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A stumbling block becomes a stepping stone if you know how to use it.

The New York teachers are evidently tired of speaking softly without a big stick.

Next thing you know the Chinamen will be insisting on their right to have appendicitis.

The Washington Post incidentally remarks that silence is essential to successful fishing.

That Nebraska cyclone was almost as fatal as the Paris-Madrid motor race, and not any swifter.

The man who wore a silk hat in Texas might have escaped with his life if he hadn't ordered lemonade.

Four tutor students and a professor have been arrested at Yale for assaulting one man. Brave fellows!

It is rumored that Schwab is ill again. Some of these stories must be very disappointing to his doctor.

One unfortunate thing about the baseball business is that this season's pennants cannot be awarded right now.

The stogie trust has suddenly increased its capital stock from $5,000 to $11,976,000. Cheroutsalem, vot a joomp!

Sing Sing, N. Y., may change its name as often as it pleases, but a sentence by any other name will be just as long.

A glass arm is one of the worst things a baseball pitcher can have, especially if every glass contains a highball.

There is a slight fall in the price of pig iron, but the grocer says he must ask as much as ever for lard and sausages.

Mr. Carnegie has taken to endowing "home culture" clubs. The prospect for his dying poor grows distinctly brighter.

Two-thirds of the American people would like to see Jeffries whipped, but three-fourths of them think the job is too big for Corbett.

A Chicago young man jokingly asked a girl to marry him and now by way of playful repartee she has come back at him with a breach-of-promise suit.

Amid all this admiration for Emerson, it is well to recall that his teaching was that it is better to be yourself than to be the best man that ever lived.

Automobile racing has become too deadly a sport for France, in which country the French duel will probably keep on being the most popular amusement.

Young Willie K. Vanderbilt wept when his automobile broke down the other day and he had to drop out of a race. Yet some people think being rich is just fun.

If you have complement and amboceptor in your blood, you can make faces at bacilli, scrape acquaintance with fever germs and laugh at all forms of disease.

If the church goes in for pawnbroking, what is to become of the "uncle?" The relation of the church being maternal, can it also assume the avuncular status?

The fact that the sum of $21,000 was paid for a Poe manuscript is likely to encourage many modern ballad-fats to waste valuable storage space in holding on to their copy.

The Nebraska man who went to Chicago to answer an advertisement for a husband and had $300 taken away from him was pretty lucky after all. He escaped without getting a wife.

The milliners and the Audubon society have agreed as to the birds. That will settle the matter if the American woman will sternly refuse to encourage any breaches of the agreement.

Cytotoxis serum will extend life to the 120-year limit. If a man refused treatment, would he, under the laws of New York state, be liable for prosecution on the charge of attempted suicide?

Although every one who enters the court room where the Kentucky feud is being investigated is obliged to check his weapons the wise man who has business there will wear a piece of boiler iron on his back.

A German physician has revived the bee-sting cure for rheumatism, and describes the case of a patient who after being stung 6,952 times experienced a complete cure. And yet there are people who prefer to believe in mental healing.

Article 8 of the constitution of the American Press Humorists, just organized at Baltimore, reads: "The annual expenditure shall not exceed the annual receipts." If all the members live up to article 8 they will always feel like joking.

Milliners of this country have agreed to refrain from putting birds on women's hats during the next three years. Now if you see a woman with a dead bird on her hat you will know that she is dreadfully behind the styles as well as a bit of a barbarian.

Mr. Howells will approve of this: "It opened its mouth and said in a voice choked with tears, and in the American language: 'I do not mind breaking down again, but it makes me so angry.' It was Mr. Vanderbilt, and he had been in the ditch."

Michigan Happenings

Judge Durand Dead.

Judge George H. Durand died at his farm, just north of Flint, about 10 o'clock Monday morning, apoplexy being the immediate cause. None of the members of his family were with him at the time, for he passed away very suddenly. Judge Durand arose somewhat earlier than usual Monday morning, and let the family know that he was feeling much better than for some time past. Every day he had been driven to the farm for milk, so following this custom, he started about 9 o'clock with Robert Wright, the colored driver. Reaching the farm, they drove up the lane to the house, and after the judge had got the milk they turned around to go home again. The driver passed the lines over to the judge, as he had done many times before, and alighted to open the gate. The judge did not drive home, however, and Wright, on looking back, saw him sitting in the surrey with his head on his breast. Wright hurried back to the carriage. At his approach Judge Durand straight him by the shoulders, looked him in the face, gave a convulsive shudder and dropped back in the seat. Wright turned the horse around and, with his arm around the judge driver, hurriedly to the house, but when he reached it he was clasping a dead body.

The funeral will be held Thursday under the auspices of the grand lodge F. and A. M.

A Woman's Fury.

Moaning and wringing on her bed of pain, her pretty face probably permanently disfigured, 17-year-old Minnie Hinburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hinburg, of Owosso, is the living testimony to a woman's fury. Her assailant is believed to be a young married woman who thought her husband too attentive to handsome Miss Hinburg. On Friday while the Hinburg family was away, a note in an unknown hand, and unsigned, was thrown on the porch asking Minnie to come to the Michigan Central tracks two blocks away, after she came home Saturday. It was signed, "Your true friend." Leaving two friends who accompanied her to her home, Miss Hinburg, shortly after midnight Saturday, walked to the place indicated. She was suddenly seized behind by a woman who had been hiding in the grass and a shower of blows rained upon her face. Each time the rope's end struck, a piece of skin was removed. The girl wrenched herself free, but as the pain was intolerable, she endeavored to ease it by burying her face in the wet grass. Her enemy rolled the shrieking girl over, tore off her clothing until Miss Hinburg's shoulders and breast were naked and slashed her cruelly, her victim meanwhile crying pitifully for mercy.

A Special Session Proposed.

Is primary election laid on the shelf till a new legislature takes up the matter? From Grand Rapids comes the report that the men who refused to give the house the satisfaction of making a compromise on the third bill, by referring its request for that measure's return to committee, may even be called back to Lansing to acquiesce in some new bill or emphasize their opposition to the reform by once more refusing to act on such a measure. The plan is to enlist the State League of Republican Clubs, the grange and the State Association of Farmers' clubs in a movement to urge Gov. Bliss to call a special session to act on direct nomination. Then, too, Chairman Dickema of the Republican state central committee will be asked to call that body together for the same purpose. That he is willing, if not anxious, to do this is known.

Must Pay It Back.

Assistant Attorney-General Oren has received a copy of the decision of the United States court in the case brought by the general government against the state of Michigan to recover $68,000 in tolls which the state had on hand when the St. Marys canal was turned over to the general government. The federal government claimed the toll which had been turned into the general fund of the state by joint resolution of the legislature. The decision of the federal court, while not finally determining all the questions at issue in the case, has held the state indebted to the general government in the sum of $68,000, and it is possible that interest will be computed on this amount for about twenty years. In case the interest is charged against the state the amount of the judgment will be upwards of $140,000.

Mrs. McKnight To Be Tried.

Sheriff John W. Creighton stepped into the office of Justice of the Peace Kellogg in Kalkaska, Tuesday noon and, after being sworn, signed his name to the formal complaint charging Mrs. Mary McKnight with murder. The warrant was immediately issued. It is of the briefest possible form. It recites that, "upon the second day of May, in the township of Springfield, in Kalkaska county, Mary McKnight feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought, did kill and murder one John Murphy," who was her brother.

St. Clair on Monday night had a fire which completely destroyed the Thomson salt block with its contents, excepting one shed at the south end. The loss is about $100,000. The burning of the block caused the destruction of some of the poles holding the city and Rapid Railway wires, so that traffic was suspended and the city was without light. Repairs were soon made, however, the trouble being but temporary.

Thousands of fish are being killed by dynamite in Bass lake, near Iron Mountain.

The 14-year-old son of David Ranting, living east of Jonesville, met with a terrible accident Friday. In getting over a fence the gun he was carrying was discharged, one barrel destroying the fingers of one hand and the other going into his face. A doctor removed both eyes.

Three years ago George Peplinit, of Ovid township, Branch Co., was struck by a flying twig while cutting underbrush. An ulcer formed, giving him much pain and trouble. Three weeks ago he slightly injured the other eye. Another ulcer has formed and physicians give no hope and he will be totally blind.

AROUND THE STATE.

Capt. Genthner's bum boat scheme at St. Joseph is dead. He was afraid of the law.

Ludington's basket factory, which was destroyed by fire a few days ago, will not be rebuilt.

A move is on foot at Holland to establish in the local schools the school savings bank system.

Duncan Frazer, 24 years old, was drowned by falling into Black river while in the throes of an epileptic fit.

It is said that since the city of Centerville passed its local option law there has been more drunkenness than before.

The mail box of a farmer who lives on route No. 1, Buena Vista, was put out of business by a skunk which took possession of it.

The farmers around Lansing received $101,323 last year for the beets they raised for the sugar factory, at Lansing.

Many villages in the state it is reported that the maple trees are being stripped of their leaves by worms which eat the stems.

Traffic through the ship canals of the Soo during the month of May was larger than for any single month in the history of the canals.

The village fathers of Litchfield do not want to bond their city for a light plant. The proposition was defeated by a large majority.

John White, testified in the Mason police court last week that he failed to provide for his wife and child because he had two horses to feed.

The soldiers and sailors' pension to be held at Gladwin after June 16 and 17 is expected to be one of the largest affairs of the kind since 1865.

John Folk, while driving to Bangor Saturday, was kicked out of his buggy by his horse. His skull was fractured, his right shoulder and his recovery is doubtful.

The proposition of the Adrian school board to bond the city for $50,000 for the erection of a new school building was lost by a vote of 862 to 136.

Genesee county farmers are looking for the best harvest in almost every line of farm produce this year that they have had for many years past.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brookfield, of Niles, were remarried in the Methodist parsonage Wednesday, after being divorced and living apart for 20 years.

Jesse Ridgley, the oldest teamster in Kalamazoo, was killed under the wheels of his own wagon. He fell off his seat as his team was climbing out of a sandpit.

After the public appearance of Schlatter, the divine healer in Flint, it is said that he had about 100 callers at his place "Healing Home" saying he would go wherever the Lord sent him.

Mrs. Sarah Hammond has begun suit for $5,000 damages for the death of her son who was killed while brakeman, on the Pere Marquette road. His death occurred when a train was derailed at Lake, Clare county.

The Soo Milling Co., capitalized at $50,000 and composed of local people, has purchased from John Armstrong the flour mill property at Sault Ste. Marie. The plant will be overhauled and will go into commission about July 1.

William Bell, a bachelor of 64 years of age, noted throughout Tuscola county for his peculiarities, was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning in his hermitage two miles north of Caro. He is believed to have been a wealthy miser.

The bodies of A. L. Carr and Clarence Benjamin, who were drowned in Muskegon lake on the evening of Memorial day with Dr. Benjamin, father of Clarence, and son-in-law of Mr. Carr, have been recovered as well as that of the doctor.

John Kitchenmaster is suing the Grand Trunk railway for $5,000 damages. He was badly frozen by being lay ing onto a closed vestibule from Lapeer to Elko one day last winter, and he says that the railway employes told him to stand there.

The plant of the Smith boiler works, of Port Huron, will be moved to Toledo. The proprietors say that city is a better distributing point, and centrally situated as to the iron and steel trade. The concern will be the largest of its kind in Toledo.

Philip Shulters, who died at Litchfield a few days ago, aged 97 years, had lived in the county 60 years. He never had any condition of his own, but adopted six, three boys and three girls, and a peculiar part of the history is that the boys married the girls.

Commissioner Atwood reports that the Michigan earnings of railroad companies for April were $3,383,557.90, an increase of $350,556 over April, 1902. The aggregate Michigan earnings to May 1, this year, were $15,776,941.97. This is an increase of $2,111,802.70, or 15.6 per cent over the same period of 1902.

The city may get out an injunction to restrain the Jackson & Battle Creek Traction Co. from running its cars unless it fulfills at once the 11 of the 33 sections in the franchise which it has violated. The Kalamazoo highway commissioner, also, is likely to sue the company to compel it to live up to its franchise.

A gang of thieves raided the home of Wm. Marcum in Burton township Saturday night during the absence of the head of the family, drove out the occupants, who sought shelter at a neighbor's and ransacked the place. Strawberry growers in the vicinity of Galien are having great difficulty in securing pickers enough.

The West Bay City school board cut the estimates for the coming year nearly $12,000 over last year, the amount required to be raised being only slightly over $16,000. The major portion of the saving is said to be due to prompt payment of taxes and back taxes.

The case of Aldi Grabill, publisher of the Greenville Independent, arrested on a criminal warrant on complaint of T. I. Phillips, was dismissed from court. The prosecuting attorney stated at the close of the hearing that the complaint was insufficient and the justice concurred in the opinion. The crime alleged was that the accused had done printing for the city of Greenville. The case had much local interest because the suit is believed to be petty persecution for the reason Grabill's paper strongly advocated local option.

Quincy is trying to raise $2,500 to bore for gas or oil.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE.

After the house had been in session 40 minutes Monday morning, and as it was about to resolve itself into committee of the whole to consider seven bills on the general order, Rep. Hemans, the democratic leader, obtained the floor and announced the death of Judge Durand, moving an adjournment out of respect to his memory. The motion was carried unanimously.

The senate similar action, also by unanimous vote, upon motion of Senator Scullen, the democratic member, who made the announcement to that body.

The work of the legislature is practically over. With the defeat of the attempts to resurrect the binder twine and soldiers' monument propositions, there will be nothing more of importance accomplished. The session began Jan. 7 and has cost the state, according to the general budget bill, $145,000, approximately the same as last year's legislature. The appropriations total $5,671,602, distributed as follows: State normal school system, $325,600; deficiency, $1,000; agricultural college, $175,000; mines, $172,860; western normal school, $40,000; state library, $28,000; industrial school for boys, $166,800; industrial home for girls, $131,400; Michigan reformatory, $9,100; state prison, $173,433; branch prison, $7,130; current expenses for prisons, $201,000; soldiers' home, $278,500; state public school, $87,500; institution for deaf and dumb, $194,626.56; school for blind, $80,400; for home for feeble minded $353,900; eastern asylum, $34,655; Michigan asylum, $67,587; northern asylum, $62,000; upper peninsula hospital, $78,775; state asylum, $133,902; current expenses for all the asylums, $1,363,122.61; board of fish commissioners, $26,000; excess of pay of adjutant general's office, $22,500; forestry commission $15,000; biological survey, $4,000; geological survey, $4,000; horticultural society $3,000; agricultural society, $10,000; Mackinac island state park, $5,000; pioneer society, $7,540; adjutant general's office, $2,500; attorney general's office, $10,000; Louisiana Purchase exposition, $50,000; Vicksburg commission on Michigan regiments, $500; monument at Andersonville, $6,000; records and briefs of United States supreme court, $5,000; employment institution for the blind, $10,000; land for Michigan asylums, $4,000; good roads bureau, $10,000; monument at Monroe, $5,000.

By virtue of existing legislation the following general institutions, boards and funds will receive the following amounts during the years 1903-1904: University of Michigan, $750,000; Michigan agricultural college, $200,000; military fund, $241,808; naval brigade, $24,208; dairymen's association, $600; dairy and food commission, $20,000; board of health, $100,000; state board of health, $13,000; state weather service, $2,000.

The above figures are exclusive of the general budget bill, which will amount to $5,671,602, leaving approximately $500,000 already available in the state treasurer's hands.

Among measures of mentionable importance which were acted on are these:

The names of 18 persons have been changed.

The issue of bonds has been authorized for the city of Ionia.

Twenty six local fish and game regulations were made.

Eight acts legalize acts of dubious legal validity in as many localities.

There are 27 acts incorporating villages or amending village incorporation acts.

Fifteen charters have been amended. Provision has been made for the release of mother prize winners who in sent nasty cards in newspapers.

Permitting local license officers to accept surety company's bonds.

Permitting school districts to furnish means of transportation of children to school in rural districts.

To protect hunters in the right of use chimney on buildings.

Requiring distillers public to affix the date of the expiration of their license to papers affected by them.

Establishing a "election measure" system for state criminal institutions.

Raising the limit of capitalization for corporations from five to fifteen million and otherwise altering the corporation law.

To prevent issue and sale of fraudulent stock by incorporated companies.

Making wife desertion a felony when the husband leaves the state.

To regulate foreign fraternal insurance companies doing business in Michigan.

To fix the responsibility for making improvements ordered by the state factory inspectors.

Appropriating $40,000 to establish a western Michigan normal school.

To prohibit the exhibition of deformed human bodies.

Prohibiting the use of submarine trap nets.

To punish persons carelessly shooting human beings while hunting.

Providing for the indeterminate sentence.

Appropriating $147,000 for a new cell block at Jackson prison.

Appropriating $10,000 for a blind employment institution.

Permitting cities and villages to establish systems of meat inspection.

To provide for the submission to the people of a proposition for a constitutional convention.

Creating board for licensing osteopathic physicians.

Appropriating $20,000 for compilation of state records.

Appropriating $50,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition.

Of the total, 146 have become law with the governor's signature, and three without it. Six bills were vetoed.

The village of Hopewell Cape, N. B., and 21 buildings have been reduced to ashes.

Huntington, W. Va., is suffering from a quinine famine, and not a grain of the stuff can be purchased. This is a result of the police closing up everything tight and ordering the druggists not to sell liquor of any kind except on the order of a reputable physician, and even then to put quinine in it.

Robert Skillern and Wilson Tutts, of Houston, Texas, were shot dead by Mrs. Miley, the mother of a wronged girl. Gus Skillern had been forced to marry the girl, but after the ceremony he went to the parents' home with his two companions and told them in the most insulting way that he would not live with her.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Roosevelt Will Clean House.

President Roosevelt fully approves the action of the postoffice officials in pressing the investigation of the department's affairs. It is his intention that the investigation shall be sweeping and thorough, and that every charge properly preferred or shall be probed to the bottom. Machen's statement that George E. Lorenz, of Toledo, O., was his partner in mining enterprises is confirmed by articles of incorporation in the possession of the postal authorities of the National Capital Copper Mining Co., a corporation organized at Alexandria, Va. Copies of the incorporation papers are in the possession of the postal authorities. The directors are named as follows: In the incorporation papers: Arthur W. Macmen, Ohio, president; H. H. Rand, Wisconsin, vice president; J. D. King, Wisconsin, secretary; H. M. Baker, New Hampshire, treasurer; George E. Lorenz, Ohio; E. F. Lee, District of Columbia; David H. Fenton, Indiana; Francis M. Criswell, District of Columbia, and Samuel W. Scott, Texas, directors. Mr. Baker is a confidential clerk to the postmaster-general. Mr. King is chief of division in the rural free delivery and was an applicant to succeed George W. Beavers as chief of the salary and allowance division. Mr. Baker is a former representative from New Hampshire. Mr. Lorenz, formerly postmaster at Toledo, and once a member of the postoffice department. Mr. Fenton is the law clerk of the office of the auditor for the postoffice department. It has been alleged that the stock of this company was sold to employes of the postoffice department.

St. Louis Washed Out.

Two hundred people in the village of Black Walnut on the north bank of the Missouri 25 miles northwest of St. Louis on Saturday were surrounded by rapidly rising water and all means of escape cut off. The Compagne lever just south of East St. Louis broke at midnight, and the 200 colored families who inhabit that district were driven from their homes. There was no loss of life. It is estimated that within a radius of 20 miles from St. Louis the flood has rendered 25,000 people homeless and submerged 200,000 acres of fertile farming lands. Martial law has been proclaimed in East St. Louis. Men with guns are patrolling the levees and have orders to shoot down thieves and levee breakers.

Mrs. Josephine Regis, tired of life at the age of 70 years, killed herself by putting a bullet through her temple.

A gold dinner coffee set is the present of President Roosevelt to Miss Ruth Hanna, who is to wed Jos. McKinley McCormick at Cleveland.

P. M. Knowles, secretary of the New York hawaiian steamship line, lost a book containing $3,000 in Chicago and it was found by Mabel, the cat at the hotel. She had succeeded in opening it and was playing with the bills.

The New England Drouth.

Rain and plenty of it Monday night ended the fifty days' drought in northern and southern New England, and quenched most of the forest fires which have turned vast areas into blackened wastes. Fifful showers came to different and widely separated localities during the afternoon, and at the setting of the sun the indications were not especially promising for rain. But with nightfall the wind swung around into the northeast sector of the compass, bringing in a "sea turn" and a heavy rain, which drenched the entire New England coast line. The drought just ended has been the longest and most severe for a great many years. Temperatures during the last fifty days have ranged from 5 to 8 degrees above normal, and drought has also accompanied each extreme, frost having killed early vegetables and the hot weather parched meadow and brush lands until it was tinder dry, fires which sprang up on every hand.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

The dead in the Gainesville, Ga., cyclone number 125.

Joseph Thurer, the Chicago million aire is himself tending bar since the strike of the restaurant employes.

A 20-story hotel, opposite the new Grand Central station of the New York Central in New York, is the latest development of the railroad's gigantic improvements.

Two youthful bandits held up eight passengers and the motorman and conductor of an electric car after midnight at Seattle, Wash. They secured $80 and several gold watches.

On account of a great deal of paving and other public improvements, taxes in Monroe will be very large, and assessments on property all over the city have been raised.

As the result of a quarrel in N. Doretty's saloon at Stillville, Wednesday night, George Tuohy is dying with a bullet in his neck and Bartender Farrell is under arrest.

President Roosevelt returned to Washington Friday night from his memorable trip of over two months throughout the west. He was given a hearty reception by the people of the capital.

A cloudburst caused a washout near Sumter, S. C., which resulted in the wreck of an excursion train of negroes. Five persons, including Conductor Clements, were instantly killed and 30 were injured.

Three masked men boarded the suburban car running east from East St. Louis early in the morning, robbed J. Bowes the motorman, and killed the conductor John N. Keith, who went to the motorman's rescue.

The federal grand jury has found true bills against Groff Bros. of Toledo, in connection with the alleged offering of bribes to A. W. Machen, former superintendent of free delivery of the postoffice department.

STATUE OF GEN. "JOE" HOOKER TO BE UNVEILED ON BOSTON COMMONS JUNE 26.

Glanders caused the death of Albert Meyers, of Newark, N. J., who was seized with the disease three weeks ago.

The laundry strike, which was begun in Chicago May 1, was settled Friday night and the strikers returned to work Monday.

James McGlinchy, a Philadelphia hack driver, who died the other day, left a fortune of $25,180, made by 60 years of hard work.

Machen, when told he had been indicted, said: "I have never seen a cent of this money I am charged with having received from Groff Bros."

Ex-Mayor J. W. Bailey, of Scranton, Pa., confesses that he accepted a $1,000 bribe to sign an ordinance in which the Barber Asphalt Co. was interested.

U. S. Grant, son of the famous general, has declared himself a candidate for the United States senate from California to succeed Senator Baird, who has retired.

Sheriff Callahan, who is friendly to Curtis Jett and Tom White, was turned down by Judge Redwine at Jackson, Ky., during the trial of the pair for the murder of J. B. Marcum and his deputy, John Jones, was appointed clerk.

Stiles McMillan, of St. Albans, N. H., is probably the only man alive today who ever spoke to George Washington. McMillan is 107 years of age.

During the recent wind storm four cottages at Zukey Lake, Washtenaw Co., were blown down and the boat house at Whitmore Lake was carried out into the lake.

A daylight lynching on the public street by 200 men who battered down the jail door with a railroad rail, was the penalty John Dennis, colored, paid for assault on a white girl at Greenville, Miss. Many women shoppers witnessed the lynching.

Two mysterious murders were cleared up by the dying confessions of Samuel Berry, who shot and killed himself in Meyersville, Md. "I killed my father 17 years ago for his $6,000," he whispered, "and I killed Walter Long, who disappeared seven years ago, and buried his body in a secret place."

In a series of speeches which he has just delivered in the district of Jerichow, Prussia, Prince Herbert Bismarck said: "Formerly Germany begged nobody's friendship. Today, however, it is customary to ignore the traditions of Bismarck. Our policy has become one of compliments and bows."

The loss of life in the terrible cloudburst reported from Spartansburg, S. C., on Saturday is probably from 40 to 50. The total property loss in the entire section laid waste by the storm is likely to aggregate $2,000,000. The loss at Pacolet is placed at $1,000,000, summarized as follows: Mills No. 1 and 2, demolished; 28,000 spindles a wreck; 35,000 bales of cotton, $200,000 worth of cloth goods in company's store damaged; grist mill, cotton gin, postoffice, shoe shop, blacksmith shop, dental office, livery stable, and Presbyterian church, all washed away. At Clifton the Converse mill with 17,000 spindles is entirely gone. The Clifton mill, with 27,000 spindles, is half washed away. The Dexter mill, with 30,000 spindles, is probably half ruined. All the lower mills belonging to the Clifton Manufacturing Co. More than 500 people are homeless and 4,000 out of employment. The bodies of 33 persons were caught floating on the river at Clifton, 10 miles from Spartanburg.

Though the great flood of water is passing on to the ocean, laden with debris of every description, and the swollen streams are subsiding in the Piedmont region, the losses of life and property are increasing and a conservative estimate in most places the property loss at not less than $3,500,000. The most conservative estimate of the dead is eighty. At Clifton alone, 100 operatives are missing from the village and all of them believed to have been lost. During Sunday dead bodies were washed ashore here and there, and, occasionally, a dismembered limb would float to the banks.

Stricken Kansas.

Kansas has suffered as a result of the recent floods more than any other state. The damage done in the principal cities and towns is estimated as follows:

North Topeka, $250,000; Lawrence, $300,000; Topeka, $200,000; Manhattan, $150,000; Wamego, $10,000; St. Marys, $40,000; Blue Rapids, $20,000; Clay Center, $30,000; Enterprise, $30,000; Concordia, $35,000; Junction City, $100,000; Solomon, $50,000; Abilene, $250,000; Ellsworth, $20,000; Lindsborg, $100,000; Hutchinson, $100,000; Minneapolis, $100,000; Emporia, $65,000; Florence, $50,000; Lincoln Center, $50,000; Atchison, $100,000; Burlington, $20,000; Hill City, $30,000; Beloit, $30,000; Argentine, $2,000,000; Kansas City, Kas., and suburbs, $8,000,000.

No accurate estimate of the smaller towns, although nearly 200 of there were affected by the floods.

The very lowest estimate of the damage done to crops is $10,000,000. As a consequence there will be a great deal of individual want and suffering among farmers upon whom the blow falls heaviest. It is estimated that the railroads running into Kansas City are losers to the extent of over $2,000,000.

Horrible Turkish Outrages.

Horrible details are arriving of the slaughter of the inhabitants of the village of Smerdash, European Turkey, south of Lake Presba, May 21, by Bashi-Bazouks. It appears that on the arrival of the Bashi-Bazouks, Chakaloff's band of insurgents withdrew to the mountains without sustaining any loss. The Turks bombarded the village but as their fire was ineffective they set fire to the village on all sides and commenced a general massacre, slaughtering women, children and the aged. About 300 houses were burned and upward of 200 persons, mostly women and children, were killed. The women and girls were murdered while resisting outrage. Whole households were slain. One family of seven were slain and their bodies were heaped on the hearth. Not a living soul was left in the village. Some of those who attempted to flee were captured and had their ears and noses cut off before they were butchered.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending June 13.

LYCEUM THEATER—Pike Theater Co.—Eugenie Blair in Magda.—Summer prices, 25c and 50c.

WHITNEY THEATER—In the Heart of the Storm. Matinee 25c and 50c. Eve. 10c, 20c, 30c.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons, 10c, 10c to 25c; Evenings 10c, 10c to 30c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Detroit.—Cattle: Choice steers, $4.80@4.90; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $3.25@4.75; light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds, $3.75@4.25; mixed butcher fat cows, $2.50@4.25; canners, $1.50@2; common bulls, $3@3.50; good shippers bulls, $3.50@4; common feeders, $3.25@4; good well-bred feeders, $3.75@4.40; light stockers, $3.25@4; Milch cows and springers dull at $25@45.

Hogs.—Light to good butchers, $5.75@5.90; pigs and light yorkers, $5.70@5.80; roughs, $5@5.25; stags, one third off.

Sheep.—Best lambs, $5.75@6.50; fair to good lambs, $5@6; light to common lambs, $4@5.

Chicago.—Cattle: Good to prime steers, $4.90@5; poor to medium, $4@4.75; stockers and feeders, $2@4.90; cows and heifers, $1.60@5; canners, $1.40@2.30; calves, $3@6.75; Texas fed steers, $4@4.60.

Hogs.—Mixed and butchers, $5.75@5.95; good to choice heavy, $5.90@6.20; rough heavy, $5.75@5.85; light, $5.65@5.95; bulk of sales, $5.80@5.95.

Sheep.—Good to choice wethers, $4.50@5.20; fair to choice mixed, $3.50@4.25; native lambs, $4@7.20.

East Buffalo.—Cattle: Few on sale, most days done; prices about average for the season.

Hogs.—Heavy, $6.30@6.35; mediums, $6.25@6.30; yorkers, $6.20@6.25; pigs, $5.15@5.25; roughs, $5.50@5.65; stags, $4@4.50.

Sheep.—No good lambs on sale; market steady, unchanged prices.

Grain.

Chicago.—Wheat: No. 2 spring, 79@80c; No. 3, 74@80c; No. 2 red, 75¼@76c; No. 3, 74@75c; No. 2 yellow, 49¼c. Oats—No. 2, 35¾c; No. 3 white, 35¼@37¼c. Rye—No. 2, 56c. Barley—Good feeding, 40@43c; fair to choice malting, 49@53c.

Detroit.—Wheat: No. 2 white, 78¼c; No. 2 red, 3 cars at 76c, closing nominal at 78¼c; July, 5,000 bu at 78¾c, 10,000 bu at 76¾c; 10,000 bu at 76¼c, closing nominal at 76¾c; September, 5,000 bu at 74¾c, 15,000 bu at 74¼c, 10,000 bu at 73c, closing nominal at 76c; No. 3 red, 1 car at 74c.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 48c bid; No. 3 yellow, 50c bid.

Oats—No. 3 white spot, 2 cars at 35c; to August, 35c; No. 4 white, 35c bid.

Rye—No. 2 spot, 1 car at 53½c; No. 3 rye, 51c per bu.

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Gov. Nash's administration is commended and the extension of labor laws, state and national, recommended, so as to secure for labor just recognition in the settlement of differences. Better roads are demanded, extension of rural free delivery favored, and lenitmian canal and pension legislation viewed with admiration.

Gov. Taft's rule in the Philippines is praised and the foreign policy of the United States commended, as guarding weaker nations from aggression and giving the Monroe doctrine a vital force greater than ever before. The development of the navy to the highest efficiency is indorsed.