THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.
WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, PUBS.
BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, JULY 10.

And the Balkans continue to balk.

What the thousands think, genius then utters.

How about forming a neglected husbands' union?

To be respectable, a man must respect himself as well as others.

South Dakota bonifaces wonder why it is referred to as the divorce "evil."

No matter how many people take cold, the supply never seems to run out.

One of the ablest contributors to the statistics of race suicide is the toy pistol.

King Edward is wishing Sir Thomas well but refusing to put up any money on the Shamrock.

Of course the modern Sunday school is too slow. It needs a few more "turns" and "stunts."

It appears that the Obrenovitches are not extinct after all, but the fact reflects no credit on them.

Sir Thomas Lipton "hopes Reliance is fast"—just fast enough to make it interesting, but not too fast.

The report that the sultan had abdicated was unfounded. It was one of the too-good-to-be-true stories.

A Servian republic on the South American plan would add a little superfluous tinder to the Balkan situation.

There were not half enough June brides to suit the wives of the ministers, who generally get the wedding fees.

The Chicago paper that so warmly indorses the orthodox hell may be considered an unquestioned authority on this subject.

Mr. Bob Fitzsimmons says he "loves the little woman." Thus we see that a soft heart may beat beneath the freckled chest.

The reason a woman can nearly always do better than a man in a stock market gamble is that she doesn't do it on judgment.

Any unseaworthy person who has ever ridden on a camel will understand why the beast is called the ship of the desert.

There are some reformers who will not worry about turning the rascals out provided the rascals will let them in on the ground floor.

It's discouraging what a lot of brilliant sarcasm one can think of on a subject of conversation after it has been dropped and it is too late to use it.

Although Grover declares that three fish is enough to catch at one outing, the fourth will be wise if he takes no risk about nibbling at the bait.

If Boston actually is slipping into the sea something, of course, should be done to prevent it. There are enough icebergs in the north Atlantic already.

American automobilists managed to have a race a few days since without any damage to life or limb. We unquestionably do some things better than Europe.

It is claimed that Mont Pelee is responsible for the recent flood. Some plan will have to be devised for screening the United States from its volcanic neighbors.

Every octopus is equipped with eight legs, saying nothing of arms, fins and subordinate tentacles. He is prepared for every emergency and all kinds of weather.

Whatever is happening down at Bogota, it is safe guess that some of the thrifty Colombian statesmen are still earnestly considering the possibility of making Uncle Sam raise the ante.

Let all minor matters, such as the British tariff discussion, labor troubles, Russia and the Jews, etc., be set aside while we examine the new cotillion devised by the dancing masters' convention.

We understand that the first proceeding of the new king of Servia was to cable to Philadelphia for a set of recent numbers of the Ladies' Home Journal, to learn just how a king should act."

About the most embarrassing thing in this world is to smile sweetly and bow low in response to a word from a pretty girl, only to find that it was meant for the fellow just back of you.

Mr. Harry Lehr's latest triumph is a parrot that sits on his shoulder at dinner and swears. Mr. Lehr's efforts as an uplifter continue to be inspiring.

The new king of Servia is a widower. He is likely to have more or less trouble in finding a lady who is willing to share his glory—and risks.

A Connecticut bishop is being criticised for going fishing on Sunday. Why can't they let the good man alone? Perhaps he went merely to avoid being tempted to play golf.

All the other evils resulting from a wet season can be heroically endured if some way can be found to circumvent the propagation of mosquitoes.

A French theologian has endeavored to explain when a lie is justifiable. Most people think it is justifiable if they don't get found out.

Michigan Happenings

Foolish Girl, Bad Man.

One of the saddest cases that has been brought to light in Adrian in many months is the supposed elopement of 16-year-old Florence Spielman with Wm. E. Baldwin, aged 40 and married. Baldwin came to Adrian from Albion several years ago and started a glue factory. A month ago he started to close out his stock, stating that the union was driving him out of town. His disappearance and the leaving of Miss Spielman is now thought to be the reason he closed out. Florence has not been seen since last Tuesday. With the remark to her mother, "Well, I guess I'll go now," she left home supposedly to spend the night with some girl friends. Instead she went to the Wabash depot where it is said Baldwin met her, and the two left for Chicago. A note has been received from their daughter by Mr. and Mrs. Spielman, which stated that she was in Chicago and intended to earn a living for herself.

Chasing Escaped Prisoners.

The chase for the prisoners, Hubbard and Mrs. Mabel Baldwin, who broke out of Kalamazoo jail, was kept up all day Saturday, although the police received no satisfactory results from the actions of a score of detectives. During the afternoon a horse which the jailer stole from Jarvis Skinner, of Cooper, was found at West Lake, a resort south of Kalamazoo, more than fifteen miles from its home. The escaped prisoners made a circuit of the town while the officers were running down useless clues. Mrs. Smith lives at Grand Rapids and Battle Creek. One dozen officers made the journey to the lake when information reached them relative to the prisoners' location. Upon arrival they found they had stolen a fine horse, the property of Frank Toander, a local business man. It is thought they are bound for the east via the Grand Trunk.

Lightning Freaks.

Lightning played havoc in the vicinity of Birmingham during the storm Wednesday afternoon. On Calvin Elenwood's beet farm, 6 and a half miles northeast, 20 men and 7 horses took refuge in a barn. A bolt of lightning struck the building, and every one in it was knocked down and the building set on fire. As soon as the stunned men could gather themselves they extinguished the blaze. One horse was killed. On the farm of John Donaldson, a mile south of Elenwood's, 50 sheep huddled themselves together under a tree. Lightning struck it, killing 45 of the animals.

The Glorious Fourth.

Michigan in common with the rest of the country had its fair share of Fourth of July accidents, resulting in death and maiming of enthusiasts in the use of explosives for noise making. Bay City held a wide-open celebration, thousands from Saginaw and Chicago visited St. Joseph, Grand Rapids celebrated with the accompanying chapter of accidents, Detroit had its quota, Sault Ste. Marie reports many children injured, and thus the accounts accumulate. The reports from all cities and towns include one or more accidents resulting from the exuberance of the celebrators.

Sumac Poisoned.

Two weeks ago Supt. Lydelle, of the Mill Creek bass hatchery, started a large force of men to clear the three acres of swamp land purchased by the state for an addition to the hatchery. Six of the men have been poisoned by sumac, four of them seriously, and the condition of one is critical. Those affected badly are Fred Clark, Harry Hollister, Otis and William Monroe. In view of the circumstances Lydelle is having great difficulty in procuring men to carry on the work, and it is possible no new ponds will be added to the hatchery this year.

The Missing Book.

Tax Commissioner McLaughlan, in an interview in regard to the disappearance of the itemized schedule book of railroad property, said: "The book was missed last December. I cannot see why the book was taken, as we have a complete and full duplicate of the items as compiled by Mr. Cooley, and the records were open to inspection or for copying at any time by the railroads or anyone else interested enough to do so."

The State Cash.

The balance of $4,517,105 32 in the state treasury at the close of the fiscal year Tuesday night is divided among the different funds as follows: General, $2,604,585 22; university interest, $9,548 32; primary school interest, $1,750,209 57; war fund, $88,257 04; war fund, $245; sundry deposits, $6,380 17. During the year the disbursements from the state treasury were $8,387,535 81 and the receipts $8,450,829 95.

Col. De Land the Survivor.

The death of Gen. Withington leaves but one of the original colonels from Michigan, who went to the army of the Potomac, living. There were fifteen regiments from Michigan in the army of the Potomac, with as many original colonels. The only one living is Col. C. V. DeLand, of Jackson. He is well along in years and recently suffered a stroke of apoplexy, but has recovered and is about again as usual.

The Oil Inspectors.

State Oil Inspector Judson has displaced four deputies and has established a new district with headquarters at Saginaw. His new appointees are J. J. Jucker, of Homer, to take the place of W. J. Garfield; O. L. Tomlinson, of Plainwell, succeeding John Whitbeck, of Fenville; A. L. Stevens, of St. Joseph, is succeeded by J. L. Lavette, of Cassopolis; and Robert J. Bates, of the "Soo," gets the place of A. F. Howard, of Munising. Fred Duston gets the new deputyship at Saginaw. Campbell, of Detroit, is to be re-appointed.

Battle Creek papers say that real estate values in that city have increased 50 to 100 per cent in the past year or two.

After long search the body of Howard Seiter, of Bellevue, Ky., drowned Saturday at Clark's lake, was recovered Sunday.

George W. Rock, an insurance man, 27 years old, was drowned in the Saginaw river near Cheboyganing while bathing Sunday.

M. H. French, the former banker of West Branch, who failed for a large amount, is in Deadwood, S. D., engaged in mining and stock raising.

Killed an Innocent Man.

Deputy Sheriff Lawrence attempted to arrest Frank Van Gorder, known as a disorderly place six miles from Iron Mountain, and a quarrel followed in which Lawrence was shot in the leg by Van Gorder. The laugh then fled, and Lawrence sent a bullet after him. Van Gorder then turned and fired into the crowd of spectators, wounding John Quinn in the shoulder and shooting John Salchert through the chest, causing his death. Lawrence may die, blood poison having set in. The murderer was caught at Quinnesec.

A Brother-in-law's Crime.

James Moore died in Detroit Saturday afternoon from the effects of a bullet wound inflicted by his brother-in-law, George W. Parker. The latter, who is now confined at the Central police station, must face a murder charge. The prisoner exhibited no emotion and expressed no regret when told of the fatal consequence of his act. On the other hand, it is evident that his family feel that he ought to suffer the penalty of his crime.

AROUND THE STATE.

The Muskegon County Agricultural society has decided to hold no fair this fall.

Harry Shafer has been brought from Berlin, Ont., to Hastings, Mich., on a charge of arson.

Some miscreant recently entered the graveyard near Copper village and defaced and broke 12 tombstones.

Houghton Jackson's men have to pay very high fire insurance rates because of the lack of adequate fire protection.

Mrs. H. H. Bradshaw, of Benton, was found dead in bed Sunday afternoon after he had attended the celebration of the Fourth in Traverse City.

The fine flour mill now being erected at Sault Ste. Marie will offer much incentive to Chippewa county farmers to raise more wheat than formerly.

The farmers are doing lively stunts now to get their hay in before it is time to harvest their wheat, which this fine weather is ripening very rapidly.

Edward Kain, a Pere Marquette flagman of Grand Rapids, was struck by a switch engine and instantly killed. He was 60 years old and leaves a family.

The store of the Davis Dry Goods Co., Owosso, caught fire Sunday from a gas jet and was burned, with several thousand dollars' damage, covered by insurance.

James Wilson, of Alpena, who pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery, was sentenced by Judge Emerick to fifteen months in the prison at Ionia.

Surveyors are in Dundee laying out the route for the electric railway from Toledo to Ann Arbor by way of Petersburg. It will come into Dundee on Toledo street.

Three hundred corporations which have failed to file their annual reports will be prosecuted by the attorney-general. The penalty is $25 and $5 a day since March 1.

Van Gorder, of Iron Mountain, who killed John Salcherton Wednesday with a shot aimed at Sheriff Lawrence, has been released from jail on $15,000 bail.

After remaining unconscious for several hours, Joseph W. Avery died Monday at his home in Grant township. Mr. Avery was kicked by a horse over the heart.

George Kunath, of Alpena, was struck by a northbound passenger while alighting from a train at South Rogers. His skull was crushed and death will likely follow.

A child of Mrs. Mary Keller, of Battle Creek, was kidnaped in a peculiar manner. The baby was in a cab, standing in front of a neighbor's, when a woman was seen to remove it and run away.

Running almost at full speed and carrying 40 passengers two cars of the Muskegon Interurban road collided head on at Olcen's Corners Saturday. One passenger was instantly killed and 14 injured.

The Sayer-Goodman Lumber company, of Marinette, Wis., has bought two sections of timber land on the east branch of the Ontonagon river for $40,000. A Wisconsin. The purchase price was $22,500.

Now that June is past, the county clerks can arrange for their vacations. Except, of course, at St. Joseph; there the summer rush for marriages isn't confined strictly to the month of June, as elsewhere.

Chas. Elder, arrested in Lansing Friday for drunkenness, made three attempts to hang himself in the jail. Not one time but three times was frustrated by an officer. He has a mania for making such attempts.

Contractor Wallerstein, of Ionia, has made arrangements with the prison board whereby he secures an extension of time on his work in the brick yards at Ionia, which is owned by the state. The prisoners have again been set to work.

F. Raich, of Wolverine, was celebrating the Fourth by driving a rig on Cheboygan avenue, when he collided head on with a horse and buggy. One passenger was instantly killed and 14 injured.

While drawing hay to Mason, Ira Hoover, of Ingham township, met with a serious accident, the tire coming off one of the wheels, causing it to break, tipping over the load, and throwing Hoover against the wagon box, breaking both bones in the right leg below the knee, both bones penetrating the flesh.

Kent county has only $10,000 on hand with which to meet the current expenses of $80,000 during the next six months. The law prevents the county from borrowing money and the result will be that employes and creditors of the county must accept county orders until the necessary amount can be spread on the tax roll.

The report of Maj. W. T. Wood, of the Twentieth Infantry, who recently inspected the Michigan National Guard, says that at least 20 per cent of the members of the regiments are physically disqualified for military service. The state authorities, however, have established a system of physical examinations and will overcome this objection to a great extent.

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CONDENSED NEWS.

White House, a little town 15 miles from Toledo, was nearly wiped out by fire, 15 dwellings and stores burning at a loss of $32,000.

The liberty bell was started on its journey from Philadelphia to Boston, where it will be a feature of the celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill.

Dr. Walter P. Kountz is on trial at Pittsburg for the murder of Jno. E. Walsh, a wealthy contractor, whom he found on the street with Mrs. Kountz. The latter was also badly wounded.

Monday night one hundred bodies had been extricated from the wreck of the Bilbao train which was overturned Saturday night, and it is feared that seventy corpses remain in the wreckage. The bodies are horribly mutilated. Differences between the civil and military authorities rendered the work of rescue more difficult. That many prosperous persons are among the victims is testified to by the great quantity of gold, silver and jewelry collected by the gendarmes.

Strawberry raisers in the vicinity of Gallen are having great difficulty in securing pickers enough.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

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

IOWA REPUBLICANS.

State Convention Renominates Cummins—Illinois Tariff Plank.

The Iowa Republican state convention assembled in Des Moines, Ia., Tuesday and completed its work Wednesday. The ticket nominated follows: A. B. Cummins, of Polk, for governor; John Herriott, of Adair, for lieutenant-governor; Charles A. Bishop, of Polk, for judge of the supreme court; D. J. Palmer, of Washington, for railroad commissioner, all of whom are at present serving their first term.

The platform congratulates the nation on the present era of prosperity, commends the administration of Gov. Cummins, rejoices in Iowa's leadership in national affairs, favors good roads legislation, indorses the Louisiana Purchase commission, and says:

"We commend entirely and without reservation the administration of President Roosevelt. Called as he was to the office of chief executive under the most trying circumstances, his fidelity to the public welfare, the wisdom and moderation of his utterances and conduct, and the outstanding work which he brings to the performance of all his duties, command our respect and admiration.

"Iowa Republicans, in common with the Republicans of the entire nation, expect and desire his unanimous nomination as his own successor."

Senator Allison's tariff-trust plank is as follows:

"We relegate our faith in the historic principle of protection. Under its influence our country, foremost in the bounties of nature, has become foremost in production. It has enabled the laborer to successfully insist upon good wages and has induced capital to engage in production with a reasonable expectation of a fair reward. Its vindication is found in the history of its success and the rapidity with which our national resources have been developed and our industrial independence secured, and we hereby renew our pledge to maintain it.

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"We indorse the policy of reciprocity and the natural complement of protection. Reciprocity between nations is trade free and unrestricted, and both sides must give and take. Protection builds up domestic industry and trade and secures our own markets for ourselves; reciprocity builds up foreign trade and finds an outlet for our surplus.

"We approve the treaty with Cuba recently ratified as conferring substantial benefits upon the island and urge that the remaining steps necessary to make it effective be promptly taken.

"We believe that the large corporations commonly called "trusts" should be so regulated and supervised both in their organization and operation that their evil tendencies may be checked and their evil practices prevented. In many instances they are efficient industrial instruments and the natural outcome of an inevitable process of economic evolution. We do not desire their destruction, but insist that they shall be so regulated and controlled as to prevent monopoly and promote competition and in the fullest measure subserve and advance the public good.

"The patriotic and resolute course of the president of the United States in his recent recommendations to congress upon this subject and upon the final subject of the further regulation of interstate commerce commands our confidence and affiliation and recent legislation in substantial harmony with his recommendations meets our hearty approval.

The Dying Pope.

The latest reports from the chamber in which Pope Leo XIII. lies dying are that he may live two or three days more. The suffering of the aged pontiff is so great that an attempt at operation for relief was performed. The bulletins issued said:

"The test puncture of the pleura was made and 800 grams of liquid taken off. A rapid examination showed that some mucous was rattling in the lung which was originally affected.

"The pope underwent the operation with courage. His general condition is now better and he is resting."

After the operation Dr. Mazzoni said the danger remained imminent, but the illness from which the venerable suffering was full of surprises. His hollness might even live three days longer.

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

Rev. Chas. T. Beals, pastor of the Second Congregational church of Greenfield, Mass., has announced his conversion to socialism.

Socialists only will secure appointments to municipal jobs in the village of Mayer, Carver, Parkham township, Flanders, of Haverhill, Mass.

A fight on an excursion boat between Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Union town, Ky., resulted in the shooting of six persons, two of them mortally.

A $3,000,000 fire destroyed the Hammond and Nelson-Morris packing plants in St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday, with 7,000 carcasses of beeves, hogs and sheep in the cooling rooms.

Stock from the third rail of a Brooklyn elevated line deprived Conductor Satchel of his reason. He was thrown into the air, and when fellow-workers rushed to the rescue he was scrambled to his feet and attacked them, and it was found necessary to give him either before he could be taken to the hospital.

Penniless, although an heiress, Marie Sedilia, a beautiful Kentucky girl of 18 years, killed herself by asphyxiation in Chicago. She had been unable to earn a living in the big city till she should become of age and come into the $10,000 which her father left her.

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ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Precious stones imported to New York for the fiscal year just ended were the heaviest on record, having received a total of more than $27,300,000.

Ben Wade, of Toledo convicted of the murder of the aged Katherine Sullivan two years ago, has been refused a new trial and will be electrocuted October 21.

The supreme court of Kansas will decide next week whether Clauncey Vale, of Pasadena, shall be a cousin of Mr. Bride, charged with killing the Berry family, shall be admitted to bail or not pending their trial in December.

The second Filipino to come to Vale, J. M. Legarda, is a cousin of Aguinaldo and a protege of Gov. Taft. He is now Hawaii preparing for a course in forestry. He is 21 years old.

Jos. J. Gill, Republican, of Steubenville, O., was nominated to succeed in congress from the sixteenth Ohio congressional district on account of ill-health. He is a wealthy retired manufacturer.

A sixty days' trip across the continent in an automobile is planned by E. L. Hammond and L. I. Whitman, of Pasadena, who started from the city hall of San Francisco Monday for New York.

Prof. Thompson, who has a chair in Colgate University, and E. H. Bradock, a Broadway dry goods merchant, are playing the part of Mary Willes for the summer. They will walk through Greene and Hamilton counties, New York, living the lives of hobos, on a wager.

Mrs. Clara B. Plummer and Mrs. Sarah Plummer, two attractive young women of Philadelphia, who are married to brothers, have been in the courts for months past over a paltry little five-cent book. They had a quarrel and for some time they did not speak.

Bloody Riot in Evansville.

Incensed because Brown, the negro who killed Patrolman Massey, of Evansville, Ind., had been spirited away, the whites were not content with their reign of terror on Sunday night when they battered down one of the jail walls and searched the structure, and afterward raided the negro section of the town, wounding several blacks and causing a general exodus.

The troops were called out—Co. A, First Regiment, of Evansville, and this was likely to mean a red flag in front of a ball.

All day Sunday the mob surrounded the jail but made little demonstration beyond calling the militiamen vile names and throwing an occasional stone at them and the deputies on guard. It was known that there were sixteen negroes in the jail and it was believed that Patrolman Massey's murderer had been returned.

As night drew on the crowd closed in gradually and became constantly more excited, and by 10:30 were forcing the militiamen back towards the jail. Then the leaders attempted to enter the alleys and storm the alleys by entrance. Capt. Blum, of the National Guard, ordered a charge on the rioters, and the crowd was forced back, the soldiers using their bayonets and butts of guns. Finally firing began and at least a dozen persons were shot dead and twenty-five wounded, four fatally. More troops arrived and it is believed peace will be maintained.

Round the World.

The first connection in the Commercial Pacific Cable company was made at Honolulu Saturday night at 10:50 p. m. Cheers and a cablegram was flashed around the world in nine and one-half minutes. The first message over the cable was sent at 10:50 p. m. by President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay to Gov. Taft at Manila. It was as follows:

The course of President Roosevelt's message around the world was by the Postal Telegraph Co. land line from Oyster Bay to San Francisco, thence by the Commercial Pacific cable to Honolulu, to Midway, to Guam, and to Manila. From Manila to Hong Kong the message passed by the cable which was lifted and cut by Admiral Dewey in 1898. From Hong Kong it went to Saigon, to Singapore, to Penang, to Madras, to Bombay, to Aden, to Suez, to Alexandria, to Malta, to Gibraltar, to Lisbon, and to the Azores. Between Hong Kong and the Azores it had passed by foreign cables. At the Azores it was taken up again by the Commercial cables, and sent to Canso, to New York, and to Oyster Bay. A message starting around the world at 5 a. m. would arrive at Honolulu at 10 p. m. yesterday, at Midway at 10 p. m. yesterday, at Guam, at 7 p. m. to day, and at Manila at 6 p. m. today. It would pass through India at 9 a. m. today, and would return to New York before 6 p. m. Thus, it would have made an excursion from today into yesterday, and arrive back at New York within an hour of the time it started.

The Awful Cloudburst.

A second Johnstown horror has come to Pennsylvania, only on a smaller scale, resulting from a cloudburst late Sunday afternoon, which flooded a long ravine along Brush creek, sweeping away a big dam above Oakford Park, causing great loss of life and devastating portions of the towns of Jeannette, Penn, Larimer, Greensburg, Irwin, Burrell and Manor. The loss of life will range up towards 175 people. The number who perished at Oakford Park is estimated at 75. Twenty bodies have been recovered. Many are foreigners and have not been identified. Some of Jeannette's rescuing party saved fully 150 persons who had been thrown into the stream by their houses being overturned. Many houses were seen by them float by down the stream.

So widespread is the territory swept by the floods and so great the excitement among the survivors, that authentic estimates cannot be given.

Early Monday morning a bureau was opened at Jeannette, where the greatest loss of life occurred, and the names of the identified dead recovered and the bodies were registered together with a description of the bodies recovered but not identified.

ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE.

Precious stones imported to New York for the fiscal year just ended were the heaviest on record, having received a total of more than $27,300,000.

Ben Wade, of Toledo convicted of the murder of the aged Katherine Sullivan two years ago, has been refused a new trial and will be electrocuted October 21.

The supreme court of Kansas will decide next week whether Clauncey Vale, J. M. Legarda and W. L. Bride, charged with killing the Berry family, shall be admitted to bail or not pending their trial in December.

The second Filipino to come to Vale, J. M. Legarda, is a cousin of Aguinaldo and a protege of Gov. Taft. He is now Hawaii preparing for a course in forestry. He is 21 years old.

Jos. J. Gill, Republican, of Steubenville, O., was nominated to succeed in congress from the sixteenth Ohio congressional district on account of ill-health. He is a wealthy retired manufacturer.

A sixty days' trip across the continent in an automobile is planned by E. L. Hammond and L. I. Whitman, of Pasadena, who started from the city hall of San Francisco Monday for New York.

Prof. Thompson, who has a chair in Colgate University, and E. H. Bradock, a Broadway dry goods merchant, are playing the part of Mary Willes for the summer. They will walk through Greene and Hamilton counties, New York, living the lives of hobos, on a wager.

Mrs. Clara B. Plummer and Mrs. Sarah Plummer, two attractive young women of Philadelphia, who are married to brothers, have been in the courts for months past over a paltry little five-cent book. They had a quarrel and for some time they did not speak.

Who Has the Book?

A big book, containing data as to the valuation of the properties of the Michigan Central Railway, was not to be found in the office of the state tax commission when the attorney-general's department sought it. It contained figures, with many notes, and interlinations, prepared by Profs. Adams and Cooley to show how they made the appraisals of the railways of the state under the Pingree administration.

So far as is known, this is the only document missing, but it is the only one that the legal department, which has in hand the important railway cases, has inquired for at the tax commission's office. It is understood that it was wanted particularly in the suit of the Michigan Central against the state for damages for the repeal of its special charter, but in view of the reappraisal that has been ordered by the attorney-general's department the volume would doubtless be of great value in connection with the suit to determine the validity of the ad valorem taxation law.

The officials interested are not charging that anyone stole the book, but they have no doubt as to who has it, because the data are of value to no one but the state and the Michigan Central. It is supposed that some state official, taking the book to the railway department, will plead, "loaned" the book.

The state paid upwards of $30,000 for the Cooley-Adams appraisal, and the Michigan Central was one of the most important railroads included.

The attaches of the tax commission's office will not discuss the matter.

No Clouds Visible.

President Roosevelt in his New York address Saturday said: "There is not a cloud as big as your hand on the political horizon." And we have the friendship of all nations. To keep this friendship it is best to be prepared at all times by having battleships."

President Roosevelt said it was not alone the bravery of Admiral Dewey that won a great victory over the Spaniards. Our Spaniards were also brave. It was the handling of our guns, the marksmanship of our men that achieved such a signal success. The shots fired by our guns landed where they were intended to land, while the inferior marksmanship of the Spanish gunners hastened their defeat.

Is the Bear Nervous?

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Standard telegraphs that official circles there are nervous over the situation in the far east, especially Count Cassini's diplomatic methods. The Russian ambassador at Washington is accused of making too much of the furious talk regarding the Kishineff massacre and too little of the American policy in the far east.

The Russian government, continues the correspondent, would have looked with equanimity on the presentation of the Kishineff petition, which binds nobody, if in return an understanding could have been reached respecting Russia's claims in Manchuria. It is now feared that Russia will be obliged to forego Count Lamsdorf's plans concerning Manchuria and China, which depended on separating the United States from Japan and Great Britain.

Fire destroyed pier H of the Lehigh Valley railroad in Jersey City Sunday. With the $100,000 worth of flour destroyed, the loss is $250,000.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Detroit, cattle—Heaviest supply for this time of year that has been known for many years. Many left unsold.

Choice steers, $4 50@4 75; good to choice butchers, 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, $4@4 50; light to good butchers, steers and heifers, 700 to 900 pounds, $3 40@3 50; mixed butchers and fat cows, $3@3 50; canners, $1 50@3; common bulls, $2@2; good stockers, $3 50@4 50; common feeders, $3 25@3 50; good cows, $3 25@3 50; $3 60@4 05; light stockers, $3 25@3 50. Milch cows—Dull at $25@48.

Veal calves—Market 25@50c lower than last Thursday, at $4 50@6 50.

Hogs—Market active and 5@10c higher than last week. Light to good butchers, $4 90@5; pigs and light yorkers, $5 @5 90; roughs, $4 25@5 25; stags, one-third off.

Sheep and lambs: $6@6 50; fair to good lambs, $5 50@6; light to common fair to good butcher sheep, $4@5 50; fair to good butcher sheep, $3@3 50; culls and common, $1 50@2 50.

Chicago, cattle—Good to prime steers, $4 50@5 40; poor to medium, $4@4 80; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 60; cows and heifers, $1 50@4 75; canners, $1 50@2 75; bulls, $2 50@4; calves, $2 50@6; Texas steers, $3 50@4 40.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 70@5 95; good to choice heavy, $5 75@5 85; rough heavy, $5 50@5 70; light, $5 70@6; bulk of sales, $5 70@5 90.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3 70@4 40; fair to choice mixed, $3@3 75; native lambs, $4@6 70.

East Buffalo, cattle—There were 15 cars of hold-overs on sale Thursday. Market very dull at Monday's prices.

Hogs—Medium and mixed, $6 25@6 35; heavy, $6 20@6 25; yorkers, $6 40@6 45; pigs, $6 55; roughs, $5 40@5 60; stags, $4@4 50.

Sheep—Yearling lambs, $5@5 25; culls, common, $3 75@4 50; best spring lambs, $6 50@6 75; culls and lower-best, $6 50; fair to good, $5 50@6 25.

GRAIN.

Detroit, wheat (sales and prices)—No. 2 white, 76½c; No. 1 red, 15 cars at 76½c; July, 19,000 bu. at 76