the special grand jury sitting in Jackson, Ky., to end from which the principal witness was escorted under protection of a guard of soldiers Monday, Curtis Jett and Tom White were indicted for the assassination of James B. Marcum. The action taken by the grand jury was prompt and decisive and to-night there is a growing impression that justice will at last be administered in the Harris-Cockrill feud, of which Attorney Marcum was the latest victim.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The town and village of Niagara Falls will be united as the city of Niagara Falls.

About 10,000 ex-Confederates marched in the parade at the reunion at New Orleans Friday.

Arthur E. Bailey, of Michigan, was elected national warden of the Junior Order of Mechanics at the Frisco convention.

Mark Hanna says: "I have often stated, both privately and publicly, that I am not and will not be a candidate for the presidential nomination."

The recount of the Lorimer-Dubbrow election contest in Chicago gives Lorimer a majority of 1,001. The original returns gave him 985.

James Brown, coal miner at Bay mine No. 2, was married last Monday and Tuesday he was arrested for an assault alleged to have been made February 14 on a miner named Charles Swanson. Swanson exhibits a broken jaw and a badly battered body.

Deep Mountain grasshoppers are devastating a section of Montana, while three feet of snow has fallen over a large section during the past week. Between the two, stockmen are having a serious time, feeding their cattle.

Glanders has caused the death of Simon Wilson, a colored stableman at Newark, N. J. This is the second case there in which this disease peculiar to horses has attacked a human being. Alfred Meyer is in the last stages of the disease.

Marshall Storm Torn.

Marshall was struck by a wind storm Saturday afternoon, the worst storm the city has ever experienced, culminating in a cyclone which wrought thousands of dollars worth of damage to buildings, and tore up by the roots hundreds of shade trees. Several people were injured, but no one was killed, escape from death seeming almost miraculous. The damage to buildings is rated at not less than $100,000, while that to hundreds of beautiful shade trees cannot be figured. The Oakdale home for aged and indigent women, valued at $40,000, lost the roof and a large veranda, the rear half of the building is nearly in ruins, and the walls are seamed and cracked. Some residences were torn to pieces and so fierce was the force of the storm that not a piece of timber in them was left, the whole mass being broken, torn, and whisked to splinters. The Catholic cemetery is a mass of tangled trees, and the beautiful spot is nearly ruined. Several monuments are tipped and some have been damaged done. Telephone, telegraph and electric light service was utterly stopped and the city left in darkness.

A Senseless Strike.

The miners employed in the Handy Bros.' Mining Co.'s two shafts are out on a peculiar and apparently senseless strike. About two-thirds of the men live in West Bay City and have been going to the mines, about seven miles west, on the Michigan Central R. R. The charge for the round trip was 45 cents, of which Handy Bros. paid 30. The firm recently completed its own road to the mines and commenced running a passenger train, on which the men were charged 15 cents for the round trip. The first day the train ran they demanded free transportation of the company and refused to go to work. At a meeting held to consider the proposition the men decided by a vote of 68 to 64 to remain out, but it is believed a majority will be ready to return to work by the end of the week.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

George Francis Train has smallpox at the home of his sister at Stamford, Conn.

School boys have formed unions in New Haven, Conn., schools to secure shorter school hours—a continuous session from 8 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Former President Kruger arrived at Paris from Mentone on his way to Holland and received a sympathetic welcome from a small crowd of intimate friends who boarded his train at the railroad station.

Over 5,000 workers over the present available supply are needed to can the present California fruit crop. It is estimated that unless there is immediate immigration of labor the loss from failure to handle the fruit crop will be 50 per cent.

Mrs. Jacob Hanson, of Kokomo, Ind., was so overcome with joy at the success of her daughter's oration at the high school commencement, that she died where she sat, and her daughter went on to the end without knowing what had happened to her mother.

An autopsy performed on the body of Iona Mason, a 13-year-old Cleveland girl who it was supposed had committed suicide on Monday by drinking carbolic acid, showed that her death was due to a ruptured heart, a cause, according to the coroner, rare enough to be remarkable.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending May 30.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Grand Opera in English.—Matinees Wednesday and Saturday. Evenings at 8.

LYCEUM THEATER—Pike Theater Co.—"Miss Hobbs." Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

WHITNEY THEATER—"The Pedlar's Claim"—Mat. 10c, 15c and 25c. Eve ngs 10c, 20c and 30c.

TEMPLE THEATER OF WONDERS—Open All Afternoon 2:15, 10c to 50c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Choice steers, $4.90@4.85; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $4@4.70; light to good butchers, $3.50@3.90; best heifers, $3.70@4; best cows, $2.75@4.60; mixed butcher's fat cows, $2.50@3.50; canners, $1.90@2.25; best bulls, $3@3.50; good shippers' bulls, $3.90@4; common feeders, $2.50@3; good well-conditioned feeders, $3.25@3.50; stockers, $2.75@3.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $6.20@6.25; pigs, $6.15@6.20; light yorkers, $6.10@6.15; roughs, $5.20@5.25; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6.75@7; fair to good lambs, $6@6.50; light to common lambs, $4@4.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $3.50@4; culls and common, $2@3.25; spring lambs, $6@8.75.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Practically none on sale Thursday. Range of prices about same as last week.

Hogs—Medium, $6.45@6.50; heavy, $6.45@6.52½; Yorkers, $6.40@6.45; pigs, $6.40@6.50; roughs, $5.40@5.50; stags, $4@4.25.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6.75@6.90; fair to good, $6@6.50; culls, common, $4@5; mixed sheep, $4.50@4.75; yearlings, $5.50@6.40; culls, bucks, $3@3.50; wethers, yearlings, $5@5.75; calves, slow; tops, $5.50@6; fair to good, $4@5.

Chicago.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, $4.90@5.30; poor to medium, $4@4.90; stockers and feeders, $3@4.65; cows, $1.50@4.60; heifers, $2@4.50; canners, $1.50@2.75; bulls, $2.25@4.25; calves, $2.50@6.65; Texas fed steers, $4@4.60.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $6.10@6.35; good to choice heavy, $6.30@6.40; rough heavy, $6.15@6.40; light, $5.90@6.20; bulk of sales, $6.20@6.40.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4.75@5.50; fair to choice mixed, $3.75@4.75; native lambs, $4.50@7.

Grain.

Detroit.—Wheat—No. 2 white, 76c; No. 2 red, 5 cars at 79½c, 5 cars at 79c, 5 cars at 78½c, 5 cars at 78c; May, 10,000 bu at 78½c, 5,000 bu at 78c; July, 10,000 bu at 75c, 5,000 bu at 74½c; September, 5,000 bu at 73½c, 5,000 bu at 73c, 5,000 bu at 72¼c, closing at 72c; No. 3 red, 74c per bu.

Corn—No. 2, 44c; No. 3 mixed, 42½c; No. 3 yellow, 5 cars at 47½c, closing 48c bid.

Oats—No. 2 white, 32½c; No. 3, 32c nominal; No. 4 white, 30c per bu.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 53c; No. 3 rye, 50½c per bu.

Beans—Spot, $1.75; May and July, $2.28 bid; October, $1.90 bid.

Clover seed—Prime October, $5.40 per bu.

Chicago.—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 80½c; No. 2 red, 79½@80c; May, 76½@77c.

Corn—No. 2, 44½c; No. 2 yellow, 46½c.

Oats—No. 2, 29½c; No. 3 white, 30½@32c.

Rye—No. 2, 49@50c.

A Gatling gun will back up the 100 troopers who will be on duty at Jackson, Ky., during the grand jury investigation of the feud murders.

Gov. Beckham has ordered a company of state troops to Barbourville to guard the grand jury which is to investigate the Breathitt county feuds.

Mat Ivey, J. Ward, of Flint, shot himself 42 years ago, so he shot being left in his arm. Recently the wound has been paining him, and he applied poultices. As the result of the applications a No. 4 shot was drawn out. The shot was still bright after so many years in his body.

The general opinion of members is that the legislature will not quit business until the latter part of next week.

Because of a schoolboy fight Walter L. Campbell ran away from home at Kansas City 35 years ago and has not been heard of in 15 years; yet his father has just left a $50,000 estate to him.

A big bull moose, which has been prowling around, made a call in Sangerville, Me., knocked down fences, tore up lawns and wadded through things in a way which looked as if a cyclone had struck town.

NO RACE SUICIDE IN THIS FAMILY.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weber and Children.

Oscar Weber of Atlantic City proves his belief in the "Roosevelten theory" by striving to pound out a living as a cabinet maker for a family of eleven children, ten of whom are boys. The oldest child has reached the advanced age of 25, and the youngest is half past three.

Weber was born in Saxony and his wife is a Bohemian.

The accompanying photograph of the family is a chip shy, as one child was away from home when the camera was trained on the group.

William Coovert, of Frankfort, Ky., determined to commit suicide and wrote to his wife to tell her so, but while he was composing the fatal message to do it a blood clot formed on his heart and he dropped dead.

About 120 state troopers have reached Jackson, Ky., to preserve order in the town and about the court house during the investigation of the assassination of Attorney Marcum.

Suicide in a bath tub was the method Chas. Adams, of Middletown, N. Y., took to evade trial for attempted murder of his wife. He left a letter saying he knew he'd be convicted.

Postmaster General Payne announces deficiencies in both the regular free delivery service and the rural free delivery service of the postoffice department aggregating $227,467, of which $105,000 is in the regular delivery branch and $121,600 in the rural free delivery service. Mr. Payne, for the first time, publicly criticised the administration of A. W. Machen.

The three Spanish caravels and the bronze statue of Columbus that figured at the World's fair at Chicago, are to be disposed of to the highest bidder. The statue has been lying on a rubbish heap for years, and the caravels have been rotting in a lagoon.

President Roosevelt spent a quiet Sunday at Seattle, Wash., and said he appreciated the deference of the citizens in not disturbing him more than any public attention. During the morning the president attended the memorial services of the G. A. R. at the Grand opera house.

A tornado that passed near Norman and later struck Pauline, Neb., and the intervening country early Monday, caused heavy damage and many lives are reported lost. It is believed the death list will number 21, while many others are known to have been injured. Details are meager.

Mrs. Alvin Bachman, of Slatington, Pa., cut the throats of her two youngest children, Edna, aged 3, and Roy, aged 1, using her husband's razor. Standing beside her babes as they lay in their bed she cut her jugular vein and crawled into the bath tub to die.

A man in woman's garb was the companion and murderer of Fred Yeager near Kokomo, Ind., is the latest theory of the detectives investigating the murders of two young swains. Logan English, Frank Eads and Willard Eads, who were arrested because of a feud between them and rival towns were released from custody. They established strong alibis.