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In order to bring out all his really good points an eccentric man has to die.

"Do Angora goats pay?" asks the Boston Advertiser. Don't know. Never sold them anything.

Dr. Roux of the Pasteur institute at Paris says radium kills mice. Away with the traps at once!

Wheeling put out 103,000,000 stogies in 1903, and strangely enough, doesn't seem to be ashamed of it.

It is perhaps worthy of note that M. Santos Dumont came over from France by the old-fashioned route.

Considering what he has done, it is hard to realize that Rudyard Kipling was only 38 on his birthday, Dec. 30

Government clerks ask for shorter hours. But at last accounts they had not gone on strike and tied up the service.

This is a poor time to buy maps of the world. The accurate map of today may be all wrong before the year is ended.

The only wonder is that living in New York does not result oftener in making men old and decrepit at the age of 23.

Three real battles have been fought in Uruguay recently. Has the gentle art of bluffing failed to get a foothold in Uruguay?

On one or two previous occasions the Japanese have shown that they can do something else besides raise chrysanthemums.

Human nature is not so bad, after all. Ninety-nine people out of every hundred that you know would rather do you a favor than an injury.

Gov. Dockery of Missouri says that he can't tell the color of one poker chip from another. After that, we refuse to play with Gov. Dockery.

Wu-Ting-Fang has been promoted. But one trouble about being promoted in China is that it brings a man just that much nearer to the empress dowager.

A minister has made a fortune by inventing a non-refillable bottle. But how did a minister come to recognize the importance of this means of grace?

What Russia is saying of that Thibet expedition by the British, done behind her back while she is facing the Japs, would not look well in a diplomatic note.

A man of the name of Chighizola was defeated for public office at Memphis, Tenn., a few days ago. It must have required a good deal of courage to scratch him.

A Missouri scientist declares radium gives the hot springs of Arkansas their curative powers. Then the poker table and the roulette wheel are not absolute necessities.

A forty-story sky-scraper is to be erected in New York. At this rate, light and air will soon be as thoroughly monopolized as are some other things in the big town.

A San Francisco man has invented an automobile which runs perfectly by radium power. All the lucky public has to do now is to get its automobile first and then its radium.

English women are rapidly breaking away from the habit of kissing one another. This being leap year, there is no reason why such a foolish habit should be popular anywhere.

Mr. Schwab admits that he is now out of a job and unemployed, but as he still has several million dollars' worth of securities he may be able to get through the winter comfortably.

It helps one to realize that his is not the only business that is overcrowded when he reads that there are more than 1,000 applicants for a vacant Brooklyn pastorate, salary $10,000.

A gentleman who resides in Switzerland announces that he has invented an electrical contrivance which will kill off an army at a single shock. It won't do. Where would the heroes come in?

One of the judges of election arrested in Denver on charges of violating the election laws is a woman. This slightly jars the confident assertion that when women get into politics corruption will cease.

The California girl who went to Denver to meet her Kansas lover and to wed him did nothing so very far out of the way. She will probably have to meet him more than half way many times in order to keep peace in the family.

A number of young girls in Hoboken, N. J., have been praying in church for husbands. Their prayers have not yet been answered, but some of their neighbors who have been out hustling in the meantime have been much more successful.

The Hon. Louis Napoleon Bonaparte Cocianich, the Brooklyn saloonkeeper who has a claim to the Servian throne, has wisely decided not to try to supplant King Peter. Its much safer over here. Besides, there's more money in the saloon business in Brooklyn than in the king business in Belgrade

Peru, Vt., a town from which a thermometer reading of 50 below was reported at the time of the recent cold snap, now asserts that it was only 16 below, and indignantly declares the first report a low-down trick.

Important News From All Parts of Michigan

Happenings of the Week Chronicled Briefly For Busy Readers

Titles of Bills.

In the quo warranto proceedings of the Kent county board of supervisors to determine the validity of the law creating a county board of auditors, the supreme court reversed the decision of the circuit court and ordered judgments of ouster entered against the present auditors. The court made a ruling of interest as to the sufficiency of the titles of bills introduced in the legislature. In this case the original bill providing for a board of auditors for Jackson county. The committee reported out this title amended and over the bill creating a county board in Kent county. The court says that the substitute appeared to be a clear evasion of the constitutional provisions governing the introduction and passage of bills.

Horses Frozen to Death.

Farmers near Climax found a herd of 35 horses in fearful suffering from the cold on a farm six miles from the town. A half dozen of the poor animals were dead in the field and more will die. The surviving beasts were found with their tongues hanging out of their mouths. The brook from which they might have gotten water was frozen over with ice several inches thick. The horses had gnawed through the fence in places around the field in desperate attempts to get out for food. The farmers brought the case to the attention of Prosecuting Attorney Jackson, who sent an officer to investigate. The neighbors say the horses were left over from a drove shipped from the west to Wilber B. Snow, ex-state food commissioner.

Speedy Justice.

Joseph Miller murdered Mrs. James T. Seville in Detroit Saturday afternoon, gave himself up Sunday, confessed that he killed the woman because he "loved her" and asked that his case be at once disposed of. He was arraigned Monday forenoon and asked if he wanted an examination. He refused one and expressed a desire to have his ordeal over with as soon as possible. He even declared he had no wish for an attorney. He was bound over for trial, pleaded guilty, all the legal formalities gone through with, the judge gave him a life sentence and he was taken at once to Jackson to begin serving term.

Prisoners of the State.

The labor commissioner's report shows that on December 1 last, when the canvass was taken, there were 3,114 inmates in the seven penal institutions of the state, a net decrease of 183 in five years. The enrollment in each of the institutions was as follows: Jackson state prison, 718; Ionia reformatory, 397; branch prison at Marquette, 244; Detroit house of correction, 438; state asylum for the criminal insane at Ionia, 284; Industrial school for boys at Lansing, 670; Industrial home for girls at Adrian, 363. The total cost of clothing and feeding these convicts is $105 a day or an average of 13 cents.

After Insurance Companies.

Insurance Commissioner Barry is now attempting to obtain evidence of violations of the anti-compact laws of the state by fire insurance companies, the first specific complaint made to his department in the past three years having been received recently. Commissioner Barry had nothing to say in regard to his investigations until after some of the companies themselves saw fit to make the announcement in Chicago. It is a difficult matter to prove a conspiracy for the purpose of increasing rates, but Barry is endeavoring to do it.

Stock Starving.

Daniel B. Granger, a wealthy bachelor farmer, living in Clayton township is under arrest on a charge of cruelty to animals, preferred by his neighbors. They declare that Granger has kept his horses, cattle, hogs and sheep turned out in the barn yard, with the thermometer registering 20 below zero, and has given them no feed. The hogs became so hungry that they attacked each other. Five were killed. The cries of the hungry horses and cows at night disturbed the entire community

Davis' Cold Walk.

Thomas Davis, aged 19, was found on the streets of Flint Thursday night by Fire Chief Rose and given shelter at the jail. He said he had walked from Saginaw, 33 miles, and was heading for Detroit. Davis was severely frosted on his tramp. He is an epileptic and was afraid to steal a ride on a train because of the danger of falling under the cars in a fit.

Three Killed.

By the blowing out of a steampipe on the boiler at the Metropole hotel, Detroit, Friday morning George Vincent, engineer; William Kupp, fireman, and Frank Casper, an employe of the Brunswick hotel, were so badly scalded that they died a little after noon.

The pipe which blew out was one which fitted into an elbow, and when it gave way the place was flooded with steam.

Completely Shut In.

Thomas Sinclair who settled in Port Austin 50 years ago, died at his farm home in Hume township, aged 78 years, Sunday evening. The funeral took place at his residence Thursday and his daughters from Chicago and Kansas are in Port Huron unable to get through on account of the snow blockade. His body will be taken to Port Huron for interment as soon as the trains run.

Only two houses were left standing after fire swept over Hollandale, Miss. The loss is $200,000.

The contract for the erection of temporary shops for the Pere Marquette in Saginaw, to be used until the burned buildings can be reconstructed, was let to A. Gelinas & Son. Louis Gelinas said he would put up the immense buildings complete in 10 days, and the job was completed in six days.

The wedding bells had hardly ceased ringing for Walter Chase and his bride, and they were at the Durand depot waiting for the train to take their bridal trip to Chicago, when the groom's pocket was picked of all his money and railroad tickets. The honeymoon came to an abrupt end right then.

Natives Need Taming.

Official advices have reached Washington from San Domingo and Port au Prince showing a distressing condition of affairs in San Domingo and Haiti. Business is declared to be almost at a standstill, in both countries, and foreigners have well nigh exhausted their patience in endeavoring to maintain friendly relations with the natives. Dispatches from St. Thomas, D. W. I., say former President Jiminez has received supplies which will enable him to continue his fight against Morales. There has been hard fighting around Monte Cristi and Santiago de Los Caballeros. Hundreds of men have been killed and business is paralyzed.

Married His Step-Daughter.

Ephraim Wycoff, of Berrien Springs, is now in the county jail, charged with having married the 15-year-old daughter of his former wife, who died a few years ago. To secure the license it is alleged that he committed perjury. The girl became a mother a week ago and the case so aroused the community that they asked for an investigation which resulted in his arrest.

Opens Parliament.

King Edward opened parliament Tuesday with all the ceremonial that has been in vogue since his accession to the throne. None of the familiar outdoor features was lacking. The weather conditions, however, were too depressing to permit of much enthusiasm. The king read his speech from the throne, touching briefly on the crisis in the far east.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Benton Harbor teachers have quit on account of low wages.

Hopkins Station farmers will revive the canners at that place

Branch county claims more rural telephone lines than any other county in the state.

An Iowa firm has bought the American tin mill at Muskegon and will employ over 400 men.

John Osterhouse, yard fireman at Traverse City, had both legs cut off while cutting out cars.

Between 40 and 50 young men of Calumet are going to Arizona to engage in mining operations.

A car load of hogs passed through Lansing Tuesday and they had all frozen to death in transit.

Former Gov. C. G. Luce, who has been ill of bronchitis at his home in Coldwater, is reported to be gaining.

Several car loads of hogs had their ears and tails frozen so that they broke off while the train was stalled near Lake Odessa.

Plans for the new postoffice at Grand Haven, Mich., are practically completed and bids will be advertised for within six weeks.

The general store of R. B. Martine, in Linkville, was burned to the ground from a defective chimney, with a loss of $3,000 and no insurance.

Carleton Main and Howard Gray, of Moscow, with Frank Goodwin, of Lansing, have pleaded guilty to issuing bogus nickels and are in jail.

The stranger who was found in a vacant house in Cheboygan, having hanged himself with a piece of clothesline, was Gus Adams, of Detroit.

Clark Reynolds of Glennie hit J. A. Montney over the head with a canthook in a row at a lumber camp. The victim may die, and Reynolds is under bonds.

Fire, caused by an explosion, burned the Central M. E. church of Sault Ste Marie. Nothing remains of the edifice but the walls. Loss $36,000; insurance $15,000.

Jas. Callaghan, a young man in the employ of the Niles Board & Paper Co., was caught between the cogs of a paper machine and his right leg was ground to pieces

A movement is on foot to have the village of St Johns incorporated as a fourth class city, and the question will be submitted to the voters at the coming spring election.

When Fred Bowersox, of Battle Creek, went home to dinner he found his wife lying dead on the floor of her room. It is believed her death was the result of an operation.

Two children of John Roberts, a farmer near Mikado, aged respectively 2½ years and 6 months, were burned to death while the parents were away, the home catching fire.

Dr. Albertus Niland, of Grand Rapids, has been appointed a member of the state board of registration in medicine, to represent the physic medical branch of the profession.

Jackson is anxious to secure the permanent location of the state fair and will offer Cooley park of 90 acres, and promise anything in the way of build[illegible]

Thirty-five cars, an entire train, carrying 18,000 bushels of potatoes, left Cadillac Saturday night consigned to Florida, Virginia and Washington. The price paid farmers was 62 cents a bushel.

[illegible] scratch necessitated the calling of a physician for the first time in 40 years by Mrs. Mary Stillman, of Mason. Mrs. Stillman thought nothing of her slight wound until the flesh began to swell, indicating blood poisoning. The physician cut away a part of the flesh.

The distinction of being the oldest banker in Michigan in point of continuous service belongs to Peter White, of Marquette, who was last week elected a director of the First National bank of that city for the fortieth consecutive year, and president of the institution for the thirty-fifth year.

L. E. Wood, receiver of the defunct First National bank of Niles, announces that another 5 per cent dividend, making 80 per cent in all, will be paid to depositors within a week. After this dividend is paid there will remain but $2,000 of securities in the hands of the receiver. The First National bank failed March 8, 1900. At the time it was thought creditors would not realize over 40 cents on the dollar.

Charles Wilson, alias Clarence Wood, who had just been released from Marquette prison, where he was serving a four-years' sentence for burglary, was ground to pieces by a train. He was on his way to Grand Rapids

Harbor Beach has at last gotten into communication with the outside world. After being blockaded by snow for sixteen days, the Pere Marquette finally got a train through Monday.

Thomas McGlynn, one of Detroit's most notorious crooks, has been sentenced to serve not less than four years and not more than five at Ionia for robbing the store of Mrs. Margaret Meade

Word from Pensacola Fla., says that the body of J. H. Dickerson, the missing capitalist of Battle Creek, has been found badly decomposed. He was evidently knocked off his yacht and drowned.

Frederick Welch was convicted in the circuit court, Flint, on a charge of furnishing liquor to Charles Dye, an habitual drunkard, and was sentenced to 90 days in the Detroit House of Correction.

This week practically all the shingle mills in the upper peninsula will resume operations, after being shut down three months. Hundreds of men who struck for higher wages will go back to work.

A lumber company in Delta county manufactures 75,000,000 feet of lumber annually, 50,000,000 cedar shingles, 10,000,000 lath, 20,000,000 feet of maple flooring, 150,000 telephone poles and 75,000 railroad ties.

Nine more coal mines were worked in Michigan in 1903 than in 1902; 1,734 more men were employed, the average wage was $2.91 a day, 16 cents more than last year, and the increase in tonnage was 712,118.

Gov. Bliss has designated Judge Guy M. Chester, of Hillsdale, to hold court in Jackson county until such time as the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Erastus Peck shall be filled by appointment.

Fire originating in the coal room destroyed the plant of the Jackson Brick Co., just south of the city limits Monday morning. Thirty men are thrown out of employment. The loss is $40,000; no insurance.

The request of the state tax commission for an increase in the salary of Chief Clerk Twiss from $1,500 to $1,800 was turned down by the board of state auditors. The statute fixes the salary at the present figure.

The neighbors of George Hossler, who killed Andrew Payne in Gibson township, gave him a hearty welcome when Judge Shephard released him under parole. Even a son of Payne's signed the appeal for Hossler's release.

Lake Michigan is frozen over from shore to shore. This condition is the cumulative result of continuous cold weather; the average temperature during December and January having been lower than in any winter since 1876.

Oliver Davenport, of Troy township, was bitten by a pet coon. He regarded the injury as only a scratch until blood poisoning set in a few days later, and he had to be removed to Harper hospital, Detroit, where his life is almost despaired of.

Mrs. Mary Phelps, an aged widow whose home was six miles southeast of Flint was burned and smothered to death Sunday morning. She lived alone. Her grandson, Arthur, who went to take her to church, discovered the dead body.

After remaining unconscious for two days, Mrs. Josephine Summers, who was shot in the head on the night of Friday, January 8, in her little grocery store in Detroit, succumbed to her injuries. Her murderer is unknown, and there is no clue.

The Grand Rapids police have Martin Rogers, aged 35, in jail, and are looking up a charge on which to hold him. He married Florence Mainwaring, a school girl 15 years old, in Windsor last week. The couple ran away together from near Hastings.

The people of Franklin were almost frightened out of their senses by a happening that they at first fancied was an earthquake, but which they later discovered to have been the collapse of the church sheds from the weight of snow on the roof.

A number of Scotch families have come to Bay county direct from the old heath lately, to work in the local coal mines. They find the winter much more severe than they were accustomed to in their native land, and most of them are now ill with influenza.

Henry Smith, a farmer, aged 38, who lived about six miles northeast of Holland, assisted his neighbor in the work of killing and cleaning a hog. Then he cut his own throat with the butcher knife. He died in a few minutes. Deceased leaves a widow and three children.

Mrs. Eliza Voorheis, nearly 104 years old, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. John De Bree, at Langston. She was born in New Jersey in March, 1800. She was as bright and active as a young woman. She received calls on her one hundredth birthday, writing her name as plainly as a young person.

Because his wife and her father talked German, which he could not understand, and a family jar which followed, Fred Swain, living near Dryden, committed suicide by taking paris green. Young Swain's father cut the throats of three of his children, set fire to his house and shot himself four years ago.

One Owosso manufacturer reports an increase of 78½ per cent in his tax over that of last year, upon the same capitalization. The tax is 6 per cent of the capital stock. Another large local manufacturing company's tax has increased 61.8 per cent over last year, and the tax this year is 5 per cent of the capital stock

The Sault Ste Marie council has refused to allow a bill of the United States government for $68,503.34 for damages in the loss of Fort Brady barracks by fire a year ago. There was no water available at the time and the government paid for protection. This action will result in a big legal fight.

By jumping into a bath tub full of water, Miss Pearl Spencer, of Port Huron, saved her life when her clothes caught fire from the gas stove she was lighting to get breakfast. She was seriously burned about the limbs, body, shoulders and head. Mrs. Walter G. Spencer burned her hands badly trying to help her daughter.

Thos. Brown, coal miner, lies in a Bay City hospital, with a broken back, and his body paralyzed, but with a perfectly clear mind. He cannot live, and he knows it, but the sturdy miner faces death as quietly as any hero ever did. It is only with his eyes that he gives any sign of still being alive. It is now over a week since a ton of coal crushed him at the Wenona mine.

Wednesday night was the coldest in the history of the copper country, thermometers registering 48 degrees below. Cattle were found frozen stiff in the barns by farmers in the morning. Teamsters and all outdoor work is stopped.

The News of the World Told by the Telegraph

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

Died in the Desert

The bodies of between 20 and 30 men who perished from thirst while attempting to cross the desert between Moana and Las Vegas, Nevada, have been found within a few weeks, according to advices received from the latter place. The men, it is believed, were mostly tramps who attempted to make the long journey on foot without sufficient supplies of food and water to carry them across. Many of the bodies found were without clothing, and it was believed the victims had gone insane from thirst and had wandered about in a nude condition in search of water. Some of the victims are supposed to have drunk water from "Dead Man's Well," which is located almost in the center of the desert. The water from this well, while temporarily alleviating thirst, is sure death to those who drink it.

Across the Isthmus.

American warships have been signaling to each other, a distance of fifty miles, by searchlight rays, over and across the mountains of the isthmus of Panama. The cruiser Dixie, lying at anchor in Limon Bay, off Colon, on the Atlantic side, has been able to spell out the letters of a message by throwing the searchlight on the clouds so that the officers of the monitor Wyoming lying at anchor off Panama, on the Pacific side of the isthmus, could read and understand, and the answer has been sent back via the sky in the same manner.

Communication has been maintained in the same way between Colon and whatever warship has been on guard at Porto Bello, sixteen miles further down the coast.

The natives in the interior have been much amazed and not a little frightened by the brilliant light rays darting back and forth from horizon to zenith and back to earth again.

Learned to Keep Cool.

Notwithstanding recent experience with smoke and flame tenants of the Chicago Masonic Temple failed to scare Friday when a fire broke out in the Cosmopolitan building, adjoining. The occupants of the Cosmopolitan made a hasty exit. On the upper stories of the Cosmopolitan, a number of women became hysterical, and, blinded by the smoke, made efforts to spring from the windows. Cooler heads, however, prevented this, and the women were carried down the fire escape. Miss Norma Verva was so severely burned that it is believed she cannot live. Chemicals she was mixing on the sixth floor exploded and caused the fire. In a dying condition she was carried down a fire escape by C. W. Randolph. Several other persons were burned, but not seriously.

The Girl Couldn't Go.

Dressed in her brother's clothes, and with her long brown hair cut short and crammed into a man's wig, May Bondell, 22 years old, of Terre Haute, Ind., applied to the recruiting sergeant at Fort Sheridan, Chicago, to be mustered into Co. I, which is ordered to join the Twentieth regiment in the Philippines as soon as it is at full strength. The girl broke down when informed that she must undergo the regular physical examination, and confessed her sex. Heart-broken at the thought of separation from her sweetheart, Carl Pflaum, who is a private in the company, she said that she tried to enlist as a man in order to accompany him and share his dangers.

The Canal Treaty.

At a caucus of Democratic senators on Saturday all the speeches were favorable to the conciliation of Colombia, and the feeling was expressed by a number of the speakers that an assurance of such a course on the part of the United States would secure the votes of a large majority of the Democratic senators for the treaty. There was also a feeling that there should be a cessation of speeches on the Panama question until replies are received to the resolutions of inquiry which already have been adopted.

Mayor Ames Out.

The Minnesota supreme court has quashed the indictment against Former Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, and the entire court held that the indictment was faulty. Judges Start, Collins and Lewis concurred in the majority opinion that the offense was not proven, while Judges Lovely and Brown disagreed with that part of the opinion of the majority. Dr. Ames was charged and convicted in the district court of Hennepin county of receiving money illegally as mayor of Minneapolis, from women.

Unsafe Hospitals.

Building Commissioner Williams, of Chicago, has notified those in charge of eight prominent hospitals that they must receive no new patients in their institutions until certain specified changes are made. The hospitals involved are: The Englewood, the Post-Graduate, the West Side, the Chicago Woman's, the Homeopathic, the Emergency, the Baptist and the Hering Medical College.

The United Mineworkers have voted $5,000 for the immediate relief of the families of the 180 miners killed in the Harwick mine explosion at Cheswick, Pa.

A shortage of $240,000 has been revealed by expert examination of the books of the Franklin bank of Cincinnati. Cashier Henry Burkhold is prostrated and cannot recover.

The war department has announced that by the latter part of next summer or early fall there will be enough new Springfield rifles on hand to equip the entire army and that this will be done as quickly as possible.

A medical inquiry is being made into a strange case of a number of girls belonging to a cooking school at Darnstadt, who were poisoned recently by eating salad made from canned beans. Four of the girls are dead and nine are dying.

After a two weeks' inquiry by the New York city health department into rumors that a trust had been formed to handle antitoxin, Health Commissioner Darlington concludes there is such a combination. He offers to sell such surplus of the remedy as the department may have on hand to other cities as they may need it. New York city manufactures its own antitoxin.

Condensed.

Three miles of coal barges, 57 in number, belonging to the Monongahela River Coal Co. and loaded with coal, are grounded and going to pieces on the Ohio, near Jeffersonville, Ind. Two hundred men are at work trying to save them. It is estimated the loss will be $500,000.

Mrs. Riley Hall, of New Brighton, Pa., has presented her husband with the second pair of twins within a year. They have been married but two years. As in the first instance one is a boy and the other a girl.

D. A. Pohlmann, treasurer of the federated council of Santa Clara county, Cal., was held up and robbed of $230 and a gold watch and then shot, probably fatally.

Hanging is the sentence given Frank Dawson, scion of a prominent family at Paris, Mo., who shot and killed Anna Hartman at a dance because she broke an engagement with him.

The senate committee on military affairs authorized a favorable report on the bill to prevent the desecration of the American flag after amending it so as to reduce the minimum punishment from $50 to $10.

Rep. McCleary of Minnesota has introduced a bill appropriating $100,000 for a statue of Abraham Lincoln to the city of Washington.

Rep. Otjen, of Wisconsin, introduced a resolution extending the thanks of congress to the people of Wisconsin for the statue of Marquette, which occupies a place in statuary hall in the capitol at Washington.

A proposed new article to the constitution has been introduced by Rep. McDermott, of New Jersey, prohibiting the incorporation by states of corporations to engage in business outside of the state.

Charges have been filed at the interior department against Bird S. McGuire, the delegate in the house from Oklahoma, charging that in violation of the law he has been prosecuting claims in behalf of Indians and accepting fees therefor while serving as a delegate in congress.

All England Was Amazed.

At 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon Whittaker Wright was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude. At 4 o'clock he lay dead on the floor of a small room in the law courts of London.

The career of this man, who was known on three continents for his stupendous financial operations, closed in a startling tragedy. Even in his life, which, with his rise from poverty to enormous wealth, was full of dramatic incidents, there was nothing that could compare with the manner of his death. All London is thrilled with the news of it. No such human tragedy has been enacted in England for many a year.

Mrs. Wright, the dead man's wife, is an American. She now lies ill at the magnificent country home which Wright had in Surrey.

Cause of the Explosion.

Mine Inspector Cunningham is satisfied he has discovered the cause of the explosion at the Harwick, Pa., mine and the room in which it occurred. The inspectors find that the gas was lighted by a defective shot, one that was not properly tamped and which threw a bit of burning paper from the hole drilled in the coal. Near this point was found the lamp of Fire Boss J. A. Gordon, who was also the head shooter in the mine. The mine had given up 114 dead at noon Friday. Preparations are already making for an early resumption of work at the mine. The company expects to start again in two weeks or as soon as the bodies have all been removed, the mine inspected and repairs made.

No Double Mileage.

By a vote of 167 to 0 the house on Saturday decided that its members would not accept double mileage for the extraordinary and the present regular sessions of the fifty-eighth congress. This means that the government will be saved $149,000 and possibly $190,000, which would be the amount if the senators had been included in the arrangement, as would undoubtedly have been the case had the provision passed both branches.

CONDENSED NEWS.

His hands frozen until two of his fingers split their entire length, Chas. Kalba, a farmer, was driven insane while driving into Torrington, Ct.

Walter Scott, who was a scout with Gen. Custer prior to the battle of the Little Big Horn, committed suicide at his home in Stafford, Ks., by taking morphine. No cause is assigned.

Paul Stern, a young officer of the Prussian army, committed suicide at San Antonio, Tex., by shooting himself twice through the breast with a revolver. He was weary of battling against ill health.

Because his sister was dying in Rochester, N. Y., and he was penniless, Daniel Brennan stole to raise funds to enable him to see her. He was dragged from her bedside and was in jail when she died.

The pope is suffering from a fresh and a stronger attack of gout and is now convinced that living in the vatican endangers his health. He says that in the coming summer he must have a change of climate, and Dr. Lappont, the pope's physician, favors the idea.

When Elihu Root departed for New York, where he is to resume the practice of law, he was escorted to the railroad station by a troop of cavalry. President Roosevelt went to the Root residence to bid him good bye and Secretary of War Taft and Lieut.-Gen. Chaffee accompanied him to the station.

Harry R. Egbert, alias "Jack Frost," of Salem, Ore., who murdered John G. Saxton and John West last October, and was hanged, made a speech in which he said: "Take me as a mark; keep your children off the street and above all, out of saloons. Bad raising and bad company is the direct cause of my downfall. I have repented my sins."

W. Bourke Cockran has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for congress in the twelfth New York district. The nomination is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mayor McClellan. Cockran accepted.

Sault Ste. Marie, Too!

An investigation by the Sault Ste. Marie police commission will result in the calling of a grand jury. The shake up comes from a charge that the police were in the habit of accepting money from the houses of ill-fame and gambling houses, and that because of this the latter were not molested and had been for the past two or three years allowed to run wide open. Among the other matters which will be investigated are the contracts for the bridges across the water power canal, about which there has always been more or less unfavorable comment. The contract for the water works recently put into operation and the recently constructed sewer system will also be subject to inquiry. The granting of several franchises by the city, one of which is the street railway franchise granted to F. H. Clergue, will come in for investigation and practically every department of the city and county will be [illegible], unless those who have formerly been so certain of crookedness are not so sure when brought before the grand jury.

A Deputy's Graft.

Deputy Sheriff John Campbell, employed at the Wayne county jail, is out of a job. Sheriff Dickson discharged him after satisfying himself that Campbell received money from Emil Waltz and procured whisky for him with it, giving, as Waltz says, nine glasses for a dollar. Two other prisoners testified that Campbell had furnished them with whisky. It is said that Waltz committed the serious offense charged against him by a fellow prinsoner while under the influence of the drink, and that he threatened the man's life with a table knife which was afterwards found in his cell.

His Wishes Fulfilled.

Charles J. Warner, father of Editor Warner, of the Pottersville Press, who died at the home of his son, made a request that his remains be kept until his friends were sure he would not be buried alive. For this reason his funeral was not held until six days after his death. Another request that he made before dying was that his son should be one of the speakers at his funeral and Editor Warner accompanied the remains to Maple Rapids to carry out the request.

Beet Raising.

Although every beet sugar factory in Michigan has agents out soliciting beet acreage from the farmers for next year, the Saginaw valley factories are not meeting with much encouragement. The unfavorable weather of the past two seasons has been bad for the farmer. Indications are that the coming year will be a record breaker for raising beets. The heavy snow fall will give ample moisture to the soil.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending February 6

DETROIT—Saturday Matinee at 2; Evenings at 8—First half Goodwin, last half Irving.

LYCEUM—Matinee, Wed and Sat. 25c, Evenings 15, 25, 50, 75—"The Fortune Teller."

WHITNEY—Matinee 10, 15, and 25c; Evenings 10, 20 and 30c—"Not Guilty."

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c.

AVENUE THEATER—Matinees at 2:15; Evenings at 8:15—Vaudeville.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit.—Choice steers, $4 65@4 75; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs, $4@4 50, light to good butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs, $3 25@4; mixed butcher's fat cows, $3@3 75; canners, $1 50@2; common bulls, $2 75@3; good shipper's bulls, $3 25@3 75; common feeders, $3@3 50; good well-bred feeders, $3 25@4; light stockers, $2 75@3 25; milch cows, $25 to $45; veal calves, best grades, $7@7 25; other grades, $5@6 75.

Sheep—$6@6 25; fair to good lambs, $5 50@6, light to common lambs, $5@5 50; fair to good butcher sheep, $3 75@4 25; culls and common, $2 50@3 50.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $4 95@5; pigs, $4 85; light yorkers, $4 85; roughs, $4 25@4 35, stags, one-third off.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $4 80@5 50; poor to medium, $4@4 60; stockers and feeders, $2 40@4; cows and heifers, $1 50@4 50; canners, $1 50@2 25; bulls, $1 75@4 30, calves, $3 50@7 25.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $4 80@5 10; good to choice heavy, $5@5 15; rough heavy, $4 75@5; light, $4 60@5; bulk of sales at $4 85@5.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 25@4 60; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4 10; native lambs, $4 50@6.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $4 90@5 10; few choice, $5 15@5 25; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb. shipping steers, $4 60@4 75; good 1,050 to 1,100-lb. butcher steers, $4@4 50; 900 to 1,000-lb. do, $4@4 25; best fat cows, $3 60@3 75; fair to good, $2 75@3; common cows, $2@2 50; best fat heifers, $4@4 25; medium, $3 50@3 75; light fat heifers, $3@3 25; common and stock heifers, $2 75@3; best feeding steers, $2 40@3 60; best yearling steers, $3@3 15; common stockers, $2 50@2 90; export bulls, $3 75@4; bolognas, $2 75@3 25; best milch cows, $35 to $45; medium, $30 to $38; common, $15 to $23; calves, best veals, $8.25 to $8.50; fair to good, $6.50 to $8.

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Sheep—Best western lambs, $6 15@6 25, natives, $6 35@6 40; fair to good, $6@6 30, culls and common, $4 75@5 75; mixed sheep, $4 15@4 50; fair to good, $4@4 25, culls and bucks, $2 75@3 25, wethers and yearlings, $4 75@5 50; ewes, $4 25@4 50

Grain, Etc.

Corn—Cash No 3, 2 cars at 42½c; No 3 yellow, 3 cars at 45c; No 3 white, 3 cars at 43c; No 4 yellow, 2 cars at 43c.

Oats—Cash, 42c for No 3 white.

Beans—Cash, $1 76; February, $1 75 bid; March, $1 74.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash No 2 red, 3 cars at 93c; May, 5,000 bu at 92½c, 3,000 bu at 92c, 5,000 bu at 92¼c, 5,000 bu at 92½c; July, 3,000 bu at 85¼c, 5,000 bu at 85c, 2,000 bu at 85¼c, closing at 85½c; No 3 red, 91c; sample, 1 car at 92c; mixed winter, 1 car at 92¼c; sample low grade, 1 car at 76c; No 1 white, 92c.

Chicago—No 3 wheat, 83@85c; No 2 red, 88@92½c; No 2 corn, 47¼c; No 2 yellow, 48c; No 2 oats, 39¾@39½c; No 3 white, 39½@42½c; No 2 rye, 56½c; good feeding barley, 38@39c; fair to choice malting, 45@67c.

Two years imprisonment and perpetual exile to Siberia is the sentence imposed on a Moscow student, named Andreieff, for assaulting a Russian general in the streets of Kazan.

The largest gun in the world, a 16-inch disappearing monster, is being mounted at Sandy Hook, New York. It fires a 1,600 pound charge and has a range of 12 miles.

Mrs. Lulu Prince Kennedy Kramer, on trial a second time for the murder January 10, 1901, of her first husband, Philip H. Kennedy, was found not guilty by a Kansas City jury here Friday.

Frank Goodwin, of Lansing, and Howard Gray and Carleton Main, of Moscow, are in the Branch county jail awaiting sentence as the result of pleading guilty before United States Commissioner H. H. Barlow to the charges of issuing bogus five-cent pieces.

In pursuit of gold citizens of Grand Forks, Alaska, are undermining the town, which stands on what was originally claim No. 6, above Discovery on Bonanza creek. Grand Forks has one long street, lined with business houses, and people who own lots on which they stand have begun digging under their own buildings.