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Life places no time limit on the doing of good deeds.

Football will have to do its best if it is to keep up with the railway accidents.

The kaiser has a new war problem on hand. He is trying to get the rival art schools together.

You can't judge a woman's mind by the size of her pompadour or her wealth by the size of her purse.

"There is always a bar at the mouth of the Mississippi river," remarks a contemporary. No wonder its mouth waters.

A New Jersey man recently sold his baby girl for a cent. He must have been afraid she was going to take after him.

Countess Boni De Castellane has invented a new gambling fad, but most any of the old ones will suffice the average pocketbook.

The wisdom of the rest cure is universally acknowledged, but the trouble is that most people do not take it until they die.

John L. Sullivan is reported to have signed the pledge, but probably on the Meredith marriage plan in an extremely modified form.

The authorities have not succeeded yet in getting on the track of the counterfeit patriot who tried to wreck the battleship Connecticut.

A very excellent quality of glass bricks is now being made. Those bricks are even better than the famous and much more costly gold ones.

There are still a good many people who can see lots of bad ears in our big corn crop. These were born to tribulation, and they are acquainted with grief.

There is apparently no royal road for automobilists. The Duke of Connaught, brother of King Edward, was thrown from his machine by colliding with a cart.

Probably the offer of a suitable reward for the apprehension and conviction of that missing $10,000 bill would result in bringing it forth from its retirement.

A banker advises those who want to save to hoard all they receive of a particular coin or piece of currency. Wherefore we have decided to spend no more $1,000 bills.

A New York judge has decided that directors who sign a prospectus of a corporation are liable for the statements contained in it. This will be a sad blow to Wall street.

Can it be possible that the Hon. Seth Low, late president of Columbia university, actually made use of such an expression in his speech as "Why monkey with the system?"

It is curious to see how easily novelists work the same old advertising scheme. Every time one of them attacks the modern marriage system, the public takes him seriously.

As if divorced persons didn't have enough trouble with alimony and heartaches and a few things of that sort without having every church gathering that meets proceed to rub it in!

According to recent investigations it now costs Americans an average of $17.42 a year for clothing, as against $13.80 in 1897. This doubtless is largely due to the present style of women's sleeves.

Nevertheless, the man who swapped the parlor carpet for a drink of whisky may have just been preparing for fall housecleaning by getting rid of one cause bells and bracing himself to meet the others.

We feel quite sure that Miss Victoria Kopwicz of Newark, N. J., who is going to try to get rid of her asthma by not eating anything for two months, will not be troubled with asthma much longer.

William Rockefeller has been compelled to pay over $100,000 for a side yard about forty feet wide in New York. At that rate even a Rockefeller might run out of cash before he succeeded in getting the earth.

In the discussion of "Who is the real American?" somebody answers that it was an Italian, anyhow, who first revealed this continent to the civilized world. But here again we enter the realm of controversy.

Perhaps the bishops will say that a mock marriage ceremony between five-year-old children, with elaborate details for exhibition, is not one of the things that conduce to increase solemnity in the popular view of marriage.

A Memphis man has gone bankrupt with liabilities listed at $35,000 and assets at $40, the latter consisting of an overcoat and a horse blanket. Ordinarily it would be supposed that such assets were sufficient to cover the liabilities.

At 14 Hetty Green deposited in a bank $25 which, she says, she had accumulated by the greatest thrift, and she never has taken it out. This, with the many millions that her father left, may be said to have constituted the basis of her fortune.

A true American is now defined as one who has worked his way up from the bottom. True Americans, however, are to be found in abundance among those who have worked their way down from the top, and put their arms under the fellows at the bottom.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN

PERRY TRIAL.

A Detective Holds $50,000 in Cash for Salsbury.

On Saturday the trial of ex-Mayor Perry, of Grand Rapids, developed some new matters. Lant K. Salsbury was hard pressed on cross-examination. Forced by Judge Perkins to reveal the name of the man who assisted him in securing the box in a Chicago safety deposit vault which was used in connection with the Barton $50,000 transaction, Salsbury named his brother, Walter Salsbury, of Hanover. He was also stated by the witness that the $50,000 supposed to have been returned to the Bartons was still in the hands of a detective.

Witness was again asked if he did not pay back the $50,000 to the Bartons on the express agreement that he would not be prosecuted.

"I will not discuss that matter," he answered.

Mr. Ellis insisted on an answer to his question and Prosecutor Ward objected. The court ruled that inasmuch as the Barton case had been drawn into the present case, witness must answer. Before answering the question Mr. Salsbury stated:

"I wish to make a statement on the record before I do so."

Attorney Judkins objected to any record being made, but Judge Perkins told the witness to proceed with his statement.

"I wish to say," said the witness, "that in making this statement I may be implicating others, who may be prosecuted in Illinois, but I do not do it voluntarily. I left that $50,000 in the hands of Detective McGuire, with the understanding that if prosecuted and convicted the money should be mine. The case is still pending against me and McGuire still holds the money."

Passing of an Ex-Slave.

Mrs. Diana Corbin, daughter of the famous "Sojourner Truth," who enjoyed the distinction of being the only living person born a slave in the state of New York, died in the countryhouse in Battle Creek Tuesday. Mrs. Corbin was bought, when a little girl, by John Dumont and placed at work in his fields with men, doing nothing but hard work, hoeing, plowing and picking up stones. She went to Normandy, Mass., after slavery was abolished, and joined her mother, who ran away from her master and became famous as "Sojourner Truth," an anti-slavery speaker. Later, Mrs. Corbin came to Battle Creek, where she lived many years, and where she married Jacob Corbin, who is now dead. She was the last of the family.

After the Storm.

Ernest Cook, a farmer of Mattawan, has been very persistent in wooing his divorced wife, who was separated from him five years ago, the divorce being granted in Van Buren county, the wife's charge being extreme cruelty. Both parties to the divorce were in England at the time the divorce was granted. Mr. Cook returned to Chicago, where he conducted the lumber business, but found life unendurable without his wife. He has made several trips to England during the five years to try and induce her to marry him again, and the last one, which he made in June, was successful. Mrs. Cook, accompanied by her parents, has arrived from Bristol, England, and the marriage will take place in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Pickles Still Missing.

Ex-Mayor Samuel Pickles, who disappeared from Jackson some six weeks ago, is still missing. He was last heard of in Chicago and Kansas City. He was sub-contractor for the stone work of the new Shiawassee county court house at Corunna, where he is said to have left his work without a word of explanation. Rickman Bros., the contractors, have taken the work in hand and will complete the contract. His friends say there is nothing in the affairs of the company to cause him to want to disappear, but it is thought he was in financial straits from having trusted his friends too fully.

Both Killed.

As William Alden and his aged wife were driving into Battle Creek to visit relatives, their carriage was struck by a D., L. & M. train. They were carried about 60 feet by the locomotive and thrown against a fence. Mrs. Alden died immediately, and her husband expired after being taken to Nichols hospital. At the place where the accident occurred the view of the tracks is obstructed by buildings. Coroner Merritt is investigating the case, but it is believed that the railroad will be exonerated from all blame. It is claimed that the train was running at slow speed.

A Pathetic Case.

Pathetic indeed was the death of Mrs. Mary Stimson, at Battle Creek hospital. Rescued by the police from a insanitary condition on Glenwood avenue, the woman was cared for until her paralysis showed the fatal turn. Then an attempt was made to find her relatives, but a 10-year-old girl was all that could be found. She sat at her mother's bedside when her only relative on earth passed away, and then, broken-hearted and alone, the little white girl sought refuge in the home of a negro family who had taken in the mother when she became too ill to work.

Foul Play Suspected.

The coming to the surface of the body of James Sullivan, one of the three men supposed to have been drowned in Round lake about three weeks ago, led to the dragging of the lake to find, if possible, the bodies of the other two men. As no other bodies have been found, it is thought that perhaps Sullivan met with foul play at the hands of his companions. It is known that the other two men were intoxicated and quarreling when the trio were last seen, and that Sullivan was attempting to pacify them.

The second death from lockjaw in this city, within two weeks, occurred here on Thursday, the victim being George Wellman, 14 years old. He was sick over a week, the cause being an injury received in his hand from the discharge of a toy pistol.

Miss Elizabeth Devette, of Muskegon, has gone to Montana under romantic circumstances. Two years ago she sent her picture to a friend of hers there, and a ranchman, seeing it, succumbed to her charms. A correspondence resulted in Miss Devette leaving for Montana to become the ranchman's bride.

WHERE IS MR. PHELPS?

Battle Creek Has a Mystery That Is Puzzling.

The mystery surrounding the fate of Neil S. Phelps, the once millionaire, of Battle Creek, grows deeper every hour. That he has not committed suicide is confidently asserted by everyone engaged in the search, for they say that every nook and corner where it was possible for a dead body to be has been gone over.

It is equally certain that he was not out of his mind on Sunday afternoon when he disappeared, for he had spoken to a number of his friends during the day. He had gone to the office of the Ellis Publishing Co., where he had his office, with one of that firm to open his mail. He had answered such letters as called for immediate reply, and did his work as carefully as ever he had done it, and everything was left in good shape.

Shortly before 5 o'clock he was seen by several persons, and he was then to apparently normal state of health, physical and mental. Then he disappeared as completely as if the ground had swallowed him.

Now comes the most peculiar part of the whole affair. The Michigan Central train for Chicago pulled out at 4:57, just about the time he disappeared, and a young man asserts positively that when he was waiting at Main street for the train to pass he saw Phelps's face in a Pullman car window. None of the railway employes seem to have seen him, although he was well known to all of them.

A telephone message came to Mrs. Phelps from a Detroit church, who said she had been in Chicago on Sunday. While she was dining with friends there a Mr. Hartley excused himself, saying he had decided to return to meet Mr. Phelps. He left and did not return. The lady thought nothing of the matter until on returning, she read that Phelps was missing.

KILLED HIS CHUM.

Thought It Was Not Loaded—Horrible Result.

Romeo's most horrible accident came to Ionia, when a loaded shotgun in the hands of 11-year-old Oliver Lemm was discharged, blowing off the entire top of the head of 11-year-old Ray Kaiser and scattering fragments of his skull and brains over the entire walls and ceiling of the room in which the tragedy occurred.

Lemm says he cleaned both barrels of the gun a few days ago and left it unloaded. An older brother, it appeared, later used the weapon and left a charge in both barrels. Lemm got out the gun to show Kaiser how it worked, and believing it to be empty, was working the mechanism. With the fall of the hammers came a double report, and young Kaiser received the full effect of both barrels in the forehead.

Screaming with fright the Lemm boy ran to the nearest neighbors house and told the story of the tragedy. Among those present was the mother of young Kaiser. All immediately ran to the scene of the accident, but the condition of the boy's face was such that the stricken mother was restrained from entering where the mangled corpse of her son lay.

Perry on Trial.

A jury was obtained in the trial of ex-Mayor George H. Perry, accused of accepting a bribe from Lant K. Salsbury in the Grand Rapids water deal, Tuesday afternoon, after 61 men had been examined and numerous peremptory challenges were allowed. The trial began Oct. 6, but owing to alleged irregularity in the drawing of jurors, adjournment was taken till Oct. 24, in order for the jury commission to draw a new list. Two days were covered in obtaining a jury.

Flint's Half Century.

Flint will be 50 years old next spring, and on the date of the completion of the new jail and court house, also the farmers' institute and the ground-breaking for the new government building, a week will be spent in a general jollification and celebration of the city's semi-centennial. Mayor Macdonald will appoint 12 residents of the city and county to conduct the arrangements for the celebration.

Benjamin Hayles, of Decatur, was convicted of assault with intent to murder in firing on Lanford Cole from ambush and wounding him in the hip.

Mrs. Frances Stevens, aged 67 years, of Port Huron, while sweeping inhaled dust which started a hemorrhage of the lungs. She lay down on a couch to rest and died in a few minutes.

The third sudden death within a week occurred Saturday when Mrs. J. Baker, aged 70, died at her home in Hagar township. Mrs. Baker was a pioneer resident. She had done her household work and was waiting on supper when she dropped dead from heart failure.

By an almost unanimous vote the members of the Grand Rapids battalion of Michigan National Guard decided to have intoxicating liquors from the armory. Since the battalion was established liquors have been sold in the battalion cafe. The decision is effective Nov. 1.

During a funeral in Port Huron Saturday a runaway occurred in which Miss Mary Cahill was thrown from a carriage and sustained a broken collar bone and other injuries of a slight nature. Ten-year-old Nellie Johnson and Mr. Charles E. Chambers were also slightly injured.

Benjamin Klinger, aged 83, was found dead near Riverside cemetery, Kalamazoo. He had gone after his cows and while returning home was seized with a fatal attack of heart failure. The cows were found quietly grazing near his body. He leaves one son, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

For the past three years parties have been buying timber tracts at the portage between Manistique and Whitefish bay. These purchases for lumbering operations will give this winter employment to a large crew, besides contributing to the traffic of the Manistique railroad.

The Owosso Sugar Co.'s factory has started up for the season's campaign. The factory will run about twice as long as last year. About forty carloads are arriving daily from the company's land in Saginaw county, known as the "Prairie farm," where 600 acres of beets were grown this season.

EIGHT SHOT.

Hallowe'en Celebration Shot by An Irate Farmer.

Eight young men, among the best known in the village, were shot at Sulphur Creek, eight miles from Port Huron, by Farmer Joseph Lambert and his three hired men John, George and Chas. Sipioli, while on a Hallowe'en lark. One of them will probably die and others are badly injured. They are as follows.

Roy Lindsay, shot in the groin and legs and will probably die.

Chas. Guthley, shot in the hands and arms.

Ralph McCormick, shot in the head and arms.

Russell Moore shot in the legs.

Wm. Sturtevant.

George Neil.

James Waterworth.

Roy Robertson.

These young fellows had started out for a little fun about 11 o'clock and were approaching Lambert's place when a volley was fired from the shelter of a straw stack. Apparently Lambert and the three hired men had all fired at the same time, using shotguns.

Lambert had threatened that if "any Hallowe'en foolishness was started about his place he'd show 'em." He made good his word with a vengeance.

Roy Lindsay, the worst injured, is 27 years old and married. He is a son of James Lindsay, a well-to-do resident of Smith's Creek. The father came to Port Huron today to swear out a warrant for the arrest of Lambert and the Sipioli brothers.

Concealed the Cases.

Health Officer Jenks has discovered two cases of smallpox in a colored boarding house in Kalamazoo. Symptoms of smallpox have been prevalent for two weeks, but they were so mild that the two persons who have the disease had not informed anybody. They are Mrs. Edwards, landlady, and a boarder, who came from Port Said, and is now quarantined. The health officer says other cases may develop, but he does not expect an epidemic.

STOLE AWAY.

Four More Convicts Escape From Jackson Prison.

Four more convicts have exemplified how easy it is to escape from the state penitentiary in Jackson, making a total of 12 who have gotten over the walls within 12 weeks. This last bunch escaped in broad daylight, too. The name of the last quartet are: Thos. Mettimore, Detroit, sent to the prison for from four to five years for larceny from a store in the day time. Jas. Hale, of Ionia county, Wm. Wilson, Calhoun county, seven years for burglary, term to expire Dec. 1, 1906; Edward McPherson, Ionia county, 10 years for burglary, having served six years of his sentence; John Cabo, Emmet county, 10 years for assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, term to expire Dec. 1, 1908. All four of the men were in the third grade, made up of the worst prisoners in the institution. McGivan was captured at Leslie Saturday night.

Another Upheaval.

The news that reaches Mexican west coast ports through sailors from Guatemala is that this little republic is on the verge of another revolution which is to be the result of an act of war on the part of the republic of Salvador. Gen. Salvador Toledo is now preparing to invade Guatemala at the head of forces furnished by the Salvadorean republic and it is feared that the trouble once started is likely to involve all Central America.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Oxford has a juvenile band under process of instruction, but it is said few people have as yet commenced to move out of town.

It is said that the proposed Michigan & Indiana electric line, which will operate a branch between Lansing and Battle Creek, will skip Olivet.

Nottawa, on the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad, has supplied her portion of potatoes, 80,000 worth having been shipped from that station.

It has been represented to the general staff of the army that it will require an expenditure of $3,819,420 to place the submarine defenses of the United States in a state of efficiency.

An assault was made on the Lake Shore depot in Adrian Tuesday night on Thomas Dooley, aged 80 years. He was hit over the head with a club by some unknown parties, and it is impossible to tell how serious his condition is.

Manual training, which for some years has been confined strictly to Kalamazoo city schools, will be pushed out this winter to the rural schools of the county, there being five outside districts in which it will be introduced.

Hunters have already commenced shooting partridge along the M. C. and D. & M. railroads and the D. & M. company offer a reward of $25 for the conviction of anyone found shooting any birds out of season. The season opens Oct. 20.

F. M. Fowler, one of the most known divines in Michigan, is critically ill at his home in Kalamazoo. He is almost 90 years of age and has been preaching in the state for more than sixty years. He retired from the ministry about twenty years ago.

E. T. Webster, the Green Bay, Wis., contractor who has the contract for building the $70,000 sewer system in Coldwater and who has been bankrupted at Milwaukee, says he has made arrangements to carry on his work and will complete it in the prescribed time.

The state labor bureau statistics in regard to the electric railways of Michigan shows that there are upwards of 500 miles of track laid down in the state. The Detroit United Railway alone has 308 miles of single track road. This company employs 2,844 men, at an average wage of $2 per day, and last year it carried a total of 104,118,886 passengers.

Jacob Soles, of Alger, was driving from West Branch to Alger when his team became frightened at a big black bear and ran away, throwing him out of his wagon and breaking his collar bone, one arm and injuring him internally. He is not expected to live.

A sensation was started in Coldwater when workmen found a man's arm loosely covered in a gravel pit. Investigation resulted in finding several parts of human bodies. A local physician, when he learned of it, quelled the excitement by stating that the pieces of human flesh were from his laboratory, and that the man hired to properly dispose of them simply dumped them in the dirt in the gravel pit.

John Steffer, New York, got married, in twenty-four hours "forgot," married another woman, and was arrested for bigamy by bride No. 1.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

BROKEN FAITH.

Has Russia Done So? The Outlook Has Become Very Serious.

London, Nov. 1, 5:16 p. m.—London has been bewildered all day long by alarming reports indicating a renewal of the Angio-Russian crisis and showing that the utmost activity is prevailing at Gibraltar.

The first news received, announcing the sailing of the Russian squadron from Vigo, leaving only four subordinate officers to give evidence at St. Petersburg and then testify before the international commission, is considered here to be a breach of the agreement and an interchange of visits between Ambassador Benkendorff and Lord Lansdowne followed, the foreign secretary subsequently seeing various members of the cabinet.

Vigo, Spain, Nov. 1,—All the Russian warships left here at 8 o'clock this morning.

The Russian squadron was followed by the Spanish cruiser Extremadura.

Gibraltar, Nov. 1, 4:50 p. m.—All the British ships are now lying at anchor, but they are all ready to sail.

The garrison has been mobilized and the artillerymen have been ordered to take up their positions at the different batteries of the rock.

12:50, p. m.—Vice-Admiral Beresford's flag ship, the battleship Caesar, has just fired a gun recalling all the officers of the channel squadron on board their respective ships. All the ships are cleared for action.

British warships strictly patrolled the Straits all night long. They intercepted a collier, the London Bridge, bound from Barry for Port Said, and brought her in here at noon.

The preparations cause disquietitude, as the regular mobilization terminated Oct. 29. All the quick firing batteries have been manned this afternoon and detachments of infantry have been detailed for duty on the commercial and detached mole. The searchlight stations are being strictly guarded.

The departure of a company of the Royal garrison artillery, which had been ordered to start for Sierra Leone Nov. 9, has been countermanded.

FOR PEACE.

Secretary Hay Negotiating Peace Treaties for the U. S.

Secretary Hay is negotiating treaties with the leading European countries which, if put into effect, will go a great way toward insuring against war between the United States and any of the nations of the old world. The proposed conventions are treaties of arbitration, which make provision for the peaceful settlement of international disputes that are not covered by the articles of agreement adopted at The Hague conference.

It is the expectation of Secretary Hay that he will have the new arbitration treaties finished in time to submit them to the senate for ratification on the convening of congress in December. No hitches have yet been encountered in the effort to make for international peace. The treaties are brief, containing merely two articles, and it is proposed that they shall be identical. They are made in pursuance of Article XIX. of the Hague convention, which reserves to the contracting parties the right of making agreements among themselves for the independent settlement of controversies.

New York city has more voters than Texas.

San Francisco plans a world's fair for 1913.

World's coal production in 1903 was 877,755,031 metric tons.

Wildcats so hungry around Wilkesbarre, Pa., that they invade barnyards and henroosts in packs.

Gen. Emilio Nunez, governor of Havana who is in Washington, says the condition in Cuba is splendid, and that foreign capital is coming in rapidly in search of safe and productive investments. The government is devoting large sums to the building of public roads, vice in every form has decreased, and there has been an enormous increase of public and private schools. Regarding the reciprocity treaty, Gen. Nunez said its moral effect had been great, but it was yet too early to calculate the advantages due from it.

VODKA AND PANIC.

The Russian Fleet Officers Present a Sorry Spectacle.

Despite the gravity of the North sea incident and the feeling of horror over the act that obtains with every thinking person, there are a whole lot of people in St. Petersburg who are laughing at the ludicrous picture that Rojestvensky and his fleet presents. If the true story of the onslaught on the harmless fishing fleet were told it would be that Rojestvensky and every one of his officers and men were panic stricken from the instant that the fleet left the waters of the Baltic sea. They had been drinking and carousing for days previous to the sailing and many of the officers of the fleet stood on the bridges of their vessels as they sailed away from land so intoxicated that they had to cling to the rail for support, so it is not hard to understand the firing upon the trawlers. The only wonder is that they did not complete the terrible affair by sinking the whole fishing fleet. The logical conclusion is that not doing so is the fact that there is not above a score of real gunners aboard the fleet, and the men who manned the guns on that memorable night undoubtedly did the best they could, and that was certainly bad enough.

PORT ARTHUR.

The Japs Make Another Fierce Onslaught.

The general assault upon Port Arthur which began in a preliminary way on Oct. 24, developed into a fiercely raging battle Sunday when, according to a hitherto infallible authority, the Japanese flung heavy forces against the fortress in their third attempt to secure a commanding position. The result of the fighting is unknown.

The Japanese have been preparing for this assault for a month. It is believed that the Japanese did not expect to capture the town on this occasion but to accomplish another important forward step. The plan was adopted following the first assault, when thousands of lives were sacrificed in an attempt to swarm over the fortifications by a mere force of numbers regardless of loss.

This assault, like the previous one, was a climactic incident of weary weeks of trench digging, gun mounting and small engagements. In the opinion of a military critic the reason why the Japanese have secured such position as will enable them to keep steadily closer under the nokes of the Russian guns. It is believed that two more general assaults will be necessary before the distance between the belligerents will be sufficiently shortened to make an attempt to enter the main forts and make the end of the siege practicable.

Heavy Fighting.

After several days of quietness big guns began booming in the southeast of Mukden Sunday night, continuing until early next morning. Fighting has taken place between reconnoitering bodies of cavalry, the latter having crossed the Shakhe river toward the southeast.

A big battle is expected this week, which, unless successful upon the part of the Russians, will probably be the last under the recent arrangements.

From an early hour Sunday morning there has been a heavy bombardment of Pontiloff (Lone Tree) hill by the Japanese.

Large masses of Japanese were moving eastward during Oct. 29 and 30.

It Was Horrible.

A second murder in Mason town was made known Sunday when Steve Borok, employed at the Bessemer blast plant, reported that he saw a man thrown into a coke oven and cremated. Borok says he saw three men standing on top of an oven and a moment later saw two of the men jump to the ground and disappear in the darkness. Just then flames issued from the oven as though fuel had been tossed into it. Coroner Hagan ordered the oven drawn, when blackened human bones and teeth were found. The murdered man and his assailants are unknown.

A warrant has been issued for Mayor Alfred M. Crotty, of Montvale, N. J., who has been missing for ten days, along with $5,000 worth of street improvement bonds.

MAP OF THE THEATER OF WAR.

Thomas Mattimore, aged 36 years, was struck by a train on the Blackstone street crossing, Jackson, Wednesday evening, causing injuries which resulted in his death shortly after.

The statement of the year's loss of life and property in connection with the fisheries of Gloucester, Mass., shows that twenty lives have been lost and ten vessels wrecked since November 1, 1903. This is fewer men than have been lost from Gloucester vessels in any year since 1895. The financial loss is $120,800, and is greater than in any but three previous years since 1890.

Thomas Hale, colored, a life convict from Hamilton county, Ohio, died at the state prison in Columbus of opium poisoning, and the authorities suspect he was murdered by some fellow prisoner.

Pennsylvania railroad orders 6,200 new freight cars. They'll cost $5,580,000. Road anticipates big traffic increase shortly.

W. H. Yost, Greenville, Ky., 7 feet high, weighing 400 pounds, has just married Mrs. L. M. Meyers, under 5 feet in hight and weighing 96 pounds.

Burglars made a raid in this village on Saturday night, their plunder consisting of oysters, whisky and cigars.

Locked in each other's arms, two young men lay down on the tracks of a railway near Athens, Tenn., and let the train run over them. There was nothing on their bodies to indicate their identity. It is believed they were brothers.

President Roosevelt directed the appointment of Mrs. James Longstreet as postmaster at Gainesville, Ga., to succeed Col. Henry P. Farrow, removed, on the report of an inspector that Col. Farrow is not a resident of the community in which the postoffice is situated. Mrs. Longstreet is the widow of Gen. James Longstreet.

Tom Yates, 81, Toledo, thinks he is the only last survivor of the Balaklava charge of the 600 in the ranks of death now living in America, and on Tuesday he celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of "somebody's blunder" all by himself.

John Connelly, aged 15 years, died at Pittsburg of gunshot wounds, said to have been inflicted by his mother. The boy was a somnambulist and was groping about the house early Sunday morning, when he was shot in mistake for a burglar.

Thousands of warrants for alleged illegal voters are ready in New York to be served on election day.

THE POWER OF GRIT.

Make Up Your Mind to a Task, and You Will Do It.

To carry on the back a pack weighing a hundred pounds or more means not only strong muscles but a mastery of balance. Mr. Forest, Mr. Stewart Edward White says that the first time he did any packing he had a hard time stumbling a few hundred feet with just fifty pounds on his back. At the end of that same trip he could carry a hundred pounds, and a lot of canoe poles and guns over a long portage without serious inconvenience. Mr. White says:

"At first packing is as near infernal punishment as merely mundane conditions can compass. Sixteen brand new muscles ache, at first, only then sharply, then intolerably, until it seems you cannot bear it another second. At first you rest every time you feel tired. Then you begin to feel tired every fifty feet. Then you have to do the best you can, and prove the pluck that is in you.

Mr. Tom Friant, an old woodsman, of wide experience, has often told me with relish of his first trip at carrying. He had about sixty pounds, and his companion double that amount. Mr. Friant stood it for what seemed like a few centuries, and then said, down. He could not be moved another step if a gun had been at his ear.

"What's the matter?" asked his companion.

"Del," said Friant, "I'm all in. I can't navigate. Here's where I quit."

"Can't you carry her any farther?"

"Not an inch."

"Well, pile her on. I'll carry her for you."

Friant looked at him a moment in silent amazement.

"Do you mean to say that you are going to carry your pack and mine too?"

"That's what I mean to say. I'll do it if I have to."

Friant drew a long breath. "Well," said he, at last, "if a little, sawed-off chap like you can wiggle under a hundred and eighty, I guess I can make it under sixty."

"That's right," said Del, imperturbably. "If you think you can, you can."

"And I did," ends Friant, with a chuckle.

Therein lies the whole secret. The work is irksome, painful, but if you think you can do it, you can; for all through great or the proudest of the human frame against what it considers abuse, greater still is the power of a man's grit.

The Better Land.

"I hear the murmur of the better land.
Thou callest its children a happy band;
Mother, dost thou see the radiant shore
Is it where the flowers of the orange blow,
And the fireflies glance through the myrtle boughs?"
"Not there, not there, my child!"

"Is it where the feathery palm trees rise,
And the date grows ripe under sunny skies,
Or 'midst the green islands of glittering seas,
Where fragrant forests perfume the breeze
And strangely bright birds, on their starry wings,
Bear the royal hues of all glorious things?"
"Not there, not there, my child!"

"Is it far away, in some region old,
Where the rivers wander o'er sands of gold?
Where the burning rays of the ruby shine,
And the diamond lies hid in its native mine,
And the pearl gleams forth from the coral strand?
Is it there, sweet mother, that better land?"
"Not there, not there, my child!"

"Eye hath not seen it, my gentle boy!
Ear hath not heard its deep songs of joy.
Dreams cannot picture a world so fair.
Sorrow and death may not enter there;
Time doth not breathe on its fadeless bloom,
It is there, it is there, my child!"
—Felicia Hemans.

She Paid Well for Permission.

Mme. Sevellez, a 50-year-old widow of Paris, France, found a chance to marry again last week, but, fearing that the ghost of her husband might disturb her sleep, she consulted a spiritualist, and obtained permission for a second marriage.

After several seances, in which Mme. Sevellez paid large sums to the medium, the latter persuaded her to keep locked up for three days and nights in a dark room, placing all her valuables on a plate covered by a cloth, on the table near by.

At the appointed time Mme. Sevellez, tired of waiting for her husband's spirit, removed the covering of the plate, and found all her valuables gone and in their place a note granting her permission to marry. She has denounced the medium to the police.

Tong Haks of Korea.

The Tong Hak is perhaps the only virile patriotic faction in Korea. But it is a faction now threatening, now dispersed, now on the war path, now dissolved among the body of the people, now robbing and looting, now fighting, and now busying itself in political arguments in a manner so impossible to western thought, motives and methods that it is almost impossible to characterize it.

It is the more difficult because the Tong Hak belief partakes of the nature of a religion and of piracy, of metaphysical discussion and of massacre, and also of patriotic resistance to official extortion.

Distress at Cape Town.

The distress at Cape Town owing to the prolonged commercial depression has become very acute. The government has announced its intention to cease payment of wages to men employed on relief work and to substitute rations and a small clothing allowance to guard against the rapid exhaustion of the funds voted by Parliament for the relief of distress. The funds at the disposal of the relief committee also are exhausted.

Something Wrong.

"What's the matter?" demand the slightly fuddled man as he got aboard the car, "ain't this the car I want?"

"What!" snapped the conductor. "How do I know?"

"Oh, you must 'a' knowed it or you wouldn't a' stopped an' let me ketch yer."—Philadelphia Press.

Wisdom of Experience.

Parker—"Did the climate in Florida agree with your wife?"

Especk—"You bet it did. Otherwise she would have made it hot for the climate."