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There are some people who think the dentist, not the politician, has the biggest pull.

The latest news from the grafted nose is that it has taken root and is getting ready to blossom.

One reason that trusts are often dissolved is that too much water is frequently used in their composition.

"A sneer never yet answered an argument," says the Hartford Times. And it's foolish to try to argue against a sneer.

Dr. Pearsons, the Chicago philanthropist, endowed three colleges in commemoration of his birthday. Long life to him!

When Mme. Patti gives up $40,000 once in her grip she surely intends to make another "farewell tour" in order to recover it.

Half a million talking-machine records were destroyed in a Camden, N. J., fire the other day without uttering a word of protest.

There is something in the finger nail diagnosis. If you have aches all over you, and your nails are thin and brittle, you have rheumatism.

You can't make a chicken thief believe that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush if he is caught with the goods on him.—Town Topics.

That separation of Weber and Fields, after twenty-five years of partnership, seems something like the divorce of a couple 75 years old.

It would be interesting to know how much Prof. Crittenden, since he discovered that people generally eat too much, has reduced his own daily bill of fare.

An esteemed New York contemporary is discussing the question, "Why does popcorn pop?" It will be followed by a symposium on the topic, "why is a gourd."

It is unsafe to make a running comment on a baseball team or the weather. Either is likely to present a complete change of form without a moment's notice.

One of the mysteries of nature is the ease with which song birds and game can be exterminated as compared with the difficulty in getting rid of the boll weevil.

The decision of a Philadelphia court that a wife does not own her husband's pay envelope will not disturb the average wife. All she wants is the contents—Kansas City Journal.

The Englishman who has been investigating the question decides that there is a measure of stern reality in dreams. Any man who has paid for his wife's spring hat will corroborate this.

The news that a fortune of $1,000,000 awaits one missing George Miller is calculated to raise false hopes. But it would have been still worse if the lost heir had happened to be John Smith.

In one block of twelve houses in New Brunswick there are six brides. That block is a good deal more desirable now as a place of residence than it will be a few years hence, if they all stay there.

The able but dyspeptic New York Post still sternly declines to point with pride at anything in this reprehensible country except the occasional imaginary fulfilment of one of its dismal predictions.

Novoe Vremya, which is the name of one of Russia's leading newspapers, means The Times and The Vseminaya means The World. It must be exciting when The World newsboys flock out with an extra.

One of the Japanese officers who were killed at Port Arthur has been elevated to the rank of war god in Japan. Still, comparatively few of us would care to be blown to pieces even for that high honor.

The eminent authority that described Uncle Russell Sage as a man who did not care for money for its own sake must have heard of the recklessness with which he sometimes spends $7.98 for a suit of clothes.

It is to be hoped that the fact that a defendant in a breach of promise case used to send his sweetheart a million kisses in every letter will not be used as an argument against the feasibility of one-cent postage.

It would serve the convenience of editors, compositors, proofreaders and readers alike if the American newspapers would only agree upon a complete set of Yankee names for both the Japanese and the Russian warships.

If the Italian chemist who thinks he has discovered a chemical combination in liquid form that will prove a substitute for kerosene oil is right, he may be endowing universities or giving away libraries a dozen years from now.

Some genius has invented a machine to split wood, to be run by a three-horsepower gasoline engine. It isn't enough. Where is the man who can not at once recall splitting knots that would stop a three-horsepower engine as still as a clock?

An undertaker's rate war in North Yakima, Wash., has been carried so far that one may be buried out there for one cent. The bargain price is subject to change without notice, and anyone wishing to take advantage of it should time his funeral accordingly.

THE NEWS OF MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Stearns' Death.

Mrs. Paulina L. Stearns, wife of Hon. Justus S. Stearns, candidate for governor of Michigan, died Thursday evening after an illness of less than three weeks. The cause of death was an attack of acute kidney trouble, which the ablest physicians of Chicago were unable to conquer or allay.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Stearns returned from the south, going to Chicago for treatment of a supposed malarial disorder. Physicians there offered her no hope whatever, and she came home to die.

Mrs. Stearns was 54 years old, having been born Nov. 24, 1840, at Concneaut, O. She was married in 1868 to Justus S. Stearns and came to Ludington in 1874. That city has been her home ever since. Mrs. Stearns was a sister of Mrs. Catherine Morrow, formerly Mrs. Eber B. Ward, of Detroit; Thomas R. Lyon, of Chicago, and Mrs. Lynds Jones, wife of Gen. James Wade, who is now in command of the United States troops in the Philippines. Her death is a terrible blow to the family and relatives. Both Mr. Stearns and his son, Robert L. Stearns, were with Mrs. Stearns at the end.

A School Boy Suicided.

Willie Wardell, aged 13, of Bay City, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .32 caliber revolver in the Michigan Central yards Tuesday evening. Evil companions inflicted Willie to play truant, forging his father's name to excuses sent to his teacher, Miss Florence Taylor. Fearing punishment Willie spent the afternoon trying to go as a stowaway on the steamer Pushtico. Failing in this he lingered about the Michigan Central yards, and was found in a pool of blood beside the track, his grimy little hands still clutching the revolver. Corporal punishment had never been applied to Willie, who was bright beyond his years, although inclined to be mischievous. Fear of the truant officer evidently preyed on the boy's mind, causing the desperate deed. His parents are prostrated with grief. The police find a number of Willie's playmates possess revolvers, several years ago the police made a searching investigation in all the public schools for dime novels and weapons. A similar crusade is now likely.

Michigan Central Earnings.

The annual report of the Michigan Central Railroad Co. for the year ending December 31, 1903, submitted to the stockholders at their meeting in Detroit, shows an increase in freight earnings of $2,882,103, and in passenger earnings of $373,632. Nearly all of this, however, was wiped out by an increase in operating expenses of $3,065,027.

Gross earnings from traffic were $22,552,201.30; operating expenses and taxes, $18,862,320.33 (previous year, $15,407,564.55); net earnings, $3,080,880.97; interest and rentals, $2,144,951.80; residue, $1,544,929.17; paid Canada Southern's proportion of net income, $355,088.39; net revenue from traffic, $1,189,840.78; income from investments, $54,932.04; total net revenue, $1,244,772.82, or $6.61 per share; dividends paid, $749,520, or 4 per cent; balance, $495,252.82.

Incendiaries Work.

A number of incendiary fires have aroused the Menominee police to action. The saloon building of Theodore Menard burned this week, and but for the barking of a dog Menard and his son would have perished. The fire started in the second story, where kerosene had been poured over the floors. Early Thursday morning the barn of C. H. Law was set on fire by tramps.

Forest fires continue to rage. The home of Frank Dewens, near Nadeau, with barns, burned Wednesday. Farmers have been driven from their homes. Reports along the Wisconsin and Michigan road are that considerable cedar piled in the woods has been destroyed by fire.

Forest Fires Raging.

Extensive damage is being done in the upper peninsula by forest fires. If rain does not come in a day or two the losses will be enormous. Loggers are out day and night trying to save the product of their winter's labor. The air is smoke-laden and almost unbearable. The month of April just passed was the dryest in the history of the upper peninsula.

Sportsmen are mourning the loss of partridge eggs, which will surely be burned, and the game practically destroyed if the fires are not stopped. Many homesteaders have been burned out of their homes with loss of all their possessions.

Lovers' Quarrel and Suicide.

Mabel Zinn was one of the most popular girls in Mancelona and she was in love with Fred Best, who came there from Detroit a year ago to clerk in a dry goods store. It is said that the couple had a quarrel; the girl took arsenic and died. It is further stated that the quarrel was the result of false accusations against the girl. The feeling toward the young man is not of the best, and it is thought he would meet with violence should he appear on the streets.

Republic's Loss.

Fire in Republic Wednesday afternoon caused a loss estimated at $160,000. The property destroyed was the business block of the Republican Co-operative society, and the business houses of Munson & Peterson, C. A. Bower, the Republic Store Co., Utberg's residence, the home of Dr. E. E. Lamb, the South Shore depot and four warehouses.

An automobile bus line to carry passengers to and from Rochester, 12 miles east of Pontiac, is being talked of.

The prosecuting attorney of Ingham is investigating the burning of the Bryan hotel at Lansing, when four men were burned to death. It is supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin. As an attempt had been made about three weeks ago to burn the building.

Lewis Schnorr, of Richfield, a day or two ago set fire to a marsh on his farm, and after the grass got to burning well the wind changed, and blew it directly toward a new fence. Mr. Schnorr made a gap, but the fire got there first and burned twenty rods of fence that he had just finished building.

The sugar beets of the upper peninsula have surpassed the expectations of the most sanguine in the percentage of sugar they contain.

The Ionia county wheat crop will be almost a total loss. It is estimated that not over 25 per cent will escape the winter setback and the drought now prevalent.

Michael Smith, aged 45 years, jumped into the river at Menominee with suicidal intent, but the water was too cold, so he climbed out and hanged himself instead.

Many farmers have discovered that the extreme cold weather last winter has killed the chip in their corn. It will be necessary to bring in seed corn from other states.

Prof. R. H. Kietland, who has been superintendent of the Flint schools for the past three years, has been elected superintendent of the the public schools at Menominee.

The National Stock Cooperage association elected J. T. Wylie, Saginaw, Mich., president at its convention in Cincinnati. The convention will meet in Detroit next November.

John Vickery, of Henrietta township, Jackson Co., fell against the saw of a portable sawmill and both his legs were cut. He died shortly afterwards from loss of blood.

The patrol wagon and half the city's force of police were needed to get a team of horses out of the mud of the marshes along the Battle creek near Hamlyn's drug store on Marshall street.

The State Board of Pardons has denied applications for clemency in a number of cases, the most notable being that of Frank Hayes, the young Detroit murderer, who is serving a life sentence.

Gov. Bliss has granted a parole to Otto A. Stark, of Detroit, who is serving his third sentence for forgery. He gets intoxicated, it is said, and while in that condition has forged checks for a small amount.

Patrolman Anthony Pohl, of Grand Rapids, saw a boy fall into the river and induced two pedestrians to lower him head first, holding him by the feet, over a pile of logs thus enabling him to rescue the lad.

The Polish National alliance of Milwaukee has bought 120,000 acres of land in Delta county, of the L. Stephenson Co. They will colonize the lands by locating the Polish families and Pennsylvania coal miners thereon.

Ducks are plentiful at the mouth of Saginaw river and adjoining streams, and some daring nimrods cannot resist the temptation to shoot a few out of season. Residents along the bay shore report brisk shooting in the marshes.

The treasurer of Wexford county has received $1,400 from Kalkasa county, to reimburse Wexford the cost of the trial of Frank McKnight, who was convicted of murder and sent to the Detroit house of correction for life.

By catching his foot in a guard rail at Bath, Ambrose Mosier, brakeman on the Michigan Central southbound freight, was run over and injured so that he died Tuesday. He was 22 years old and resided at West Bay City.

Last year Centreville was without a school; this year it has two. No one died last year for the want of a drink, and as the town has one for the license money, it was decided to legalize the saloons, as long as they did business anyway.

The Calumet & Hecla, the big mine of the Lake Superior copper district, has the distinction of having produced more copper than any other property in America. It has yielded approximately one and three-quarter billions of pounds.

George W. Parker inventor, painter, musician and business man, of Kalamazoo, Mich., was run down by an automobile last Friday, died Saturday afternoon. His injuries included three broken ribs, many bruises and internal injuries.

The funeral of Mrs. Justus S. Stearns took place on Sunday, the services being held at the home. They were of an exceedingly simple and beautiful character. There was no music, but flowers were in abundance from friends all over the state.

The last ice report to be issued by the weather bureau this season says that general navigation can now be assumed on all the lakes with the exception of Superior, which on Superior about May 10. The report also states that there will be no trouble reaching the Soo from Lake Huron.

Geo. W. Parker, aged 60, president of the Pacific Coast Gypsum Co., of San Francisco, who has been visiting in Kalamazoo, was run down by an automobile Friday night, and sustained injuries which it is feared will prove fatal. His skull is cracked and three ribs were broken and his face badly cut.

Mrs. Walter Fish, who claims Lansing, Mich., as her home, has turned up as one of the five wives of Walter Fish, who broke jail at Garrett, Ind., in which place he eluded capture. Mrs. Fish, who claims to be wife No. 1, proves to be wife No. 3. Fish is but 35 years of age, and all of his marriages have been contracted within the last ten years.

Robert Mitchell, a well-to-do farmer of Emmett township, suffered a fire loss of almost $10,000 Sunday. His barn, horse, windmill and outbuildings were all burned. Farm tools and much stock and household furniture were destroyed. The buildings had been put up recently and were models of their kind. Mitchell being a progressive farmer. The loss is well covered by insurance.

The inspection of salt for the month of April was as follows: Saginaw district, 12,732 barrels; Bay, 9,802; St. Clair, 68,627; Manistee, 1,801; Manistique, 5,587; Wayne, 58,338, being a total of 360,987 barrels. The total amount inspected since December 1, the beginning of the inspection year, is 1,172,209 barrels, a gain of 60,000 over the same period in 1903 of 102,511 barrels.

It is thought that in about ten days the Kalamazoo river can be brought back into its legitimate channel and the Otsego peninsula will be placed once more in commission. The river washed out the embankment, making itself a new channel at the end of the dam.

The time for the payment of railroad express and car loaning corporation taxes has expired. The railroad companies have paid $1 818,421 47; the express companies $4,215 03 and car loaning companies $3,734 83. This is only a small proportion of the taxes assessed, the railroads under the present law being called upon to pay $3,750,140 42, express companies $31,611 03 and car loaning companies $5,998 68.

Relatives of Ernest Kitchen, of Pennsia township, are searching for him. About two weeks ago he drank Tuscarora City and sold a horse since which time he has not been seen.

UTICA HALF DESTROYED.

Fire Raged Seven Hours in the Center of the Town Before Checked.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock Sunday forenoon fire was discovered in the Exchange hotel barn, in Utica. A strong wind drove the fire with such force that buildings were converted into ashes with merciful rapidity. Seventeen business places and ten dwelling houses were burned before a fire engine, which was telegraphed for, arrived from Detroit by special train. The entire heart of Utica is gone. The fire burned seven hours before it was checked. Forty-nine buildings, including the only bank, one church and some of the leading stores, the oldest and largest hotel, large storage barns and the most valuable property of the town lie now in a mass of embers and only a thin, wavering fragment of a brick wall stands as a monument to the devastating fire. A strolling tramp, who was seen around the barrooms of the town, was found by the proprietor of the Exchange hotel asleep in the barn in the rear of the building this morning and was promptly ordered out. It is claimed that he refused to budge and that one of the employes of the place threw two buckets of water over the vagabond. A few minutes after the sudden bath the tramp was seen to emerge from the barn and immediately upon his heels followed a streak of smoke, and the conflagration. The loss will foot up $850,000 and upwards with a total insurance of less than half that amount.

The one serious accident was the fall of William Upton from the top of a long ladder, which he had extended in an effort to save his big store. He was overcome by the heat and smoke, it is believed. He fell about thirty feet and was rendered unconscious. He was many hours before the efforts of a physician could bring signs of returning consciousness.

Ten Years in Jackson.

George W. Parker, of Detroit, was found guilty of manslaughter in the Recorder's court on Saturday and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in Jackson. Parker shot his brother-in-law, James Moore, who was calling Parker's sister, Mrs. Hopkins paralytic, and for the crime has been three times before the court for trial. Jury scandals prevented a trial twice and the case has been bitterly and stubbornly fought.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF.

Battle Creek is first in the field with a case of heat prostration.

The postoffice at Hickory Corners was burglarized Sunday night and $30 taken.

The village of Gaylord voted Tuesday to bond for $8,000 for a new school.

The Commercial State bank, of Marlette, has absorbed the Marlette State bank.

Alice Davis, aged 4 years, was drowned in the Shiawassee river at Owosso Monday.

John Sweeny, convicted forger, was sentenced at Bay City Thursday to three to seven years in Marquette.

Measles have become epidemic at Jonesville. Fifty cases were reported to Health Officer Ditmars in two days.

At a charivari in South Blendon, Joe Etterney received the full charge of a shotgun in his foot, shattering it badly.

Dollar Bay Methodists will erect a handsome church this summer to replace the structure destroyed by fire last winter.

Calhoun county still holds the divorce record, there being thirty-three cases on the docket for the present term of court.

The state board of arbitration and mediation will take a hand in trying to settle the teamsters' strike at Grand Rapids.

Rural route No. 1 will be established at Erie, Monroe county, on June 1. Area covered, 17 square miles; population served, 675.

J. O. Zabel and S. A. Foster have been granted a franchise through Dundee village for an electric line from Petersburg to Jackson.

As a result of energetic action on the part of the Women's Civic League an ample supply of grass seed has been started at Kalamazoo, with the backing of the common council.

The Battle Creek sanitarium, Adventist, has decided to establish a branch sanitarium at Philadelphia with hydrotherapeutic treatments and a sort of mission for the poor attached.

Quite a number of Finns in the copper country have purchased farms in New Hampshire and will move there at once. The farms they are buying are homesteads which have been abandoned by their former owners.

The Beaufort and Ohio mines at Michigamme have closed, throwing 150 men out of employment. The mines were operated by the Niagara Iron Co., of Buffalo, and were the sole sustenance of the village since the closing of the Michigamme mine and Reed & Co.'s saw mill.

Mayor Clapp, of Battle Creek, fortifying himself with vaccination points and disinfecting solution made a visit to the Detention hospital where several smallpox patients are confined. The visit included removal of his clothing, a bath in formaldehyde solution, and other disagreeable things.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

A Brief Chronicle of All Important Happenings

THE VICTORIOUS JAPS.

The Russian Base Captured—Port Arthur Closed—Another Army Landed.

Feng-Wang-Cheng, the second line of the Russian defense, was captured by the Japs on Friday almost as easily as if it had been previously abandoned. Gen. Kuroki pressed forward and attacked before the Russians had recovered from the demoralization and confusion into which they had been thrown by their previous defeat on the Yalu river. The Japanese have destroyed the railway at Port Arthur, blowing up the bridges.

Telegrams received in Seoul from Antung declare that the second Japanese army corps, besides having disembarked on the Liao Tung peninsula, has effected a landing at Takushan, on the Manchurian coast, about 40 miles west of the mouth of the Yalu.

The Russian objective is Liao Yang, where Gen. Kuropatkin is concentrating his forces, and where it is expected a general engagement will be fought.

The great Pekin road will for the next week or ten days be the scene of constant skirmishes unless Kuroki is able to outflank the retreating Russians on either flank and encircle them, compelling a fight or surrender.

The Japanese are moving with their accustomed activity above Port Arthur. A force said to be 25,000 strong is sweeping down the Liao Tung peninsula, and it is reported that Dalny already has fallen into their hands. Another force is said to be marching north, and Japanese scouts are reported as far north as Kaiping. The Russian garrisons are being concentrated. All south of the Japanese line are now behind the Port Arthur defenses, while those to the north are being concentrated at Hai Cheng, where an effort will be made to check Oku's army if it joins in the move on Liao Yang. At Hai Cheng the Russians think they will not be more than a day's march apart or within easy supporting distance.

Port Arthur in Siege.

The landing of the Japanese at Chisewo, northeast of Port Arthur, and at Port Adams, on the west coast of Liao-Tung peninsula, is officially confirmed. It is expected that the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin will soon be cut. Pitsewo is situated on the east coast of the Liao-Tung peninsula and about 75 miles northeast of Port Arthur. It is near the narrowest part of the peninsula, along which runs the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin. Port Adams is situated about 50 miles from Port Arthur, at the head of Society bay, and on the railroad connecting Port Arthur with Mukden and Harbin. Consequently it may be inferred that if the report of a Japanese landing there is correct communication with Port Arthur has been cut off. Pitsewo, on the east coast, where the Japanese have landed, is less than 20 miles from Port Adams.

Port Arthur Road Open.

It is now certain that railroad communication with Port Arthur is now open. It is reported that Lieut-Gen. Stoessel, commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, has successfully engaged and driven off the enemy. The general staff has no confirmation of this report and explains the withdrawal of the Japanese from the railroad as being other due to a strength of General Kuropetkin at Kai-Ping and other points on the railroad.

Golwin Smith, of Toronto, has written to Andrew Carnegie, advising that instead of spending so many millions in libraries, which would grow of themselves with the advance of civilization, the multi-millionaire might do something to relieve the misery in the homes of the people's poor.

A governmental report of war ships building credits Russia with 14 submarine boats planned or on the ways. She has one in commission. The United States has 33 battleships building against 12 for England. The latter has 17 armored cruisers building against 11 for the United States.

At Pueblo, Colo., it is assumed that the southern coal strike has been declared off, a letter having been received by a coal merchant intimating this course through the failure of the national organization of United Mine Workers further to support the Colorado strikers.

The jury considering the case in Peoria county now, and so far matters have progressed very slowly. It has already been hinted that two or three "blind pigs" have started in Hart, but these institutions will run up against the strongest kind of a law and order league that is determined to enforce the law, Trouble is brewing.

Severe Engagement Reported.

It is reported that the first Japanese army corps, having followed the Russians retreating from the Yalu river, overtook them twenty miles south of Liao Yang Monday and a severe engagement ensued. The Japanese dragged their guns up hills believed to be unsurmountable. The Russians thereupon continued to retreat north.

A division of the first corps is approaching New Chwang, which is now garrisoned by a handful of Russians. Japanese scouts have been seen six miles from New Chwang. Nineteen women were the last civilians to leave New Chwang for Shan-Hai-Kwan. They confirm the reports of the evacuation of New Chwang.

Japanese patrols from Feng-Wang-Cheng have been observed in the direction of Yaoyp. A small Japanese detachment of infantry and cavalry has occupied Kwan-Tien-Shan. The railroad station at Ba-Flan-Dian has been occupied by Russian troops.

The Russian Flight.

There is every indication that the Russians have decided to evacuate New Chwang. Troops have been leaving all day long (May 8). Ports have been dismantled and all artillery has been placed on board trains. All the local transportation has been commandered by the Russian authorities.

The Russians probably will destroy the gunboat Sivouch before leaving. The vessels at New Chwang.

It is reported here that Viceroy Alexieff was slightly wounded prior to his departure from Port Arthur. He barely escaped from the place before the Japanese closed the lines of communication.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at New Chwang, in a dispatch dated May 8, says:

"Yesterday most of the Russian troops retired to Tashihchao and during the night most of the guns were removed from the fort and sent to Liao-Yang. Now that the Russian forces are concentrating.

A conference of the civil and military authorities was held this afternoon and it was decided to prepare to leave at a moment's notice."

Dropped in Boiling Metal.

Making a misstep while walking on the edge of a vat containing boiling metal, Hulny Anderson, an employe of the Illinois Steel Co., at South Chicago, clung to the edge while his feet burned off. Then, his strength gone, he slipped with a shriek into the molten metal. In a few moments his body was consumed. One of his fellow workmen fainted with horror at the spectacle.

CONDENSED.

American Hebrews plan a great Jewish university in this country. Plans were discussed yesterday at New York at a meeting of the Jewish Theological seminary. It is thought advisable, also, to open high schools in New York and other large cities. The idea is that the Hebrew rabbis may be trained from youth in Jewish schools.

With flames all about him and a loose conveyor chain a stream of water on him to keep him form burning, James Shay, engineer at the Blue Ridge colliery, near Peckville, Pa., remained at his post until fifteen miners, whom he was raising in the shaft by hoist, had gotten to safety. Then he escaped. A moment later the engine house collapsed.

FRAMING A PLATFORM.

Senator Lodge, who is to be chairman of the committee on resolutions of the national Republican convention, has prepared preliminary sketches of the topics to be made a part of the platform, and submitted them to various party leaders for approval. The matters have been discussed at various conferences in the White House also.

The plank concerning trusts in effect will declare that the laws for regulation of monopolies and the restraint of conspiracy against commerce were enacted by the Republican party, the enforcement of such laws has been only by a Republican administration. It also will say that it is not the policy or intention of the party to assail legitimate industry or business, or to infringe on the rights of persons or property.

The reciprocity plank will be worded so as to mean that reciprocity shall be confined to such articles as are not in competition with products of the United States. The restoration of the merchant marine will be demanded.

Mention of the financial question will consist of an allusion to the maintenance of the present standard by the Republican party and a promise to continue the finances of the country upon a sound basis. Disfranchisement of the negroes in southern states will be denounced as an encroachment on rights guaranteed by the constitution.

There were 91 business failures in Canada during April as compared with 62 for the same month last year.

The explosion of 10,000 pounds of powder at the Northwestern Powder Co., Newport, Ind., cost four lives, injured two more men, and damaged the plant to the extent of $7,000. Two of the dead were blown to atoms and could not be found.

"Pitch Lake King" Conrad F. Stollmeyer, asphalt magnate, and richest man in the island of Trinidad, died at Trinidad, aged 91. From a penniless German immigrant he became successively editor of a German paper in Philadelphia, abolitionist, pauper, adventurer, discoverer of asphalt, millionaire owner of an asphalt lake.

Three Chinese mandarins, composing a royal commission, have arrived at Chicago on a tour of investigation of American and English steel plants. The original purpose of the visit is going to establish her own armor plate factory and steel rail plant. In order to get the most approved machinery, the newest models, and the latest ideas, this commission has been sent out.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Starting May 15.

LYCEUM—Matinee Wed. and Sat. Remines, 15, 25, 50 and 75cts.—Eugene Blair in Camille. WHITNEY—Matinee Wed. and Sat. Evening, 10, 20 & 30c—East Lynne.

TEMPLE THEATER—Jack Woodruff—Afternoon 25c; Evening, 10c to 50c.

AVENUE THEATER—Matinees at 2:15; 10c to 25c. Evenings at 8:15; 10c to 50c.—Vaudeville.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

Detroit.—Choice steers, $4 40@5; good to choice butcher steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs, $4@4 30; choice to prime heifers, butcher steers and heifers, 700 to 900 lbs, $3 50@4; mixed butchers' cows, $2 25@3 25; good shippers' bulls, $3 75@4; choice milkers and springers, $45@55; good well-bred feeders, $3 75@4 15; light stockers, $3 50@3 75; Milch cows and springers strong; good grades scarce, $35@55; Veal calves—Best grades, $4 25@4 75; others, $3@4.

Hogs—Light to good butchers, $4 60@4 75; pigs, $4 50@4 55; light yorkers, $4 50@4 60; roughs, $4@4 25; stags one-third off.

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

Chicago.—Good to prime steers, $5 70@6 75; market nominal; poor to medium, $3 75@5 60; stockers and feeders, $3@4 60; cows, $1 50@4 60; heifers, $2 25@4 75; canners, $1 50@2 60; bulls, $2@4; calves, $2 50@5; Texas fed steers, $4@4 60.

Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $4 45@4 85; good to choice heavy, $4 75@4 87½; rough heavy, $4 65@4 75; light, $4 55@4 75; bulk of sales at $4 60@4 80.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 60@5 25; fair to choice mixed, $3 75@4 60; clipped native lambs, $4 25@4 75.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $4 75@5; top of a few choice 1,300 lb steers, $5 10; choice to prime 1,250 to 1,300 steers, $4 90@5; good 1,050 to 1,150 steers, $4 40@4 60; good 900 to 1,000 butcher steers, $4@4 25; best fat cows, $3 50@3 75; fair to good cows, $2 75@3 25; best fat heifers, $4 25@4 50; medium heifers, $3 75@4; best fat bulls, $3 50@3 75; common stock heifers, $3@3 25; best feeding steers, $3 75@4; best yearling feeding steers, $3 75@4; best stockers, $3@3 25; common stockers, $2 50@2 75; export bulls, $3 50@4; bulls, $2 50@3; veal calves, $3 25@5; fresh cows steady, best $40@50; medium to good, $30@40; common, $16@25.

Hogs—Medium and heavy, $5 15@5 20; best yorkers, $5 10@5 15; lights, $5 05@5 10; pigs, $4 80@4 90; roughs, $4 50@4 70; stags, $3 50@4.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6 25@6 40; fair to good, $6@6 25; culls and common, $5@5 50; best wethers, $5 75@5 90; mixed sheep, $4 75@5; culls and bucks, $2@3; best ewes, $4 75@5; wethers, $5 10@5 25; yearlings, $5 50@5 60.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—(Cash) No 2 red, $1 04 bid; May, 1 04 bid; July, 94c bid; No 1 white, 1 00 bid; closing at 99½c bid; September, 1,000 bu at 86¼c, 5,000 bu at 86½c, 10,000 bu at 86¾c, 5,000 bu at 87c, 20,000 bu at 87½c, 10,000 bu at 88c, 20,000 bu at 88¼c; sample, 1 car at 90c; No 1 white, 91 bid.

Corn—Cash No 3, 51c; No 3 yellow, 52½c.

Oats—Cash No 2 white, 46¾c bid; to arrive, 1 car at 46¾c; No 4 white, 1 car at 44½c; sample, 1 car at 44c, 1 at 45c, 1 at 44½c.

Chicago.—Wheat—Cash No 2 spring wheat, 94@96c; No 3, 85@92c; No 2 red, $1 01@1 02; No 2 corn, 49@50c; No 3 yellow, 52@55c; No 2 oats, 39@39½c; No 3 white, 34@36c; No 2 rye, 70c; good feeding barley, 32@35c; fair to choice malting, 45@46c.

The divorced wife of a Toronto man is applying for an injunction to restrain her husband from using his name.

John Lortz, of Chambersburg, Pa., a former wealthy horse breeder and farmer, now dead, has left $40,000 to Wilson College, $30,000 of which is to be used fo the erection of a natural science building.

A. C. Nord was burned to death at Jamestown, N. Y., trying to warn the employes to leave the burning factory of A. C. Norquist company, of which firm he was a member. The factory and three dwellings burned.

George Miller, heir to over $1,000,000, who has been sought throughout the country for three years by executors of his father's estate in Brooklyn, has been located in a hospital at Sacramento, Cal., recovering from a long run of typhoid fever.

Cock fighting and gambling while in the Philippines are alleged to have been the causes of the downfall of Lieut. Frank Pratt, the former Port Huron United States infantry officer, who was sentenced to dismissal from the army and a year's imprisonment for duplicating vouchers and raising checks. He was once a resident of Flint.

Following an assault by robbers, in front of the Holy Family Catholic church, Omaha, Neb., Assistant Pastor Edward Geary is dead. He was 75 years old.

Relatives of Ernest Kitchen, of Pennsia township, are searching for him. About two weeks ago he came to Traverse City and sold a horse since which time he has not been seen.

Quite a number of Finns in the copper country have purchased farms in New Hampshire and will move there at once. The farms they are buying are homesteads which have been abandoned by their former owners.

A terrific hailstorm struck the Sunset limited on the Southern Pacific railroad near Welsh, La. All of the windows on one side of the train were shattered and the lattice work was splintered by the hailstones. Passengers were panic-stricken and several of them cut about the face.

Local option is in force in Oceana county now, and so far matters have progressed very nicely. It has already been hinted that two or three "blind pigs" have started in Hart, but these institutions will run up against the strongest kind of a law and order league that is determined to enforce the law, Trouble is brewing.