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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANEY'S

The profits on tea must be immense. It would be more fitting to name that baby Oliver R. Iselin.

To guard his laurels Dan Patch will have to sleep in his racing harness. Lillian Russell is a mother-in-law. Good-by, Lillian, take care of yourself.

At last reports there was nothing the matter with a single one of Baer's four paws.

That Texas man who has had two appendices removed must feel like a new edition.

Bulgarians threaten to do Prince Ferdinand a favor by taking his throne away from him.

The big fight at San Francisco is a thing of the past, but the football season will open pretty soon.

When a woman begins to pay full fare for her children she realizes that she is getting along in years.

Columbia is ostensibly looking out for her sovereignty, but she isn't going to miss the sovereigns.

No man really feels his importance until after his wife called his attention to the fact that he is somebody.

The Kansas definition of a gold mine is "a hole in the ground owned by a man who is a liar."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mr. Jim Scanlon has issued a challenge to Mr. Jim Jeffries. Mr. Scanlon is evidently looking for a large bunch of trouble.

The rise in the price of cod liver oil from \$12 to \$16 is a barely laid due to increased demand for it as a popular beverage.

A Kalamazoo woman jabbed her hat into the wrong man, with fatal results. She probably acknowledged that the joke is on her.

Following the fashion of dedicating books to one whom the author admires, the author of a book just out dedicates it to himself.

King Peter K. G. Vitch of Serbia all ready is talking of abdication. Whatever else his predecessor may have been, he wasn't a quitter.

The price of radium has been marked down from \$5,000,000 to \$2,721,554 a pound—but the manufacturer does not give trading stamps.

Illustrated invitations were issued to a hanging in Montana. Here is a question to New York society, which is looking for something novel.

The emperor of Austria has just returned to the king of Belgium. King Franz Josef acted in a person who never had a scandal in his house.

"You can't save your fellow-men unless you are willing to touch them," says Bishop Potter. And the contribution is always taken up in church.

Has Mr. Morgan run his course as a popular sensation? Just now it looks as if there wasn't a snapper so poor as to do him reverence.

The news of the discovery by Dr. Danbar of Hamburg of an antitoxin to the diphtheria bacteria has given resort landlords and landladies feel sad.

The time for a trip around the world has been reduced to about 8 hours 39 minutes—which is evidence that Jules Verne was not an impracticable dreamer, after all.

Strange as it may seem, Mr. Jeffries has not received as yet any offers from the editors of leading magazines for an article entitled "How I Licked Mr. Corbett."

A German actor has been sent to jail for getting off stage jokes about the emperor. If they were anything like the American stage jokes we can't blame the emperor for shutting him up.

Before Sir Thomas takes the Shamrock home it will be interesting to see what Capt. Barr and a Yankee crew could do with her against the Reliance sailed by Capt. Wringle and his British crew.

The Japanese, who are talking of entering a yacht in next year's race, have a choice of several routes for getting it into American waters, but their quietest plan would be to have it built in this country.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat is authorized by the statement that thirty-six robberies at the point of revolver have occurred in St. Louis since July 4. This is encouraging for those who are thinking of attending the exposition there next year.

"Any number of well shaped, well made stocks may be bought at almost any of the shops at 25 cents each," says the New York Times, and still everywhere around us the girls are wearing stocks at the expense of hours and hours of valuable time.

A seaside resort Munchausen has got his burg well delineated by a story about a local fisherman who was "towed by a maddened whale miles out to sea at a speed rivaling that of an express train."

We at least admire his discretion in preferring to lead up to the sea serpent gradually.

In view of the fact that the Humbert case has been spoken of as the second swindle of the century, a sentence of five years in prison and a fine of \$20 seems rather small.

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

FARMERS GIVE UP GOOD MONEY. EXACTS CARE FROM HUNTERS. GRAPES IN BERRIEN COUNTY. Peach Growers Plan to Engage in Culture of the Vine.

Berrien county fruit growers are becoming disciples of grape culture. While many men in the county have grown very wealthy by growing peaches, it is believed that by growing grapes even more money can be gained. Peach growers are disappointed by the hard frosts of the spring and the zero weather of the winter, discouraged sometimes when the yellow fever disease is contracted by the hundred and are abandoned. The frosts do not kill them, the diseases that disturb the peace of mind of the growers of tree fruit never come near the grape.

Condition of Corn Crop.

The successful crop upon the year first proved largely upon this time the first frost appears. A few fields are well advanced while others are late. Some will be lucky if they get a crop at all. The weather and condition of the crop is caused by the dry spring which interfered with the planting. If there is no frost until after September 20th, the crop will be out of danger. Should a frost come before the middle of September many fields will be injured or ruined.

For Manual Training.

Pontiac people will be asked to raise the sum of \$2,000 for the support of the public schools the coming year. This is \$1,600 more than the appropriation of a year ago.

Farmer is Seriously Injured.

Lewis Wright, a farmer residing southeast of Pontiac and 70 years of age, was severely injured at Pontiac Tuesday morning by a buggy in front of Smith & Loring's store. His horse became frightened at a street car, ran and knocked the wheels of the buggy with those of another rig. Wright was thrown from the buggy and picked up unconscious. His injuries are serious because of his age.

Hope to Strike Oil.

Charles Greening, in company with Federal capitalists from New York, has been in the neighborhood of the oil well. They were taken to the Sylvester farm, where one of the Monroe Oil company's wells is in process of being drilled and being deepened. It is stated each took a large slice of the stock. A depth of 260 feet has been reached, and indications for oil, it is said, look very favorable.

Object to Assessments.

The state tax commission has served notice on the supervisors of each county to appear before it at Cassopolis for a general review, charging that the rolls have been grossly irregular. This spring the assessors received no orders to increase real estate assessments 25 per cent. They did so but the board is still unsatisfied. Some townships refused to add the 25 per cent.

Builds Attacks Child.

The 3-year-old daughter of Mrs. Henry Meek of Grand Haven was severely injured by a bulldog belonging to a relative with whom she was staying. The child had been playing in the yard when the dog leaped upon her and seized her by the neck. She was thrown to the ground and injured.

No Reunion at Grand Haven.

The annual encampment of the old soldiers and sailors of the Grand Haven Post of the Grand Army of the Republic at Grand Haven for the last ten years, will not be held this year. There is no sentiment in the city favoring the encampment, and besides the association has been unable to get tents from the state quartermaster before the last of September.

Steel Bees.

West Bloomfield farmers are greatly troubled over the work of thieves in that township. Chickens, fruit and honey have been taken from time to time, but the thieves are carrying off swarms after swarms of bees. Farmers are buying burglar alarms and locking up old muskets. They are promising to be trouble if the depredations do not cease.

Coal Dealers in Combine.

There is alleged to be a combination of coal dealers in Grand Rapids with the keeping up of prices for its subject and a council committee is looking into the matter. If sufficient evidence is obtained then let it be that a grand jury will be given a chance to investigate.

Man's Feet Is Mangled.

John Toward, a 72-year-old, employed by the Hock Company at Bay City will lose his right foot the result of a misstep while crossing the bridge over the river. He slipped into the work and the heel was chewed off, the remainder of the foot being torn to pieces.

Drives, Over Dynamite.

George Berridge drove his rig over a stick of dynamite in an alley at Grand Rapids Tuesday night. He was thrown down and his rig went up when he fell on it. He was not hurt. All will recover except the wagon.

Talk of Fire Protection.

Now that Linden has suffered heavy loss by fire there is talk of putting in water works for fire protection. They offer to build one for \$200,000. Many people are of the opinion that the project drop until there is another fire to bring it up again.

Twenty Are Killed.

Since April 1 of this year twenty persons have met deaths at Battle Creek, Michigan, by means of the gas by shooting. Three by burns of one kind or another, two by stroke, two by drowning, two by falls and two from flying timbers.

To Widen River.

The contracts have been let for the cleaning and widening of the channel of the Grand Rapids river. The work will cost \$25,000.

To Lose Basket Chair.

South Haven will lose its basket chair next spring. The raw material is becoming scarce in that section, and the plant will be moved to southern Texas.

Armored Lumber After the President.

A young German farmer named Theodor Wilhelm was arrested at Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, while making a persistent demand to see the President. He was arrested after being arrested with a revolver fully loaded. He was taken to the village and placed in the town prison and was arrested before the President's arrival. He was released after a short detention.

The Helmsmen Help the Cup.

The Helmsmen, the American cup defender, Thursday won the Ock and final race and the series for that famous cup trophy, the America's cup. In a 200 yard race which was held on Thursday, the Helmsmen won the cup trophy, the America's cup. In a 200 yard race which was held on Thursday, the Helmsmen won the cup trophy, the America's cup.

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

How was that engagement made? "I talked with the president last night," replied the Helmsmen.

Blind Prisoners With Hot Irons.

Accident bands under the leadership of Saratoga, are accused of fleecing atrociously 7,000 Romanians. The Helmsmen are accused of fleecing atrociously 7,000 Romanians. The Helmsmen are accused of fleecing atrociously 7,000 Romanians.

The Pope's Veto.

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CONDENSED NEWS.

Postmaster General Payne says that when the federal grand jury disposes of the postoffice cases now before it the investigation in Washington will be practically completed.

A New Local Treaty.

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The Pope To Escape Prison.

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Confessed Trespass.

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Boom at Marshall.

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Lighting Plant is Planned.

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Fire Laddies Aid Hospital.

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Young Girl is Missing.

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Suit Attacks Man.

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Heavy Snow Fall for Two Hours.

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Boat Attacks Man.

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