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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MAY 8.

The latest physiognomical wrinkle is the alum face.

Is Wisdom wise when it goes to the revels of Folly? If so, it is foolish.

The Vanderbilt-Neilson merger goes into effect under the most flattering auspices.

With racing and baseball in full bloom spring might as well settle down to business herself.

There is another crisis in the Balkans., It is the fourth that has come along since a week ago Friday.

The Missouri man who has been working for twelve years on a crazy quilt must have a mind of that pattern.

Dr. Cyrus Edson says that grip is caught through kissing. And yet a kiss has caused many a man to lose his grip.

The Mad Mullah's mother is sought. Now if they could catch his motherin-law, perhaps he'd quiet down and live in peace.

It is a wonder the people of Denmark have never risen in their wrath and thrown vegetables and things at the stage Dane.

They have discovered George Washington's little hatchet, and it cannot tell a lie, for didn't Parson Weems invent it?

A bald-headed men's club has been formed in Cleveland. Isn't it about time for the people who wear glass eyes to get together?

A New York goat ate its owner's mackintosh and $50 in bills which were in the pockets. Moral: Don't leave money in your mackintosh.

Thieves stole a statue weighing a ton from a Chicago office building. They probably concluded that the building was old and not worth taking.

A clergyman in New York announces that he will write no more Sunday sermons for the papers of that city. Perhaps they have stopped asking him.

Rockefeller is now troubled with insomnia as well as dyspepsia. What's the use of being a multi-millionaire if you must have sleepless sheeps and eatless meals?

Because a New York policeman could not show that he had a bank account he was declared insane. This may be called prima facie evidence—in New York.

The attorney general of New Jersey has been fined for running his automobile too fast. The people of New Jersey must be taking their laws seriously this spring.

Springfield, Mass., has a millionaire who works as a day laborer. But he is probably doing it for fun, and not because he is afraid of losing his job if should rest up a bit.

In the 10 years ending with 1901 the world's production of gold was 4,905 tons, worth $2,291,400,510. Even Mr. Rockefeller isn't rich enough to corner the gold market yet.

The ex-Crown Prince of Saxony and her former husband have made up and will be married again "for the sake of the dynasty." That dynasty must be pretty hard up for material.

There is absolutely no truth in the story that Harry Lehr barked like a dog on his way home from the Vanderbilt wedding. He may have barked like a puppy, but not like a dog.

A beautiful girl has married a titled Englishman who had to go to the workhouse because of his poverty. The wonderful thing about the case is that she isn't an American heiress.

Betting on horse races is a fascinating sport, and when conducted through race betting firms the opportunity to lose money is quite as good as if the customer were present in the pooring.

The larger the wheat crop the happier the railroads. The smaller the wheat crop the happier the operators who wish to corner it. The consumer, as usual, has the privilege of paying in either event.

The new Shamrock's spinnaker hoists 140 feet, is 78 feet across the foot and is exceptionally full. There must be cloth enough in it to make canvas trousers for a whole orphan asylum full of boys.

Count Robert de Montesquiou is saying uncomplimentary things about Americans since his return to that dear Paris. This is unkind of the count. Didn't he find the people smiling wherever he went over here?

The Economites, a community of celibates who once flourished near Pittsburg, have died off or deserted until only half a dozen are left, and they have just sold out and retired from business. It's pretty hard to keep any community up to the standard on celibacy.

A Tennessee contemporary records the birth of a girl baby with three hands and arms. Fortunate infant. When she attains the age of long dresses she will be able to carry an umbrella in one hand, hold up her skirts with the second, and keep the wind from blowing her hat off with the third.

A Kentucky woman has resigned from the Daughters of the American Revolution because she can't vote. This is a terrible revenge, but let us hope the country will bear up bravely.

MICHIGAN STATE NEWS

COUNTY OFFICERS WITHOUT PAY

Queer Predicament in Which Ingham Supervisors Are Placed.

The county officers of Ingham county are in trouble. As a result of the investigation of ex-Clerk Woodworth's affairs some time ago an order was issued that thereafter no bills be paid except on warrants signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors. The board as at present constituted has no chairman, the last incumbent's term having expired, and consequently none of the county officers can get their pay. A special session of the board to choose a chairman will probably be called to relieve the situation.

HITS BOY WITH CIRCULAR SAW

Lads Had Been Teasing Newly Wed Couple at Bay City.

Fred Wendt, 15 years old, has a hole in his skull, the result of a charivari. A wedding occurred at the home of Charles Cook at West Bay City, and a crowd of boys made things unpleasant. Wendt was passing by, it is claimed, and was not a member of the gang, but when Cook picked up a circular saw, 18 inches in diameter and threw it, it struck Wendt above the ear, the heavy teeth crushing through the skull. Wendt is said to have a chance for recovery.

Defrauds the People.

The people of Marshall have found that they were unwittingly contributing to a sort of get-rich-quick scheme a year ago. At that time the bills paid by the city for fumigating houses where there had been contagious diseases ran from $12 to $14 a house. One of the papers complained and since then the charge has been $1 a house, nor has there been any complaint that the work isn't done just as thoroughly as when the higher rate was charged.

To Cultivate Blueberries.

J. A. Coffin of Machias, Me., has wired a Traverse City representative to place a force of men at work to prepare several hundred acres of pine barrens for the cultivation of blueberries. The tract is located in the eastern portion of Grand Traverse county and the western portion of Kalkaska county. Mr. Coffin will arrange for the erection of a large canning factory. The first crop will be raised next year.

Release Game Warden.

Deputy Game Warden Spafford, who shot and killed Frank McLain in Ogemaw county, has been released from arrest. The officials who investigated the affair concluded that his plea of self-defense was right. Spafford had caught McLain violating the fish law, and when he attempted to arrest him, McLain assaulted him with a spear and pinned him to the ground.

Howard City Hotel Burns.

The Hotel Coburn at Howard City caught fire and burned with contents. On account of a high wind Grand Rapids was asked for assistance, but the local fireman got it under control and help was not needed. The Coburn hotel was one of the oldest hotels in that part of the country, being built some thirty-five years ago. It was insured for $2,500.

Cold Kills Oats.

There are many fields of oats in the vicinity of Hudson that were sown before the recent cold rains that are now a dead loss to the owners. The seed rotted in the ground and the result is that many acres will have to be replanted. The oats that have been planted since the rains and on sandy soil are getting along finely.

Sees a Wild Cat.

Hoy Wood, a young farmer, while plowing in an open field a short distance from Tawas City, was startled by seeing a large wild cat running across the field. It ran in front of his horses and crouched in the furrow a short distance ahead of them. He threw a stone at the animal, which bounded away into the woods.

County Humane Society.

Branch county is doing a good work. Two years ago a county humane society was organized there, with headquarters at Coldwater, and the work of the society has been productive of so much good that now there is a general sentiment throughout that section tending toward the alleviation of suffering among dumb animals.

No Bid for Land.

A tract of 320 acres of land was offered at auction at Portland the other day, but there was not a single bidder on it. The land is not cleared and this is the reason no one wanted it. In these days of high wages for farm help and the extreme difficulty of securing men at any price, it costs too much to clear land.

Niles Expects Normal School.

Ex-Senator Blakeslee of Gallen says Berrien county stands a splendid chance of landing the proposed normal school, which would mean that it would go to Niles as no other town in the county is out after it.

Tries to Stop Runaway.

Carl Alfsen, an Alpena young man, saw a runaway horse coming down the street, and although there was no one in the rig he tried to stop it and was knocked down and trampled on and may not recover.

Bust of Senator Davis.

Washington dispatch: The handsome bronze bust of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis with its pedestal of brown Italian granite, has arrived in Washington from Italy. It will be unveiled May 30.

Bomb Exploded in Train.

Salonika, European Turkey, cable: A bomb has been exploded at the railroad junction near here. The train from Constantinople was damaged, but no one was injured.

COMPANY MUST PAY INSURANCE

Long-Drawn-Out Bean Case Is Finally Settled by Court.

Judge Kinne at Ann Arbor rendered his decision in the celebrated "bean case," which has been through all the stages of litigation from arbitration to litigation. Thomas Kearney, a farmer of Northfield, suffered a loss by fire on his barn. He was insured in the Washtenaw Mutual Fire Insurance company. He put in a claim for the loss of 500 bushels of beans value at $400. The company contended that these beans were not in the barn a the time of the fire and the defense was that Kearney was putting in a fraudulent claim. Judge Kinne holds that Kearney is innocent of any intent to defraud and is entitled to a judgment of $904 on the barn and contents.

FREE MASONS ERECT A TEMPLE

Tear Down Landmark to Build Commodious Lodge Hall.

Another one of Stockbridge's old landmarks is being obliterated. The old brick store that was built by Silas Beebe, who platted the village, is being torn away to make room for a more modern affair. It was erected in the year 1848, and has been used as a store all of these years. In 1862, when the Masons organized their lodge, they used the upper room for a lodge room. They have now outgrown their quarters and after tearing away the old building will erect a new one 80x43 feet, using the upper room for their lodge room. The front of the building will be built of cement blocks. When completed it will be one of the finest structures in the town.

Pure Cussedness.

It has been discovered that the heavy white cable attached to the case in No. 6 shaft of the Hecla branch of the Calumet & Hecla mine has been cut in three different places at intervals of about 200 feet by some person evidently maliciously inclined. The cable, which is 1,700 feet in length, is comprised of three strands, each of which was cut. The lives of the men in the shaft were greatly endangered by the dastardly work.

State Funds.

The exchequer of the state of Michigan at the close of business April 30 contained $5,250,186.90. The receipts of the month have about equaled the expenditures. During the month of May the cash balance will be materially reduced by the payment of the semi-annual allowance of primary school money. The auditor-general has decided to apportion 60 cents per capita, which will require $442,910.40.

Protect the Pets.

Following the pretty example set by Memphis, Tenn., many years ago, at which place squirrels, rabbits, pigeons etc., are held almost sacred in a pretty little park in the central part of the city, Ann Arbor has made for a long time a pet of its squirrels. Now Monroe has established some in the public square of that pretty little town.

Engine Displaces Horses.

Farmers around Schoolcraft are interested in the experiment being made by one of their number. He is doing his spring plowing with a four-gang plow, which is drawn by a traction engine. He proposes to make the engine take the place of horses in most of his farm work like plowing, mowing, harvesting, etc.

Counterfeit Dollars.

Grand Rapids is being flooded with bogus silver dollars. When the coins are new it is hard to tell them from the real thing, but in a few days this appearance wears off and it is easy to detect them. The coins bear the dates of 1884, 1885, 1886 and 1887. Large numbers of them are turning up at the banks.

Night Watch Report.

At a meeting of the Coldwater business men's association the following report was made by the night watch: There were 423 doors found unlocked, 2 open windows, 7 open shutters, 2 open safes, 19 open cellar windows, 25 articles left outside, 74 lights neglected and 8 arrests made.

Blame the Cows.

In the little country town of Ishpeming, where the cows are allowed to wander at their own free will on the streets, the grocers no longer dare to exhibit fresh vegetables in front of their stores. The cows eat them up.

Appropriate.

A Flint policeman came across a fellow the other day in whom indulgence in liquor had not dulled the sense of appropriateness. He was beastly drunk and had crawled into a pig pen to sleep.

Heavy Damages.

Jay D. Roberts of South Haven brought suit against the South Haven & Eastern railroad for injuries sustained by a train striking him while crossing a track at South Haven. The jury returned a verdict for $5,000. The case will go to the supreme court

Raises Teachers' Pay.

In order to put a stop, if possible, to so many teachers quitting their jobs to get married, the school board at Battle Creek has decided to raise all salaries 10 per cent.

Passenger Jumps Into Sea.

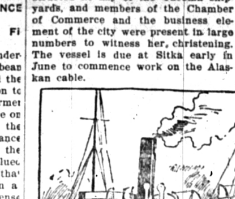
Boston dispatch: When the steamer Admiral Faragut was off Highland Light, on her way to this city from Port Antonio, Jamaica, C. Seabury of Providence, R. I., plunged overboard and was drowned.

Klondike Output.

Dawson dispatch: Sluicing out of all the creeks in the Klondike has begun. The estimated output for the year is given at $15,000,000, against $12,000,000 for last year.

UNITED STATES CABLE SHIP BURNSIDE.

The United States cable ship Burnside, launched last week at the Heath shipyards, Tacoma, Wash., is by all odds the largest steamship ever constructed at any of the Tacoma shipyards, and members of the Chamber of Commerce and the business element of the city were present in large numbers to witness her christening. The vessel is due at Sitka early in June to commence work on the Alaskan cable.



Denounced the Arrest.

The Rev. Charles Reichlin, pastor of St. Joseph's church in Lorain, O., and brother of Agatha Reichlin, who was murdered last week, on Sunday made a sensational denunciation of the authorities for the arrest of Rev. Ferdinand Walser on the charge of murdering his sister. The occasion was at the morning services in that church and the place was from the altar steps. He said: "I am sorry to see that Father Walser is connected with the murder of my sister. I am sorry because I know and am convinced before God that he is absolutely innocent and that no matter how strong public opinion is, how spiteful, how atrocious that public opinion may be it cannot make me change my mind. Under the sunlight of my sister. The time will come when I will give my version of the bloodbound story upon which the character of public opinion seems to be based. My friends, I believe Father Walser innocent until he is proven guilty. Personally, I must say that I do not know which assault is most brutal, the assault on the murdered girl on my sister or the assault upon the reputation of Father Walser, the assault made by public opinion upon that good priest."

A Guilty Conscience.

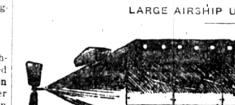
Ross remorse for the murder of his parents children, John Hartman, of Bennington, insane? He went suddenly insane and was placed in Owosso jail, where he paces his cell, muttering constantly to himself: "I did it. I got the stuff. Yes, I'm the man!" About six years ago he lived with his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hartman, on their fine large farm near Bolsburg. Mrs. William Roehm, wife of an Owosso stock dealer, also lived at the house. The old people died suddenly, the death of the elder Hartman being followed by that of his wife in a few months, both poisoned. Arrests followed, but proof was not strong enough, and Hartman and the woman escaped being bound over to the Circuit Court.

St. Louis' Great Day.

The dedication of the great exposition in St. Louis on Thursday marks an epoch in the history of that hustling town which will be the scene of the greatest exposition known to the world. President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland were the central figures in the occasion and both delivered addresses at the exposition building. Over 50,000 people crowded into the big auditorium, where in the presence of official representatives of all the civilized nations of the world, the exposition was formally opened by the president of the United States. There were 11,000 troops in the parade which was one of the most imposing that ever took place in St. Louis. The weather was raw and cold.

The Town Is Ruined.

The citizens of Frank are leaving town, and Engineer McHenry, of the Canadian Pacific, has stated that the remaining peak of the mountain is creeping slowly. At a mass meeting Premier Hamilton stated that the town was unsafe. The Canadian Pacific is providing special trains for those who desire to remove. The railroad itself is moving its rolling stock, and everything is being done to avert, if possible, another calamity.



LARGE AIRSHIP UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

The largest airship ever devised is now building in San Francisco, and even in its present half-finished condition it spreads itself out over about a block of territory.

It is made of aluminum, and will be bigger than the ordinary Mississippi river steamboat.

More than $100,000 has already been spent on the machine and it will cost more than $200,000. Charles Stanley is the inventor.

Frozen to death on a warm day was the fate that befel the little daughter of W. C. Prior, a Memphis druggist. The little one had been poking into an ice cream freezer and fell in, being frozen to death before she could be extricated.

Prayer books and church furniture were weapons used by belligerent factions in a fight in the Sacred Roman Catholic church at Joliet, Ill. Over 2,000 men, women and children were mixed up in the scrimmage when the police arrived and then all hands turned on the officers and drove them away.

Miss Yondorf Cudahy, niece of John Cudahy, the Chicago packer, fought a burglar to a finish. Hearing him fixing 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.

A volcanic explosion near the town of Frank, N. W. T., on the line of the Crow's Nest Pass railway, occurred early Wednesday. Seventy-five persons are reported killed. Frank is a small settlement a few years old, in the coal and iron district of British Columbia, just a few miles north of the northwestern boundary of Montana.

King Visits Pope.

King Edward visited Pope Leo at the Vatican Wednesday afternoon, going direct to the British embassy in a closed carriage. He was accompanied by Col. Lamb, the British military attache. The carriage bearing the King was followed by another containing members of his household. The Pope received the King in his private apartment, where they were closeted for twenty minutes. The aged pontiff stood at the threshold of the apartment where, with extended hand, he received the British king. His loudness was dressed in robes of white and red and wore cape bordered with ermine. The King, following ancient usage, made a genuflection, kissing the pontiff's right slipper. The pope's face was the color of ivory, but he moved without aid and with much dignified facility. From his entire person there seemed to emanate sentiments of benevolence and sweetness. The king and the pontiff then clasped hands and exchanged a few words in French. King Edward passed within the papal apartment, the door was closed and the pope and his guest were left alone.

The Destruction of Frank.

The terrible disaster which came upon the little town of Frank in southwestern Alberta and killed at least one hundred and twenty people, is not the end, as the town is threatened with destruction by flood. Old Man river, which flows through the center of the town, is dammed up by the fallen rocks to the height of nearly 100 feet, and the entire valley above the town is flooded for miles. A big body of water is pressing on the force upon the dam, the only protection the town of Frank now has, unless the river shall find another channel. Should the dam suddenly give way and break the entire village will be swept away. It was not an earthquake or explosion as at first supposed that overwhelmed the town, but the upsetting of the earth for three-quarters of a mile, and many feet in width. When the whole northern face of Turtle mountain slipped from its place and countless thousands of tons of rocks and earth were thrown over the town.

It Was Cold.

Duluth on Wednesday had the experience of a heavy, blustering snow storm, following several days of warm spring weather. It commenced to rain Tuesday evening, turning to snow early in the morning. The storm increased during the forenoon and several inches of snow fell, drifting considerably in some places. The worst blizzard of the year raged in West Superior all day Wednesday. There was a strong gale of wind and snow fell steadily. The temperature at 7 a. m. was 7 degrees below the freezing point.

Shocking Murder.

Rev. Ferdinand Walser, assistant of the Church of the Sacred Heart, at Toledo, lies in the county jail at Elyria, O., charged with the murder of Miss Agatha Reichlin, sister of Rev. Charles Reichlin, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic church at Lorain, O. It is charged by the authorities that Rev. Walser, who was a guest at the home of the latter, entered the young woman's room at the parsonage Thursday night during the absence of Rev. Fr. Reichlin, and crushed her head with a big paving stone.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

The house met at 9 p. m. Monday as usual. The anti-cigarette bill was made the special order for next week Tuesday. A petition was received from Gunnison Knaufhaus and 75 others, of Manistique, urging the passage of a bill to lower upper peninsula railroad fares. Representative Eichhern got through an amended bill allowing fishermen to use, from September until January, a smaller mesh net than the old law allows, in catching herring in Lake Huron waters bordering on St. Clair county, from the mouth of Black river in Port Huron north to Lake Huron. The object of the measure is to put American fishermen on an equal footing with Canadian fishermen across the lake. Representative Campbell's bill to amend the inheritance tax law, was agreed to. It provides that where an inheritance exceeds $10,000, the whole inheritance will be taxed at 5 per cent of the value. The present law provides that where an estate is above $5,000 only the amount in excess of $5,000 will be taxed.

Senator Moriarty's bill giving the state librarian the sum of $5,000 to purchase the records and briefs of the United States Supreme Court passed the senate Tuesday. These publications are said to be very valuable, one set recently having sold for $8,000. There are only five sets in existence, and if the state purchases them it will be the only set west of the Allegheny mountains. The attorney general advised the purchase and said that in his case with the Michigan Central it would be necessary to send an attorney to Washington to consult them if they were not purchased by the state.

The house on Wednesday gave the attempt to revive the matter of city ownership of street car lines a crushing defeat. Six amendments were all put to sleep. There was a lively scrap over the question of cutting out the job of deputy game warden and only a few votes were lacking to have put Deputy Warden Brewster out of business. It is said that Colby and Dodge will have another scheme to exploit to put in force the city ownership of street car lines. It is a proposition permitting Detroit to bond for about $8,000,000, the proceeds to be used to purchase lines as the franchises expire.

On Tuesday twenty senators held a of a primary election reform bill. It was said after the meeting that they decided to refuse to support any other measure which included the selection of candidates for governor or state officers by any method other than that provided for in the convention system. They did not decide whether to support the measure offered by Baird of Saginaw or one of two slightly more liberal bills prepared by Kelly of Muskegon.

By a vote of 58 to 6, the Denby corporation bill was passed by the house Tuesday. This is the measure for the introduction of which Denby was accused of being the representative of the corporations. There was no word of opposition spoken on the floor, and the amendments moved by Denby himself were accepted without a word. One limits the capitalization to $25,000,000, and another cuts out the provision that one corporation may hold the stock of another.

The house met at 9 o'clock Friday morning for a short session and passed 10 bills which were agreed to by the committee of the whole. No session of the senate was held, only eight senators answering to roll call. Rep. Hunt had the rules suspended and his bill to establish a juvenile court in Detroit passed on immediate passage. On motion of Rep. Van Zoeren its reading was dispensed with. The bill was passed without debate or dissenting vote.

When asked as to adjournment, members of the house answer, "When we find out what the senate will do on the general primary election bill." Members of the house and anti-convention senators appear just as determined as ever that they will not consent to, fixing any date for quitting work until a bill is passed to put the form of a primary bill is to be put through, or whether the old convention system is to remain in force.

The wholesale liquor men, it is said, are having a bill prepared under which they hope to have their taxes reduced. The tax for both wholesale and retail business is now $500. It is said the county auditors of Wayne have been making them pay the full amount. The bill would place a new construction on the retail selling, and under which the wholesalers expect that they could get off with a $300 tax.

A bill of Representative Combs, passed by the house provides that pupils of high schools, etc., who may be entitled to help from county scholarship funds may elect any of Michigan normal school or college in which to complete their education. The law now limits them to the University of Michigan.

The house ways and means committee has reported Gov. Bliss's bill for a school of instruction for the blind of Saginaw but the amount of the appropriation, which was placed at $137,000 by the senate, was cut to $110,000. The committee also reported the bill for a normal school on the western side of the state at $40,000.

Under a bill introduced by Representative Dunn, and which was passed by the house Wednesday, only hotelkeepers will be privileged to sell liquor in St. Clair and in townships or villages having less than 500 inhabitants.

Governor Bliss has signed the bill increasing the size at which brook trout may be legally caught from six to seven inches, the state fish commission having asked for the change.

The house on Tuesday acted on twenty-two bills, passing on all the whole, besides passing, on third reading, those agreed to in committee Monday night. It was the biggest day's work of the session. The count of the number of bills acted upon.

Gov. Bliss has signed the Fuller bill, providing that brewers and wholesale liquor dealers may establish cold storage stations upon payment of $50 for each such station.

A bill by Representative Fish, agreed to in house committee of the whole, changes the legal age at which children shall have school rights from 5 to 6 years.

Among the bills agreed to by the house Tuesday was Senator Cook's bill prohibiting the public exhibition of monstrosities or deformed human beings.

The senate on Tuesday, by a vote of 14 to 8, refused to concur in the amendments made by the house to Senator Burns's bill to punish the shooting of human beings by persons in pursuit of game. The bill was laid on the table.

Gen. Nelson A. Miles is to become a resident of Long Island after his retirement. He has leased for the summer a cottage near East Hampton.

W. H. Pope, judge of the Court of First Instance of the Philippine Islands, has resigned and, owing to shattered health, will return to Santa Fe, N. M.

Minister Leishmann at Pera cables the state department that the prohibition of American pork into Turkey, which had been in effect for five years, has been removed and orders have been issued permitting entry after the customary inspection.

After 36 hours continuous service at the fire of the South Chicago salt stores plant, and with $2,000 so spoiled that his friends scarcely knew him, Fireman Richard Schoenherr, of Chicago, who had been called almost from the altar by the fire, made a hustle and wedded his bride amid the hearty congratulations of his fellow firemen.

Halstead's private bank at Concord was robbed some time after midnight Thursday. The safe was blown open with dynamite. It is stated that all the money in the bank was taken, including postoffice money and stamps. Bank officials are reticent regarding the amount stolen.

The Graves Were Robbed.

Inquiries of relatives in Appleton, Wis., have developed a case of wholesale grave robbing in Benton township, near St. Joseph, Mich. Mrs. W. P. Montgomery, of Appleton, recently made arrangements to have the remains of an uncle, David G. Brown, who died 12 years ago at St. Joseph and was buried on a farm in Benton township, exhumed and interred in the cemetery at Crystal Springs, only three miles from the farm. Upon opening the body of his daughter, who was buried a short time before him. When the graves were opened last week, it was discovered that the bodies had been removed, presumably soon after burial. Relatives at St. Joseph and in Benton township have no theory of the motive for the deed, unless the bodies were stolen by ghouls for sale to a medical college. An investigation, made since the discovery of the robbery of Mr. Brown's family graves, shows wholesale robbing of unmarked graves in the vicinity, but none of them was recent.

Two Killed, Six Injured.

Two men were killed, one probably fatally injured and six severely hurt in the head on collision between passenger trains Nos. 22 and 23 of Port Huron branch of the Pere Marquette on a curve half a mile east of the Mayville station. The trains might have been telescoped with much greater fatality, had not flagman Hall promptly set the brakes of the west-bound train. The trains were to pass at Mayville. A mistake in orders is supposed to have been the cause of the wreck. No. 23 was clearly entitled to the track, and it is thought that the conductor of No. 22 did not receive the correct orders. Both engines and the mail and express cars were piled in a bad wreck.

School Principal Arrested.

Prof. A. Tyner Woodpert, principal of the Rapid City schools, was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by Benjamin Pickard, charging him with taking liberties with Pickard's 13-year-old daughter, Dottie. It is said that the offense was committed about two months ago, but the girl did not tell about it until about a week ago. The accusation was received in secret tion, as Woodpert has been well liked and has moved in the best society. There is a wide difference of opinion as to his guilt, but he expects to be able to completely exonerate himself. The affair has been talked of for about a week. He has given $500 bail to appear for examination.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

That when he was 18 he asked her to marry him, but she made him wait a year.

George William Crawford, a negro, who carried off the highest oratorical honors at Yale.

The British-African Finance Co. was raided by police in Wall street, New York, who discovered that the alleged promoted mining concern owned no mines and that the names of British nobility shown as officers are fakes.

The alkali deserts of the west are to be reclaimed if the experiments the agricultural department is just beginning in the Yakima valley in southeastern Washington and other portions of the west prove successful.

Gen. John C. Black believes that every generation of the American people must wage a war.

The convention of the Army and Navy society in Chicago he gave expression to the conviction and to the belief that the Stars and Stripes will be carried into Canada and planted over Quebec.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending May 11.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—James and Warde in "The Taming of the Shrew." Eve ngs at 8
LYCEUM THEATER—Pike Theater Co., "Captain Swift." Summer Prices, 25 and 50 cents.
WHITNEY—Mat. Wed. and Sat., "Trip to Chinatown"—Mats. 10c, 15c and 25c. Eve ngs 10c, 25c and 50c.
TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2 to 10c; Evenings 6 to 15, 10c to 50c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit, cattle—Choice steers, $5 00; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $4 66@4 90; fair to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds average, 3 75@4 25; mixed butcher stuff, $3 25@3 80; canners, $1 50@2 10; common bulls, $2 50@3 00; good shippers' bulls, $3 50@3 85; common stockers, $2 50@3 25; fair to well bred feeders, $3 75@4 25; light stockers, $3 50@3 75. Veal calves—Market dull and 25 to 50 cents lower, $4 00@6 00. Milch Cows and Springers—Steady. $30 00@65 00. Sheep—Best grades lambs, $6 50@6 60; good wool lambs, $5 50@6 50; light to good mixed lambs, $5 50@6 00; fair to good lambs, $5 00@5 50; common, $3 00@3 50; best clipped lambs, $6 25.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $6 70@6 75; pigs, $6 60@6 70; light yorkers, $6 60@6 70; roughs, $6 10@6 25; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo, cattle—Receipts light; supply, steady; veals, steady. Hogs—Heavy, mixed and yorkers, $7 10@7 20; pigs, $7 10@7 20; roughs, $6 40@6 50; stags, $5@5 25. Sheep—Steady; lambs, $6 60@6 90; wethers, $7 10@7 25; culls to good, $4@7; yearlings, $5 50@6; ewes, $4 50@4 75.

Chicago, cattle—Receipts, 20,000; steers, $5 50; poor to medium, $4 25@5; stockers and feeders, $3 00@4 90; cows and heifers, $1 50@5 25; canners, $1 50@2 80; bulls, $2 25@5 50; calves, $2 50@6; Texas fed steers, $4 25@4 75. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $6 40@7; good to choice heavy, $7@7 15; rough heavy, $6 80@6 95; light, $6 60@6 90; bulk of sales, $6 80@7. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $5 75@6 50; fair to choice mixed, $4 75@5 75; native lambs, $5 50@6 75; western lambs, $5 50@6 75.

Grain.

Detroit, Wheat—No. 2 white, 76¼c; No. 2 red, 7 cars at 76¼c. May, 25,000 bu at 76¼c; $5,000 bu at 76¾c; July, 15,000 bu at 72c, closing 75c nominal; No. 3 red, 3 cars at 73¼c per bu.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 1 car at 44c; No. 2 Yellow, 46c per bu.

Oats—No. 2 white, 37½c; No. 4 white, 32c per bu.

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

Chicago (cash sales)—No. 2 wheat—No. 2 spring, 78¼c; No. 3, 74c; No. 2 red, 76¼@77¼c. Corn—No. 2, 44c; No. 2 yellow, 44c. Oats—No. 2, 33c; No. 3 white, 32½@33c. Rye —No. 2, 48@49c.

Forest fires in the Adirondacks were quenched by snow storms on Friday.

California is appealing for men to pick her fruit crop. The Chinese exclusion act has cut off the former supply of labor.

Mrs. Isabella Viola was held to be justified in shooting Lieut. Kelly of the Detroit police department who burst into their apartment by mistake and attacked her husband.

Kate Hanlon, aged 20, committed suicide at Pontiac. Jealousy another girl had written to her accusing her of stealing the writer's sweetheart and threatening to kill her.

The plant of the International Salt Co. at South Chicago, with three boats lying in the Calumet river, were destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The loss is estimated at $1,250,000.

The cause of smallpox has been demonstrated by Dr. Wm. T. Councilman, professor of pathology in the Harvard medical school, to be a microorganism representative of the lowest form of animal life.

A dozen skeletons of unusually tall men were unearthed by laborers excavating for new grounds at Fort Riley, Kas. With the bones were many utensils and weapons apparently over 200 years old.