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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 16.

Bow legged men, as usual, will be the first to adopt next season's skin tight trousers.

A New York policeman inadvertently arrested his wife for drunkenness. Trouble brewing.

Andrew Carnegie is a sufferer from lumbago. Has he ever tried a poor man's plaster for it?

The standing army of the Panama republic has been reduced to twenty-five men—all generals, of course.

Those Turkish troops that are demanding their pay must seem to the sultan to be sadly lacking in patriotism.

Cupid, after seeing the average married couple safely through the honeymoon, goes off on a long vacation.

The minister who thought he would be "more useful" if he fasted forty days has now no utility at all. He is dead.

Mme. Emma Eames is said to be as "coldly lovely" as ever. The description somehow reminds one of ice cream.

That American heiress who refused to pay $70,000 for a count may have reasoned that this was an overcharge of $69,999.70.

Paul Kruger left a fortune of nearly $4,000,000. John Bull must admit now that the war in South Africa was in a sense a failure.

When a child with one twisted foot is thankful the other is straight, the grouchy pessimist should try to escape from himself.

A slim attendance is reported for the New York horse show. The women couldn't have been a very attractive lot this time.

The French sardine crop is a failure this year. Now if they will quite quit raising the price of meat good cheer may be expected to prevail.

That Pennsylvania man who married a widow after a platonic friendship of twenty-five years must now admit that the elder Weller was right.

This sudden thrusting of the zemstvos into public notice is causing a great many busy people to drop everything and run to their cyclopedias.

"Every mail brings Nan Patterson offers of marriage." And yet there are people who affected not to believe in Max Nordau's theory of degeneration.

From the revelations in the matter of the failure of a "women's broker" it would seem that the sucker that is born every minute has a dear little twin sister.

John W. Gates was in an automobile accident in New York the other day. The car upset and the chauffeur was seriously hurt. Nothing happened to Gates. Nothing ever does.

A Philadelphia society girl actress has gone to work as a cook. There are a battalion of other society girl actresses who, if they can't cook at all, can at least cook as well as they can act.

The letters of Queen Victoria are to be published, after being edited by friends of the royal family. We have no doubt that it will be quite safe to place the book in the hands of young girls.

"Bulletin No. 1" of the National Mosquito Extermination Society has just been issued. Evidently the society believes it will be necessary to work overtime if the mosquitoes are ever to be exterminated.

The beauty editor of the Chicago Record-Herald says a mother should always encourage her daughter to consult the mirror frequently. Most mothers will not find that tale duty makes life unduly strenuous.

A run on a Cleveland bank was stopped the other day by the arrival of an automobile at the bank loaded with money for the depositors. Under such circumstances the driver might be excused for violating the speed limit.

A Pennsylvania cow licked up the contents of a two gallon can of green paint the other day and to the delight of her owner lived. She was probably trying to color her interior in accordance with the modern freak idea of animal painting.

There were 60,000 divorces in the United States last year, or an average of nearly seven for every hour of the day and night, Sundays included. The business of making and unmaking misfit marriages appears to have become a great national industry.

At a recent Chicago wedding one of the musical features was the whistling by an expert of "Oh Promise Me" as a substitute for the wedding march. Why didn't they have the bride come down the aisle whistling "I'd Leave My Happy Home for You"?

Important News From All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

STATE GRANGE.

Mr. Horton's Views on Primary Reform and Tax Commission.

In his address to the 400 delegates of the thirty-second annual session of the Michigan State Grange, Worthy Master George R. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, declared that not only were they to register the will of the entire membership on the questions of Grange usage, but to discuss and propose action on various matters of public concern, the creating of public opinion being one of the chief duties of the Grange.

In the discussion of public affairs, Mr. Horton, who was a primary reform candidate for the nomination for governor, but who supported the Republican nominee, says that the question of direct nominations has been forced upon the nonoffice holding public by the over-aggressive and often self-discovered aspirants for public place "through methods so wrong, so disgraceful and so disfranchising, yet so well known to all that it is not necessary to enumerate them here. Caucuses and conventions as now conducted do not represent the people. The direct nominations plan seems to be the best way out of the serious difficulties. No substantial objections have yet been presented in opposition.

"The heads of both state tickets," he said, "became pledged to a general law, one by party platform, and the other by public promise to indorse the conclusions of the legislature on the subject. This placed the matter in a position that whichever party should win, the passage of a direct nominating bill, such as the members of the legislature have pledged the Grange legislative committee to pass, was assured. It may be truly stated at this time that the people now hold the government responsible for the securing of the law."

Master Horton urged that the heads of state departments and members of the state tax commission should be elected by the people. It would bar, he thought, the building up of a machine by the chief executive and place the matter of government nearer the people.

The Crops.

The state crop report for December indicates that some damage has been done to wheat in this state by the recent dry weather, the condition of the crop being 93 per cent, as compared to 99 per cent one month ago. Wheat made a fine growth during the fall and is in fairly good condition for the winter.

The month was one of the dryest on record in this state, the precipitation being only one-tenth of an inch in the southern counties of the state, where a large proportion of the wheat is raised. The report says the condition of rye is 91 per cent. Live stock is in good condition, but not as much stock as usual is being fed on account of the scarcity of feed. The condition of fall pasture is not as good as usual, the average being 80.

McGarry's Parole.

The state pardon board received a communication from Grand Rapids, signed by 75 or 100 of the most prominent citizens, including Mayor Swet and ex-Senator Patton, requesting that a thorough investigation be made in the matter of the proposed parole for Thomas P. McGarry now serving a sentence in the state reformatory at Ionia for conspiracy in connection with the Grand Rapids water deals. The signers of the petition are opposed to the pardon or parole of McGarry, unless it can be proved that he had nothing whatever to do with the water cases. Other petitions have been presented to the pardon board, in which many of the rank and file of Grand Rapids citizens ask for McGarry's release. The board will consider the petitions at its next meeting.

State Institutions Demands.

The state institutions of Michigan have made demands on the state legislature for appropriations for the ensuing biennial period aggregating $2,073,890. From this sum the state board of correctors and charities has cut out $186,752 leaving the appropriations at $1,886,707. The amount of the appropriations approved by the board two years ago was $1,688,250, so that if the legislature approves the recommendations of the board of corrections and charities it is difficult to see how state taxes will be reduced. It is noticeable however, that the appropriations desired for special improvements are less this year, but that the estimated cost of the current expenses is greater by at least $200,000.

Shot Himself.

Melchor Zeller, a cigarmaker, went into Cahill's saloon in Coldwater Friday morning and sat down to a table. A few minutes later he said "Good-by" to the bartender, placed the muzzle of a heavy revolver to his forehead and the next moment lay dying on the floor. Zeller had been on a protracted spree and was trying to sober up. He leaves a widow and one aged 12. He was 41 years old and a quiet, hard-working man, but was despondent over the fact that he was a slave to liquor.

She Is Ninety-One.

Mrs William Halladay celebrated her 91st birthday at Battle Creek with a party. She is one of the oldest settlers in and relates that her late husband umpired a pioneer professional ball game in what is now Battle Creek's Main street. Farmers came in through the woods and almost a hundred people saw the game. Mrs. Halladay was showered with gifts at her party.

Darius Jarvis Davidson, clerk of the United States district court since 1871, died at his home in Detroit Friday afternoon.

That it is worth over $700,000 to have the privilege of making and selling liquor in the county of Wayne may astonish some of those who imagine that money always goes into, never out of, a saloon. From the footings of the county treasurer's books up to date, it appears that $774,953 58 has already been paid for the "booze" privilege of the county, and before May 1, when the time for the payment of taxes expires, the county officials expect another $100,000 to be added to the amount.

George Vedis, a farmer near Lake Odessa, fell from a windmill to the ground, a distance of thirty feet, and was instantly killed.

CRAZY ITALIAN.

Destroys the Interior of a Church and Wounds three Officers.

A crazed Italian, with an ax, who smashed his way into one of the most prominent Dutch churches Sunday morning, furnished Grand Rapids with a remarkable sensation. James Dalotto, an employe of the City Gas Co., aged 27 years and unmarried, has been suffering with typhoid fever and delirium tremens. He escaped from his lodging, clad only in his underclothing, and went to the church, some four blocks from his home. Securing an ax from the rear of the church, he proceeded to smash in the front door. When he gained admission he went to work on the pews and few of them escaped the marks of his weapon. Next he turned his attention to the windows of the edifice, and when he finished his work of destruction not a single one was left untouched. Several were memorial windows and cost large sums of money, but the madman appeared to make no discrimination and they went with the rest. He smashed the organ of the church and smashed in the top after seriously wounding an officer. Another officer caused the Italian to drop inside the instrument, while he proceeded, accompanied by two other policemen who dropped in to, capture him. Finally he climbed out and shooting began. One shot struck Officer Hoyt and another shot splintered the handle of the ax which he still held in his hand. The first bullet struck the Italian in the face and tore a deep gash up through the scalp. Dispatches say the wound is likely to prove fatal. After Dalotto was taken out the interior of the office looked as if a cyclone had struck it. Many of the windows were completely wrecked, the windows were smashed even to the sashes, and the top and interior of the large organ was reduced to a pile of kindling wood. The damage is estimated at nearly $2,000.

Remarkable Compliment.

An interesting situation developed in Washington Thursday concerning the next vacancy in the major general's rank in the army. Personal influence and his service record are being used to secure the rank for Brig. Gen. Frank S. Baldwin, of Michigan, who is now commanding the department of Colorado. It is asserted that Brig. Gens. Frederick D. Grant and Frederick Funston, both of whom rank the Michigan veteran, will waive claims to promotion in order to give Baldwin the step they say he has earned. Gen. Baldwin could be promoted if he were willing to retire, but he wants to serve his time out and to serve it out as a major general on the active list. If Brig.-Gens. Grant and Funston have waived their right in his favor, it is an act almost unprecedented, and officials say it is the highest possible compliment to the Michigan soldier.

Three Skaters Drowned.

Three boys were drowned Wednesday afternoon while skating on Lake of the Woods, near Deseronto. They were Adams, aged 17; Frank Bayles, aged 9, and Burdett Bleet, aged 17, with a number of friends, went from school to the lake to skate. It is believed that in the gathering darkness the three went too far out in the lake and fell into a hole. Other school children made an effort to rescue them, but could not reach them. The bodies of Adams and Bayles were located that night in about fifteen feet of water, a short distance from where they went through the ice. From the time of the tragedy, Mrs. Bleet, mother of one of the boys, became almost insane and attempted to kill herself with a revolver, but was restrained. The families of the boys all reside in Decatur.

The Flint Postoffice.

Better arrangements for the Flint postoffice are not only wanted, but Congressman S. W. Smith is after them. Seventy-five thousand dollars were appropriated by the last congress for a new postoffice building at Flint. This was thought to be sufficient at the time. Now the people of Flint do not like the exterior finish nor the interior arrangement. Under the old plans the exterior was to be built of brick. The Flint people want marble. The interior was arranged in a manner satisfactory to the supervising architect but it does not meet the approval of the citizens. They want more room.

Flogging in School.

Mayor Campbell has made formal demand upon the board of education of Coldwater that the death of Philip Miller be thoroughly investigated. Young Miller was the lad who was severely flogged November 11 by Supt. Staley of the city schools, his death following last week under such circumstances that the boy's physician does not hesitate to attribute his death to the flogging. The board has been upholding the punishment as entirely justifiable, but a very complete revision of its attitude in the matter will now be made, the board having adopted such a resolution after receiving Mayor Campbell's demand.

A deed was filed with the register of deeds of Grand Haven which was given by S. M. Biddison and Stella Biddison of New York, to the United States Mill & Lumber Co., of Washington, D. C., for all the land lying on the western border of Ottawa county outside of the government meander survey, comprising 30,000 acres. There is considerable speculation as to what this tract really comprises, it being on the Lake Michigan beach the entire length of the county.

Prophet Dowie Zion, Ill., has paid 60 per cent of his debts.

Hunters discovered the corpse of a baby in an old well in Easton and an investigation will be made. The infant was apparently but a few days old and the officers are of the opinion that it had been abandoned but a short time.

The little son of William Shannon skated on to thin ice and went down in 35 feet of water in Orion lake. Earl Campbell, aged 16 years, with great presence of mind, threw himself face down on the thin ice and when the boy came up seized him and was successful in getting him out. His companions worked over him until he was revived, when they took him home.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Reports and Rumors That Are Now in Circulation.

Senator Charles Smith, of Houghton county, will be the veteran of the legislature in the coming session, as he has served since 1893. Senator Smith will also be one of the influential men in the upper branch, as he has been for the last two sessions. According to his view, the upper peninsula is not anxious to have one of those biennial junkets in which legislatures so often indulge at the expense of the people of upper peninsula cities.

The movement for the abolishment of the state tax commission has gone so far that a bill for that purpose has already been drawn up by Representative N. V. Lovell, of Berrien county. The latter was a member of the last house. It is urged that while the tax commission may be abolished as such, it will still be necessary to have a state board of assessors to assess the railroads, if the present system of taxing the transportation companies upon the value of their property is to be continued.

Senator Smith, of Houghton, says: "I think the coming session will be somewhat shorter than heretofore and that it will be purely and sharply a business session."

Representative Nottingham, of Lansing, re-elected to the next legislature, has started a movement looking to the organization of the next house in a way to secure a greater measure of primary reform than has been generally considered to be on the program.

A new measure for the taxing of the railroads will be presented at the coming session, said bill being one to carry into effect the decision of the court. It is not intended to ask that the state shall return to the old system of taxing the roads on their earnings, but that the present board of assessors, the tax commission, be given the power to equalize between the different classes of property, so that the railroads will be on the same basis of assessment as the general properties of the state.

Governor-elect Fred M. Warner was in Detroit and due Friday and Saturday of this week, attending to some political fights. He is hearing all requests for appointments, but is giving no answers yet. Neither is he making public any appointments which he has had to make.

BRIEFER NOTES.

Dominick Gallagher, one of the older pioneers of Beaver Island, in Lake Michigan, is dead.

The production of coal in Michigan during the year will be approximately 1,500,000 tons this year.

Tuscola county is talking for a new court house to cost $100,000, and sentiment is strong in favor of it.

Fire in Hubbard's portion of Grand Marais wiped out property to an estimated value of $50,000.

Fred R. Campbell, a Freedom township farmer, died without known heirs and his estate of $2,100 has no claimants.

The dry kiln of the Grand Rapids School Seat Furniture Co., containing 300,000 feet of hardwood lumber, was burned Saturday night. Loss, $75,000.

James Longcore, aged 45 years, and a resident of Ashland township shot himself fatally at his home. He leaves five children. No cause is known for his act.

Eric Johnson, of Dalton township, was instantly killed by falling against a wagon loaded with wood. The wheels crushed in his ribs, piercing the heart.

The crusade in Battle Creek against fraudulent medical practitioners which has brought some interesting facts, and whichever side wins the cases will go eventually taken to the supreme court.

Investigation into the case of three white girls living in an attic in the outskirts of Ishpeming with three negro waiters reveals a shocking state of affairs, and wholesale arrests are likely to follow.

There has been a great falling off in the sales of lots in Battle Creek lately. Fifteen prospectors are listed to quit the business before spring. Heavy fines and stringent laws is said to be the cause.

After deserting her husband for two years Mrs. William Eckert has returned from Salt City, I. T., to Traverse City, and her husband has forgiven her. This is the second time that he has taken her back.

After being out 45 hours without reaching a verdict, the jury in the trial of ex-Mayor George H. Perry, charged with robbery in the Grand Rapids water deal, was discharged shortly after noon Sunday.

Otto Markl'itz, a school boy, aged 14, while going to his home along the Michigan Central tracks, near Lansing, was run over by a switch engine and both legs were crushed. He died a few hours later at the City hospital.

The new school, erected in Yale at a cost of $50,000, will be ready for occupancy January 1. It has nine rooms, steam heat, electricity and all other modern improvements, making it one of the finest schools in the state.

At the present time there are 140 life convicts in the state prison at Jackson. When the new portiogs of the old east wing were constructed a small block was designated for the lifers as it was not thought that the number would ever exceed 48.

Nicholas Dahinden, aged 50, a traveling man, was at the supper table at the Sherman house, Saginaw, when he suddenly gasped and fell forward dead. A post mortem examination of the remains was held and it was found that the artery leading to the heart had bursted.

Snowflake, a little town near Petoskey, has a new industry. Indians gather the cones of the jack pine and they are shipped to Petoskey where they are scorched, crushed and slightly heated to open the seed centers. The seed are shipped to nurserymen, bringing $7 to $10 per pound.

Harry Mandell, aged 16, and Lyman Warren, aged 14, arrested at their homes, Saginaw, charged with placing stones in a switch and on the track at Union Park while the Pere Marquette road with intent to wreck the passenger train, confessed to the act, saying they "took a notion to have some fun."

The Suttons Bay schools are closed until further notice because the people are afraid of smallpox. There are a number of cases in Peshawba town the Indian village, three miles from Suttons Bay, also one in Suttons Bay near the school house and five at the Indian settlement of Northport, causing much alarm among white people, especially as Indian children attend the white schools.

Lansing's ordinance to prohibit the peddling of medicine samples from house to house has been amended to include the placing of samples in vehicles on the streets. Complaints have been made that the vendors have placed dangerous samples in baby carriages.

The News of the World Told by the Telegraph

Items of Current Interest Gathered From All Parts of the New and the Old World

IT'S TOUGH.

The Endowment House Oath Which Mormons Take.

J. H. Wallis, Sr., a Mormon from Salt Lake, Utah, testified before the senate committee, investigating the Smoot case, that he has had three wives, but not more than one at a time. Explaining the marriages in the temple, Mr. Wallis said it is necessary to take the Endowment before marriage and, in this way, had passed through the Endowment house 20 times at least. The ceremonies, he said, are always substantially the same, and each one consumes about two hours.

Mr. Wallis was asked to give the oaths taken by those who participated, and this he did, together with a description of the secret signs executed by each person. Nearly all of the obligations were that those who took part would not reveal anything they saw or heard on penalties of mutilation of the person, and everyone who passed through the temple, said the witness, was compelled to agree to the conditions laid down by the priesthood.

The penalties agreed to were given by Mr. Wallis as follows: That the throat be cut from ear to ear and the tongue torn out.

That the breast be cut asunder and the heart and vitals be torn from the body.

That the body be cut asunder at the middle and the bowels be burned.

That if demanded we will give all we possess to the support of the church.

The next obligation was one of chastity, in which the obligator agrees not to cohabit with any person not given him or her by the priests.

Carnegie Must Go.

A subpoena was served on Andrew Carnegie at his home in New York Monday, calling on him to go to Cleveland on Wednesday and testify in the case of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick. Mr. Carnegie is requested to appear before the federal grand jury in the United States district court at 9 a. m. Wednesday. The summons was issued by Judge Lucius E. Wing of the United States district court of the north district of Ohio, and was accepted willingly by Mr. Carnegie.

Carnegie was annoyed, however, when he discovered that the summons required him to make the trip to Cleveland.

"What," he said, when he saw that it required his presence in Cleveland. "Why, I don't think I will be able to go out there at all. I'm very sick. I've got lumbago. Do you mean to say that I have to be out in Cleveland on Wednesday, then come back here to appear before Commissioner Shields on Saturday?"

Exterminate Criminals.

"Much as I admire President Roosevelt as a true man, we have seen today the sorry example of his mistake in a matter of judgment. The prisoner was appealed to by a colored Baptist minister to save the latter's son from the gallows for the murder of a farmer in Orlando. The prisoner refused to make the appeal and has succeeded in securing a commutation of sentence. I don't admire the president for that." This statement was made by Andrew D. White formerly United States ambassador to Germany in the course of an address at Ithaca on "Revolution in Politics" before the League for Political Education.

"Crime is crime," said Mr. White, "and it is our duty to make its prosecution more speedy and its punishment more severe. We should set together to exterminate criminals." Present American methods Mr. White decreed are leading to cumbrous laws and filling Italian prisons and nonprisons. He predicted that if better methods are not developed Anglo-Saxons will die out and be succeeded by an older race of tomboy lifer.

Dr. Tobias Juran, New York, overworked and ill from caring for patients whom he attended without thought of reward, took poison and died with his infant daughter in his arms.

Ed. Clark, arrested in Chicago for burglary, declared he was forced to steal by his armed wife, who used the proceeds to wallow in luxury.

CONGRESS.

Rep. Hamilton has introduced a bill for a $50,000 postoffice at Niles.

Wm. Alden Smith is being mentioned for a place on the ways and means committee to succeed Rep. Metcalf, of California, at present secretary of the department of commerce and labor.

A joint resolution providing for the election of the president and vice-president for a term of eight years and of senators by the people for terms of the same length has been introduced by Rep Norris, of Nebraska.

Speaker Cannon is against tariff revision.

The annual fight on the civil service commission was begun in the house Thursday. Bartlett, of Georgia; Hepburn, of Iowa, and Grosvenor of Ohio, each taking a fling at the system. Hepburn moved to strike out the entire appropriation for the commission and its force of clerks. Mr. Gardner, of Michigan, criticized the levity with which he said the commissioners were treated in congress because they were undertaking to do their duty under the law.

The house passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill practically as it comes from committee. The civil service commission problem defeated all the efforts to bring about an early item today. Throughout the session the policy of retrenchment had full sway and all attempts to increase salaries failed.

The house passed a resolution to adjourn on December 21 until January 4, 1905, for the usual Christmas holiday.

No extraordinary rush of business will be held next spring for a revision of the tariff. That has been decided definitely. The question of an extraordinary session next fall is in abeyance.

President Roosevelt announced this decision to several of his callers Saturday.

Where Millions Went.

Revelations that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick had obtained millions of dollars on worthless paper led to a new and startling move on the part of her dupes. Efforts were begun to find the whereabouts of Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, in Europe, and to recover what may be left of the $2,500,000 which, her own attorney said, she had given her husband. Dr. Chadwick and his daughter, by a former wife, have been reported at several places in Europe, but Mrs. Chadwick and her attorneys have kept his exact location secret. This seems to be the last straw at which the creditors may grasp.

Cassie's Securities.

Among the papers found among the so-called trust securities left with Dr. Reynolds in Cleveland by Mrs. Chadwick was what purported to be a copy of a trust agreement between Andrew Carnegie and Mrs. Chadwick in which the former acknowledged he held in trust for her property worth $10,000,000. Mrs. Chadwick's securities, it has been charged recently, were given Carnegie but he denied all knowledge of her. He has been subpenaed before the federal grand jury at Cleveland which has been drawn to consider evidence against Mrs. Chadwick.

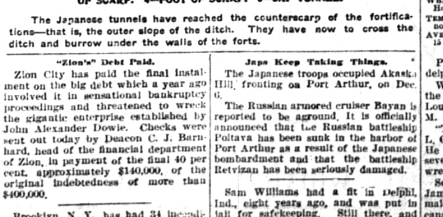
Fearful Carnage.

A correspondent who has visited 203-Metre hill, the scene of the awful six days' fight, which ended with its capture by the Japanese, reports that the advance works and the crest of the hill were literally piled with the dead, the slopes of the hill were covered with the debris and the trenches were smashed and filled with soil. In a single section of the trench for 100 yards long over 500 Russian dead and wounded were seen. They had been horribly mangled with dynamite grenades.

Enormous Debt.

The present borrowing capacity of the city of New York, in round numbers, is $203,800,000, according to a statement of the city's financial condition presented to the board of estimates by Comptroller Grout. It is shown by the statement that if we should borrow up to the greater city, the city debt has increased $178,751,681, a percentage increase of 75.76. A table of arrearages in taxes shows that nearly $64,000,000 remains unpaid and only about half of this is collectible.

DIAGRAM OF A PORT ARTHUR FORT.



1—CREST OF COUNTERSCARP. 2—FOOT OF COUNTERSCARP. 3—CREST OF SCARP. 4—FOOT OF SCARP. 5—JAP TUNNEL.

The Japanese tunnels have reached the counterscarp of the fortifications—that is, the outer slope of the ditch. They have now to cross the ditch and burrow under the walls of the forts.

"Zion's" Debt Paid.

Zion City has paid the final instalment on the big debt which a year ago involved it in a voluntary bankruptcy proceedings and threatened to wreck the gigantic enterprise established by John Alexander Dowie. Checks were sent out today by Deacon C. J. Barnhard, head of the financial department of Zion, in payment of the final 40 per cent, approximately $140,000, of the original indebtedness of more than $400,000.

Brooklyn, N. Y., has had 34 incendiary fires in 42 days.

An explosion of 500 quarts of nitroglycerin in a magazine near Findlay, O., shook the town to its foundations. Not a pane of glass remained within a mile of the explosion. No one was killed. The nitro-glycerin factory, only 300 feet from the magazine, failed to blow up.

British naval officers of the gunboat which continued target practice while the big liner Philadelphia was dangerously near, claim that the steamer was running faster than usual. They said they had their exact range, but admitted that some shots went too close to the liner for comfort.

Japs Keep Taking Things.

The Japanese troops occupied Akasaki Hill, fronting on Port Arthur, on Dec. 5.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan is reported to be aground. It is officially announced that the Russian battleship Poltava has been sunk in the harbor of Port Arthur as a result of the Japanese bombardment and that the battleship Retvizan has been seriously damaged.

Sam Williams had a fit in Delphi, Ind., eight years ago, and was put in jail for safekeeping. Still there, and friends appeal to court to release him.

Eleven negresses and five white Chicago society women all banqueted together the other day to prove their desire for social equality.

President Francis of the world's fair spent $8,000 for gifts for the pygmies who have been in St. Louis this summer, and for their king and queen, who remained in Africa. When they called on him in his office in St. Louis, before departing, he made a little speech of presentation and gave to King Ndombe a cask of salt and to the queen a necklace of mock pearls. President Francis also "threw in" nine watch fobs, worth 50 cents each, and a number of 5-cent coins.

HENIOUS OFFENSE

A Child Tells a Story and Then Denies Its Truth.

The fate of Calvin French and Mrs. Nancy Tracey, prisoners in the Eaton county jail, hangs upon the word of the latter's 14-year-old daughter, Blanche Woodruff. It was due to statements made by the child to a friend that the mother and her farmer friend, French, find themselves facing a charge, the particulars of which are as degrading as they are heinous. But now that the arrests have been made and Prosecuting Attorney Leete of Ionia has prepared what he considers a strong case, the child denies the truth of the statements she herself made. The people's star witness, it is said, Mrs. Bertha Harmon, a farmer woman and neighbor of French's, to whom the child made the statement. The prosecution's case is based upon the following proposition:

Mrs. Tracey and daughter, Blanche, occupied a room in Charlotte directly adjoining one occupied by Mr. French. During the summer the child found her way to Mrs. Harmon's home, where she told the most shocking tale. The charge against French is an infamous one. Equally so was the statement regarding the mother, whom the child charged with forcing her to submit to the degradation imposed upon her by French. Mrs. Harmon finally acquainted the officials of the county with the statements made to her by the child and the charge was prepared.

Six More Go to Jail.

Six more election officials were sentenced to jail Tuesday by the Supreme Court of Michigan for disregarding its injunction order at the late election. They were Wm. Reid, S. S. Barker, Joe. E. Dixon and John Sullivan, 9 months' imprisonment and $500 fine and costs each; Willis E. Spencer, four months' imprisonment; Charles W. Bunch, three months' imprisonment. Sullivan was Democratic commissioner, Reid, Barker and Spencer, judges; and Dixon and Bunch, clerks, in precinct 9 of ward 5, in Denver, the ballot box of which was opened in court last Friday, disclosing many fraudulent ballots.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Extra dry fed steers and heifers $4 50@5; steers and heifers 1,000 to 1,300, $3@3 50; grass steers and heifers that are fair to good, $2@2 50; grass steers and heifers that are fat 500 to 700, $2@2 25; choice fat cows, $2 25@2; good fat cows, $2 50@2 15; common fat cows, $1 50@2; canners, $1 25@1 50; choice heavy bulls, $2 75@3 50; fair to good bologna, bulls, $2 2@3; stock bulls, $1@2 25; choice feeding steers, 900 to 1,000, $3@3 25; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3@3 25; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3 25@3 50; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2 50@2 75; stock heifers, $2@2 25; milkers, large, $35@45; common milkers, $20@30. Milch cows and springers steady for good grades. Common milkers, very dull.

Veal calves—Market 25 to 50 cents lower. Best, $6 50@7; others, $4@6.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6 50@6 75; best wethers, $5 25@5 50; best ewes, $5@5 25; fair to good lambs, $5@5 50; fair to good ewes, $4@4 50; common, $2 50@3.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5@5 20; poor to medium, $3 60@5 90; stockers and feeders, $2 20@4 10; cows, $1 20@4; heifers, $2@5; canners, $1@2 20; bulls, $2@4; calves, $3 50@7; western steers, $3 60@5 90. Hogs—Mixed and butchers', $4 60@4 85; good to choice heavy, $4 40@4 60; rough heavy, $4 20@4 30; light, $4 15@4 40; bulk of sales, $4 35@4 40.

Sheep—Lambs, 10@15c higher; good to choice wethers, $5@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $3 50@4 25; native lambs, $4 50@6 60.

East Buffalo.—Best export steers, $3@5 25; ten prime Christmas steers sold for $5 50; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb advancing steers, $4@4 50; good 1,000 to 1,150-lb butcher steers, $3 50@4; 900 to 1,000-lb do, $3@3 50; best cows and heifers, $3@3 25; fair to good, $2@2 25; trimmers, $1@1 50; best fat heifers, $3 25@4; medium heifers, $2@3; best fat calves, $6@6 25; fair to good, $2@2 25; trimmers, $1@1 50; best fat heifers, $3 25@4; medium heifers, $2@3; stockers and feeders, very dull and low; 50 to 100-lb light grades; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000-lbs, dehorned, $3 25@3 50; best starving steers, $2 75@3; common stockers, $2 25@2 50; export bulls, $3 50@3 75; bologna bulls, $2@2 25; little stock bulls, $2 25@2 50. Cows—Only the cows can be quoted; good to extra fresh, $40@55; medium to good, $25@38; common, $15@20. Calves—Best, $8 25@8 50; fair to good, $7@8; culls and common, $3@4.

Hogs—Yorkers, $4 50@4 55; mediums, $4 60@4 65; pigs, $4 60@4 65; roughs and stags, $4 45@4 50; roughs, $3@3 25.

Sheep—Best lambs, $7 25@7 40; and a few at $7 50; fair to good, $7@7 25; culls and common, $4@6 25; best wethers, $5 25@5 50; best ewes, $5@5 25; fair to good, $4 50@5; culls and bucks, $2 50; yearlings, $6 25@6 60.

Grain, Etc.

Chicago—Wheat—No. 2 spring, $1 06@1 15; No. 3, $1 02@1 08; No. 2 red, $1 04@1 06; 13 2-3 car lots, $1 06; No. 3 red, $1 02@1 05; No. 2 yellow, $1 3-4c. Corn—No. 2, 46 3-4c; No. 2 yellow, 46 3-4c. Oats—No. 2, 34@34c; No. 2 white, 36@36c; No. 3 white, 34 1-2@36 1-2c. Rye—No. 2, 76c. Barley—Good feeding, 36c; fair to good malting, 37@39c. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 15; No. 1 northwestern, $1 22. Clover—Contract grade, $12 50.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Dec 17.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Last week of "Secret Service." Mat. Wed. and Sat. Eve. 1 c, 25c, 50c, 75c.

LAFAYETTE THEATRE—The Bonnie Dundee Company, 15c, 25c and 50c. Mat. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Best seats 25c.

GARRICK THEATRE—"Sweet Kitty Bellairs" for Her" Mat. 10c, 15c, 25c. Eve. 10c, 25c, 50c.

TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND—Alternating Vaudeville and Moving Pictures, 10c, 20c.

AVENUE THEATRE—Vaudeville—Afternoon 15 25, and 50c. Evenings, 25, 35, 50 and 75.

President Roosevelt is to visit Philadelphia Jan 30 and Feb. 22.

William H. Thomson, president of the National Bank of Commerce in St. Louis, is being boomed to succeed Leslie M. Shaw as secretary of the treasury.

"The Lone Greengoods Man," Grover L. Collins, is under arrest in New York. He was thought to have been killed several months ago in a Canadian train wreck.

Secretary Taft is now in Kingston, Jamaica. He wants to hire 3,000 Jamaican laborers to help dig the Panama canal and is discussing the matter with the British authorities.

It has developed that Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire, has a nephew of similar name, and it is hinted that Mrs. Chadwick may claim the forged notes were signed by this nephew.

New York has lost its suit to recover $1,108,315 penalties for alleged violation of the game laws in the case of Jacob Boutmans and Howard R. Robinson, charged with having in their cold storage warehouses between May 23 and June 1, 1901, a quantity of game birds. Boutmans and Robinson claimed pledges in the contents of the shipments and that none of the birds had been killed in the state.