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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, MARCH 24.

Sometimes as a woman grows older she becomes less dressy and more bossy.—Puck.

Dr. Loeb predicts an era of "machine made babies." Why not? Look at our statesmen.

If Napoleon were alive to-day, he might remark: "Through the Simplon tunnel lies Italy!"

Wall street has had another slump, but the visible supply of lambs' wool has not been materially reduced.

The report that John L. Sullivan has lost his voice probably originated in the old proverb that "money talks."

Through some strange oversight no college professor has taken a fall out of the wicked bachelors for a whole week.

Incidentally, would it not be a good idea for the Philadelphians to put in a few minutes praying for themselves?

According to old records found in Genoa, it cost $7,000 to discover America. And the money was certainly well spent.

Flowers will not be allowed in the senate chamber any more, the senators doubtless feeling they are sweet-scented enough as it is.

Some recent portraits of John D. Rockefeller bear out the general impression that personal comeliness is not the octopus' strong point.

A New York business man has had his tongue removed in order to save his life. But suppose, in addition to everything else, he had been a woman!

David Wark, though 100 years of age, is serving as a member of the Canadian senate. Mr. Wark thinks Dr. Osler may know more when he is older.

A class of Wellesley girls has set out to "jar the professor's sense of the aesthetic as far as possible." Need it be announced in advance that they will succeed?

He is an unreasonable bachelor who kicks against the proposed tax when he thinks of the tax which the milliners' convention is preparing to levy on the married men.

We can't help sort of wishing that Oxford university would cut down its new professor's salary, in view of his advanced age and consequent inability to do full work.

A fashionable New York club ate roast rhinoceros at a banquet the other evening. This shows to what desperate straits the beef trust has driven even the well-to-do.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson suggests the advisability of looking at the souls of the directors of a trust before buying any of the stock. This ought to make business for the oculists.

One woman in a thousand has appeared. She received an eatable present from an unknown source and took the precaution to have it analyzed. It contained poison, of course.

Dr. Chadwick's daughter has gone to work as a stenographer, in spite of the fact that there are plenty of managers who would have been glad to give her a chance on the stage.

The New York man who beat his wife because she suggested that he should go to work had probably been reading Prof. Patten's argument that all married women should be wage earners.

The New York woman who agreed to give $1,000 a volume for the works of the late Charles Dickens must have overlooked the fact that the novelist wrote several of them after he was 40 years old.

The Dowager Empress of China has sent the president a photograph which makes her appear about twenty years younger than she is. Every American woman will appreciate her feeling in the matter.

A Boston man has proved, so he declares, that the earth is flat. We notice, however, that the automobile makers continue to emphasize the hill-climbing powers of their respective machines.

Russell Sage characterizes the purchase of an automobile by John D. Rockefeller as "a piece of foolish extravagance." "Uncle Russ" probably forgot that Mr. Rockefeller can get his gasoline at a discount.

After reading a novel called "Cold as the Grave," a woman in St. Louis took her life. One may imagine the state of mind produced by a novel with that name would smooth the way to any sort of place where reading matter was no longer in request.

A machine for grinding corn has been set up on the site of Napoleon's former grave on the island of St. Helena. We might be inclined to feel indignant over this if it were not for the probability that the corn grinder was shipped across from America.

Consider for a moment, while dwelling on the fact that every man, woman and child in the United States consumes on an average over thirteen and a half pounds of coffee in a year, how much other stuff these same men, women and children drink that they only think is coffee.

In the New York supreme court a ruling has been made that, despite a contract, a theatrical manager may discharge an actor whose services are not satisfactory. And that doesn't mean satisfactory to the actor, either.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

EX-GOVERNOR CYRUS G. LUCE PASSED PEACEFULLY AWAY SATURDAY.

WRECK ON THE ANN ARBOR

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR LAGEST FRUIT CROP EVER KNOWN IN MICHIGAN.

FATHER PERISHES IN ATTEMPT TO SAVE SON IN BURNING HOUSE.

Conscious almost to the last, Cyrus G. Luce died Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home in Coldwater. He had been hovering on the border land of life and death several days, and Mrs. Luce and their four children were all present when the final summons came.

Though descended from the best New England and southern stock, Cyrus G. Luce was a product of the stern school of pioneer life in the early days of the west, and throughout his long and active career he showed the beneficial effects of his early training. In the many public offices he was called upon by the people of his county and state to fill he was never found wanting, but left behind him in each a record of service well and fearlessly performed. When he retired from public life some years ago it was with the regard and high esteem of the entire state, which to the end of his life he retained—as he merited—these feelings of confidence and respect.

Ex-Governor Luce was born in Windsor, O., July 12, 1824, and when lived in Ontario, Ind. Later he purchased a tract of new land in the township of Gilead, Branch Co., Mich., and turned his energies to the development into a home. This he occupied soon after his marriage to Miss Julia A. Dickinson in August, 1849. Here they lived until the death of Mrs. Luce in 1882, their union being blessed by the birth of five children. During this period Mr. Luce took a deep interest in public affairs, and the success of the Republican party and he was chosen many times to offices of a public nature.

Three Killed, Eight Injured.

An accident, the result of another a short time before, resulted in the death of one man and the injury of several others on the Ann Arbor railroad Saturday morning. The accident happened near Mesick, and Fireman John Doyle, of Jackson, was the man killed, while two others were fatally and eight seriously injured. They are:

Jenson, P. J., conductor, fatally.

Kress, Christopher, lost both legs, will die.

Veit, Albert, engineer, Mt. Pleasant, lost one leg.

Bennett, Irving, freight fireman, badly scalded.

Rowles, Elmer, section man, scalded, dangerous.

Mesick, John, leg mangled, scalded.

Frisbie, Roy, Leondias, scalded.

Spicer, Paul, Mesic, arm broken.

Masilla, W. P., Cadillac, fireman, bruised.

Heinshamer, Henry Chicago, passenger, severely bruised.

Early in the morning a freight train had been thrown into the ditch four miles north of here through spreading rails. The engine was overturned and with the crew aboard started back. A flagman who had been sent back to warn northbound passenger train No. 5 of the wreck, failed to stop it and the freight engine and train came together on the curve at full speed.

The injured were removed to a vacant store in Mesick and six physicians from neighboring towns summoned to attend them.

Couldn't Save Him.

After rescuing his wife, son and daughter from their burning home on the farm of G. L. Dimmicke, five miles north of Owosso, Hiram Soules, aged 56, perished in the flames despite frantic efforts of his family to save him. Soules and his 14-year-old son Clifford slept upstairs, while his wife and daughter slept downstairs. Soules awoke early Friday morning to find the house all aflame. He rushed downstairs and hustled his wife and daughter through their bedroom window in their night clothes. Then he returned upstairs for the boy, who leaped through the window to the frozen ground. Soules started down the stairs, but stumbled and fell headlong into the midst of the flames. There was only one safe way he could have been reached—through the front door, but this had been nailed up for the winter to keep out the cold; and the rescued ones could not break it in and were compelled to witness the flames complete the destruction of the home and the cremation of the husband and father. In bare feet and clad only in their night dresses, the trio then walked to the nearest neighbor for shelter. Mrs. Soules is in a serious condition because of the shock and exposure.

Great Crops Promised.

Conservative reports from most reliable sources governing conditions as to the prospective fruit crop of this state the coming season, now indicate that Michigan will produce the largest crop of fruit ever known. The period of warm weather of the peach buds and other tree fruit which is now past, and with no buds winter killed and from the present indications to the largest crop and no danger from the scientific peach growers will probably find it necessary to thin the crop. All the vine fruits, including strawberries, blackberries and raspberries, have been protected from the winter weather by a blanket of over two feet of snow, which insures the growers that the largest crop of small fruit ever known in the Wolverine district will be harvested this season.

With an estate of $7,000 awaiting them as a result of the death of their grandfather at Faw Paw, two women who were Flora and Dora Pennell when they came to Grand Rapids from Paw Paw 10 years ago, have been located after a long search. It was expected that they had been married, and the change of names made the quest more arduous, but the police finally located Mrs. James Millimam, wife of a laborer for the Consumers' Ice Co., as Flora and the fact that Dora is now Mrs. Alfred Sitton, of Allegan, was then easily learned. The latter, however, is critically ill with tuber-

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Commencing August 1, the National Meat Dealers' association will hold a convention in Grand Rapids.

While entering her home, Mrs. Annie McArthur, of Oakwood, dropped dead. She leaves a husband and six children.

Midland at the spring elections will vote on the proposition to raise $5,000 for the construction and maintenance of a suitable building for a poor house.

The report of the G. R. & I. system, including all its branches, shows the gross earnings for 1904 to have been $4,149,727.35, a slight decrease from the earnings of 1903.

Splitting kindling, Ed. Smith chopped off a finger, B. J. Sutton laid open his foot with an ax and Charles Randolph lost an eye by a flying splinter, all in Munith.

The Michigan Peat Co., of Eaton Rapids, have installed about all the machinery in their new building and expect to commence the manufacture of peat about May 1.

J. Cilley, of Grand Rapids, and an eastern promoter have a scheme on foot, by which they propose to supply Lake Michigan water to several cities on the east shore of the lake.

Little 4-year-old Olive Goodebure, of Kalamazoo, loving both father and mother and being unhappy over their separation, caused the reconciliation and remarriage of the couple.

Mrs. Catherine Eagan died in Lansing at the age of 104 years. She had used tobacco nearly all her life. She was born in Ireland, but had lived in Lansing for nearly 40 years.

While opening a potato pit, a hired man on the farm of John Lambrix, of Pentwater, struck a human skull. The body must have been buried for years and was evidently that of an Indian.

Daniel McPhail, the hermit of Eagleston township, who has lived for 15 years in an old cabin, celebrated his 101st birthday on Friday. His only companions are his hunting dogs.

The two children of a Finnish teamster at Jenks Spur, Marquette, in the absence of their mother, perished in a fire which destroyed the home. It is supposed they played with the kitchen fire.

The Muskegon Cutlery Co., capitalized at $107,500, has suspended business because it could not compete with the cutlery trust. The paid-in stock was $56,500, largely held by local people.

For several weeks there has been many complaints in Battle Creek of the "peep peddlers" across the toll so much so that people are beginning to be afraid to use it. Several accidents are reported.

John J. Demmer, a rich lumberman of Manistique, Mich., and his sons, have purchased more than 100,000 acres of Washington rubber lands. On 60 acres bought at Tacoma, they will erect great sawmills.

Michael Brennan, a Russian Jew, who just died at Harbor Beach, suffered heavily by confiscation and wanted to live to see Russia in ruins. He was personally acquainted with Gen. Kuropatkin.

The Oakland hotel property at St. Clair was bid in at auction by Walter S. Harsha for $100,000. It is said he is acting for some of the trustees, and the hotel will be opened and run as usual this coming summer.

Henry De Young, while catching drift wood, broke through the ice on Grand river near Ionia and was under solid ice and on reaching an open space was rescued. His little son was watching him from the bank.

The Franklin trammers are out on a strike, demanding an increase of 12 per cent, and if their men are affected by the strike, the miners also being forced out, and the superintendent states that the demand cannot be met.

An unknown man was run down and killed by a Michigan Central passenger train while walking on the tracks about three miles south of Waters. His body was terribly mangled and crushed as to render identification impossible.

The sugar company at Holland has paid a dividend of 30 per cent and will declare another of the same amount shortly. Sixty per cent in one year, and yet some of those interested in Michigan sugar factories claim they are running at a loss.

The supreme court has affirmed the judgment for $2,000 granted John W. Wilson against the Royal Neighbors of America, who had issued a certificate of insurance to his wife. The organization attempted to show that the certificate had been issued under misrepresentation.

A bolt of lightning struck the roof of William Fowler's house in Fremont, ran down into the stove and up the leg of Mr. Fowler, who was sitting with his right foot on the stove. The leg was paralyzed and turned black. Mr. Fowler sees unconscious for several hours and will lose the use of his leg.

The Michigan Central Railroad Co. has commenced suit in the circuit court at Saginaw to recover 600 acres of improved farming lands in Saginaw county. The land is valued at from $75,000 to $100,000 and if the suit is successful scores of small farmers will lose what they have worked for all their lives.

Orders to prohibit all music in saloons have been issued by Chief of Police Mann, of Port Huron. "Music in saloons is just a bait for drunks," says the chief, "and I have ordered them all to quit. It is against the law to have music in saloons, but it is a law that in the past has been enforced but little, if at all."

At the annual meeting of the Upper Peninsula Agricultural association held at Marquette and attended by delegates from nine counties, it was decided to dispense with the proposed plan of a northern Michigan fair this year, and instead to collect an exhibit which will be shown at the state fair in Detroit.

M. A. Talbot Co., of Logansport, Ind., have been awarded a verdict of $3,677 10 in the United States circuit court at Grand Rapids against the city of Charlotte, the amount being the balance due on a sewer contract. The city refused payment because the sewer was not built according to contract.

Prosecuting Attorney Martin has stated his conviction after a searching investigation that there is no proof of foul play in the case of young William S. Goodspeed, who died in Flint so suddenly the evening of March 8. No motive has been shown for any attempt at murder, and if Goodspeed was really poisoned there is nothing to show it was done intentionally. The prosecutor says he will take no further action until he has something on which to base a belief that the boy was murdered.

An addition to the physical laboratory at the university will be built this summer at a cost of $20,00[illegible]

RUSSIAN FLEET TO GIVE TOGO BATTLE

St. Petersburg dispatch says:

At the admiralty it is stated that Admiral Rojestvensky will effect a juncture with Admiral Nebogatoff within 10 days and then proceed to meet Admiral Togo.

The third division of the third Pacific squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff, has left Suda bay, Island of Crete, for Port Said. A dispatch from Aden reports that 34 steamers laden with 200,000 tons of coal are waiting at Jibutil for the Russian fleet, which is expected there at the end of the month.

RIVAL FLEETS IN NEXT NAVAL BATTLE.

RUSSIAN.

Number of vessels besides transports, 32.

Battleships—Seven, of from 10,206 to 14,500 tons' displacement. They are: Kniaz Suvaroff, Alexander III., Borodino, Orel, Oslabaya, Sisoi Veliky and Navarin.

Cruisers—Eight, of from 5,080 to 8,524 tons. They are: Admiral Nakhimoff, Dmitri Donskoi, Kagura, Svetlana, Izumrud, Oleg and Izumrud.

Destroyers—About 12.

Volunteer cruisers—Five, the Kiev, Vladimir, Voronej, Tambroff and Yaroslav.

JAPANESE.

Number of vessels, 69.

Battleships—Seven, of from 7,400 to 15,000 tons displacement. They are Asaki, Chin Yen, Fuji, Misaka, Shikishima and two others.

Armored cruisers—Eight, of from 7,700 to 9,850 tons. They are: Asama, Adsuma, Idzumo, Iwate, Kasuga, Nisshin, Tokiwa and Yakumo.

Partially armored cruisers—Six, of from 600 to 4,500 tons.

Torpedo boats and destroyers, about 20.

DEPOSED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ACCEPTS LESSER POST.

Gen. Kuropatkin has been appointed commander of the First Manchurian army at his own request. The appointment is gazetted in the Official Messenger today.

The change exactly reverses the old order of affairs, when Kuropatkin was the supreme leader an Linvitch directed the army.

When Gen. Kuropatkin started southward from Harbin thousands of civilians and soldiers gathered at the station and gave him a great ovation. Above thundering hurrahs were heard cries of "God send you happiness," "Good-by, brother," "Good-by, father." As the train started soldiers rushed forward in a surging throw and grasped the hand rail of the carriage, throwing fur caps in the air and running some distance with the car. The scene made a deep impression on Gen. Kuropatkin, as tears from his face were streamed. Removing his cap, he saluted again and again and stood bareheaded on the platform of the car as long as the train was in sight.

Another Russian Disaster.

Russian official circles in London, although without official news, are inclined to credit a Berlin story published in Paris, connecting the firing reported to have been heard Monday, about seven miles south of Tie Pass, with Gen. Rennenkampff's division. The dispatch from Berlin asserts that that the only explanation of a cannonade in that locality is that Rennenkampff has at length arrived at Tie Pass, where the Japanese armies were ordered to rend zveus in case of retreat, but only to find the place occupied by the Japanese. Consequently it is feared, Rennenkampff is surrounded.

Revised figures of the Japanese losses at the battle of Mukden place the number at 70,000. The revised estimates of the Russian losses from the commencement of the battle of Mukden and ending with the fight on Tie Pass place the total at 175,000 killed, wounded or captured.

"Splendid Retreat."

The retreat of the Russian army, from the latest reports, evidently is being conducted in a splendid fashion. In four days' actual marching after leaving Tie Pass, the rear guard has fallen back 70 miles and the heads of the columns are already crossing Changhu Pass, 40 miles further north, keeping up with the Japanese column marching north over the Grand Trade route. With the bridges and railroad destroyed the Japanese Russians the Japanese are unable to press the rear and according to information received from the front it is believed that the bulk of Field Marshal Oyama's army is still at Tie Pass, the flanking column being comparatively weak. This news may, however, prove incorrect. For two days there has been some intermittent cannonading by artillery exchanges between the Japanese on the Grand Trade route and the Russians screening the retreat, showing that they are in constant contact.

Russian Army Divided.

After leaving Kaiyuan, Gen. Linevitch is believed to have divided his army, the main portion clinging to the railroad and the other falling back along the Mandarin road, which runs to Kirin, it being impossible to leave the latter open to the Japanese lest they then be able to creep up on the left flank. At the same time it is recognized that a separation of forces is always attended with the danger of giving the enemy an opportunity to concentrate and fight the army in detail. So now that Gen. Kuropatkin Harbin has ordered Linevitch will try to hold the line from Kirin to Changoun, 120 miles north of Tie Pass. The first corps, composed of steady troops from St. Petersburg and formerly commanded by Gen. Meyendorff, is covering the retreat, which the war office declares is proceeding in an orderly fashion.

Harbin and Vladivostok.

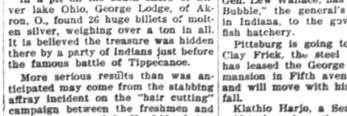
Europe's advance guard has reached Mian Huakai, on the Kirin road, about twenty miles northeast of Tieling, while the Japanese western flanking column is almost at Chantufu to the west of the railroad on the Mandarin road. Both Kuropatkin and Nogi are commanding the western columns, are pushing their troops toward the railroad, with the idea of cutting off as great a detachment of the Russians as possible. The heaviest fighting since Mukden is in progress at Kai Yuen, portions of several Russian corps having been thrown forward in an effort, being practically cut off from retreat in any direction. This is the news of the operations in Manchuria received here today, partly from official and partly from unofficial but reliable sources.

Oyama's dispatches, so far as they have been made public, indicate that there is no constant addition to his list of prisoners, as isolated parties of Russians are picked up, and that a number of guns and large quantities of munitions have been captured since the fall of Mukden and Tieling. It is predicted that both Harbin and Vladivostok will either be in Japanese hands or besieged before the hope of relief before the 1st of July.

How far or how rapidly Field Marshal Oyama will be able to push the pursuit remains to be seen, but the Chinese at Harbin expect him there April 10 and if this opinion proves to be correct the Japanese proclamation many persons in St. Petersburg, remembering the fulfillment of Oyama's assurance regarding the occupation of Mukden March 10, will be inclined to accept three weeks as the limit.

The view of the war in France is that peace appears, although recently considered bright, now seem to have disappeared. The officials say this is due mainly to Japan's insistence that Russia should sue for peace, whereas Russian pride prevents her from taking the initiative. Therefore it is believed that the war will be indefinitely prolonged with the prospect of a steady series of Japanese successes above Mukden. Japan's approach to Siberia is considered one of the momentous epochs of the war and as marking the first Japanese occupation of Asiatic territory hitherto held by a European power. The effect of Japan's advance to Harbin will be to control the Trans-Siberian railroad and the entire sweep of eastern Siberia, including Vladivostok. It is said that this possession of Russian territory may prove an important factor in support of Japan's claim for a money indemnity.

POSITION OF DEMORALIZED RUSSIANS.



The Russians were routed from Santopu, north of Tieling, and are now in a demoralized retreat over 300 miles of trackless waste of snow to Harbin.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

South Africa exports about $26,000,000 worth of diamonds to London every year.

The Italians are the greatest potato eaters in the world, and the Irish come second.

Because the street cars of Sheboygan, Wis., were not provided with fenders, Mayor Born has tied up the entire system.

Charles M. Schwab has sailed for Europe. It is reported he is en route to St. Petersburg to negotiate the building of warships for Russia.

Henry Wallace, a son of the late Gen. Lew Wallace, has offered "Water Bubble," the general's country place in Indiana, to the government for a fish hatchery.

Pittsburg is going to lose Henry Clay Frick, the steel magnate. He has leased the George W. Vanderbilt mansion in Fifth avenue, New York, and will move with his family in the fall.

Klathio Harjo, a Seminole Indian, said to have been the oldest Indian in America, has just died at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 110. He fought against this country in the war of 1812, as well as in the Seminole wars.

THE LEGISLATURE.

In honor of the late ex-Gov. Luce, the legislature adjourned Monday night, as soon as it could pass a concurrent resolution, until Wednesday. Committees were appointed to attend the funeral in Coldwater.

It is intended as a memorial for ex-Gov. Luce's funeral, to take up in the house the Stone primary election bill, known as the "Grange" bill, providing for direct voting on all state offices.

Labor unions are behind a bill introduced in the house tonight by Representative Bailly, of Saginaw. It is a proposed amendment to the law creating the state board of mediation and arbitration, which would give the board the right to change its clerk at any time. The present law makes the clerk's term three years and provides that he shall be one of the three members of the board. It is proposed to make its law read so that the clerk may be changed at any time by a majority vote and that an outsider may be named. Under this proposed amendment those behind the bill would depose Frederick Klump, of Cass City, and put into the clerkship John Clark, a prominent Saginaw unionist.

The upper peninsula wants representation on the state board of agriculture, which has control of the Agricultural college near Lansing. At present there are ten members and two ex-officio, the governor and the president of the college, and they all come from below the Straits of Mackinac. Senator Mills's idea is to introduce a bill to provide for the appointment of an additional member, and make it compulsory that he shall come from the upper peninsula. The northern country has other industries besides copper and iron. The college has an experimental station in Alger county, and Mills says he knows some fine tracts of farming country in his section, where the prize apples of the state are raised. A few senators to whom he has spoken are favorable to the amendment.

Rep. McAuley, of Detroit, who has been unable to be in regular attendance on account of the serious illness of his wife, may resign from the house to the speaker. If he does, the governor can call a special election to be held at the same time as the spring election, and fill the vacancy. Some fine nominations to be made by the respective city committees.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—The cattle market was active, with light butchers' grades 10c to 15c higher; all other grades steady. Milch cows and springers dull and $3@5 per head lower. Best grades, $4@4 25; others, $3@4 25. Veal calves—Market fairly active and about 25c higher. Best grades, $7@7 50; others, $4 50@7. Hogs—Light to good butchers, $5 10@5 15; pigs, $4 75@5; light yorkers, $4 75@5; roughs, $4@4 40; stags, one-third off.

Sheep—Best lambs, $8@8 50; fair to good lambs, $7 25@7 75; light to common lambs, $6@7; best handy weight butcher sheep, $4 50@5 75; culls and common, $3@4 50.

Chicago—Good to prime steers, $5 10@6 15; poor to medium, $3 75@4 85; stockers and feeders, $3 20@4 60; cows, $2 75@4 50; heifers, $3@5; canners, $2 50@2 75; bulls, $3@4 50; calves, $3@6 75.

Hogs—Good to choice heavy, $5 10@5 22½; rough and heavy, $4 90@5 05; light, $4 85@5 12½; bulk of sales at $5 05@5 15.

Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $4 60@5; fair to choice mixed, $4 75@5 40; native lambs, $6@7 60.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5 25@5 45; best 1,200 to 1,300 shipping steers, $4 75@5; best 1,000 to 1,100 ditto, $4 25@4 75; best fat cows, $3 75@4 25; fair to good, $2 50@3; trimmers, $2 @2 50; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000, dehorned, $3 60@3 80; best yearling steers, $3 25@3 50; export bulls, $4@4 25; bologna bulls, $3 25@3 50. The fresh cow trade is about steady, with last week; good to extra, $40@50; medium to good, $30@40; common, $15@20. Calves steady; tops, $7 25@8 25; fair to good, $5 50@7 50; common, $4@5.

Hogs—Mixed medium and heavy, $5 07½@5 15, roughs, $4 90@5; stags, $3 50@3 75; pigs, $5 20@5 40; closed steady.

Sheep—Best native lambs, $8 25@8 40; fair to good, $8@8 25; fair to good sheep, $5 75@6; culls bucks, $4@4 75; yearlings, $7@7 25.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1 16 asked; May, $1 16; July, 19,000 bu at 95¾c, 10,000 bu at 95¾c, 5,000 bu at 95¾c, 10,000 bu at 95¾c, 5,000 bu at 95¾c, 15,000 bu at 95¾c. No. 3 red, $1 10; No. 1 white, $1 16 asked.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 51c; No. 2 yellow, 52c per bu, both nominal.

Oats—No. 2 white, 4 cars at 34c, closing nominal at 34¾c; May, 35c bu.

Rye—No. 2, 85c.

Beans—March, 1 car at $1 75, closing $1 72 nominal; May, 1 car at $1 82; June, $1 86 nominal; May, 2 cars at $1 90 bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 250 bags at $7 85; March, 100 bags at $7 70; No. 2, 50 bags at $7 65, 40 at $7 70; by sample, 200 bags at $7 20, 60 at $7 50 per bu; prime alsike, 20 bags at $7 60; No. 2, 10 bags at $7 20; by sample, 15 bags at $6 75 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 60 bags at $1 40 per bu.

Chicago—Cash: Wheat—No. 2 spring, $1 08@1 12; No. 3, 98c@$1 11; No. 2 red, $1 13¾@1 15¾.

Corn—No. 2, 48¾c; No. 2 yellow, 48¾c.

Oats—No. 2, 32½c; No. 2 white, 34c; No. 3 white, 32½@33c.

Rye—No. 2, 78½c.

Barley—Feeding, 38@40c; fair to choice malting, 42@47c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $12 75; No. 1 northwestern, $1 37.

Clover—Contract grade, $12 35.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Mar. 25.

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE—Mar. 20, 21 and 22, William Collier.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Billy Van in the Errand Boy. Mat. Wed. and Sat. Eve. 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c.

LAFAYETTE THEATRE—The Byron Douglas Company. The New Midgets.

WHITNEY THEATER—A Prisoner of War.

15c, 25c, 35c. Eve. 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c.

TEMPLE THEATER AND MUSIC HALL—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 50c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50, Week of Mar. 20—Vaudeville. Afternoons 10 to 50, and 25c. Evenings 25, 35, 50 and 75.

NEWS OF THE NATION

MRS. READER PROMISES THAT SHE WILL AS TOUND THE COUNTRY.

SECRETARY HAY'S COLLAPSE

BY PEABODY'S RESIGNATION COLORADO HAS THREE GOVERNORS IN A DAY.

THE BROCKTON, MASS., HORROR GROWS AS DETAILS BECOME KNOWN.

Awful Loss of Life.

With 55 bodies recovered and between 50 and 100 persons still missing, the extent of the disaster at the R. B. Grover & Co. shoe factory in Brockton is now forced home on the people of Brockton, Mass. Of the 400 persons at work in the factory at the time of the explosion, only 300 have reported themselves safe or been found to be among the injured at the hospitals or their homes. When the boiler plowed its way upward through the factory many operatives were blown to pieces, it is believed, and this is offered as accounting in part for the discrepancy between the number of bodies recovered from the ruins and the number reported missing. The fingers of many of the victims are worn down to the second joints, indicating desperate efforts to release fettered limbs before the onward rush of flames reached the victim.

Mrs. Reader Is Angry.

Mrs. Ella Rawles Reader, the young Alabama woman, who says that she prevented a civil war in Peru, worsted old world diplomats and that she had almost completed a new republican plot, and that when she publishes documents and facts in her possession the country will be astounded.

Mrs. Reader says that she has negotiated innumerable great international arrangements and that is the first time she has failed. And she is angry. She says that she would have succeeded and would today be the Dominican fiscal agent if some one had not betrayed her secrets to President Roosevelt and thus led to the fiasco which Jesse Reader McDonald and her first failure as an international agent.

Peabody Resigned as Agreed.

The bargain made by leaders of the opposing Republican factions of Colorado to take the governor's chair from Alva Adams and to seat in it Lieut.-Gov. Jesse Reader McDonald after permitting James H. Peabody to hold it for one day, was carried to a conclusion Friday afternoon.

In fulfillment of the agreement which he made before the general assembly decided the gubernatorial contest in his favor, Gov. James H. Peabody resigned and Jesse McDonald was inaugurated Thursday afternoon. His resignation, of which W. S. Boynton, of Colorado Springs, had been custodian since it was written, was filed in the office of the secretary of state at 4:29 p. m. Friday. James Cowie, secretary of state, immediately certified Gov. Peabody's resignation and Lieut.-Gov. McDonald was then sworn in as governor by Chief Justice Gabert. There was no further ceremony.

Gov. Adams was ousted and Gov. Peabody installed by the general assembly about 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon and Gov. McDonald was sworn in before 5 p. m. Friday. Thus in a space of less than twenty-four hours Colorado had three governors.

Secretary Hay Very Ill.

John Hay, secretary of state, collapsed on the White Star pier, New York, shortly before noon Saturday as he was going aboard the steamship Cretic for a Mediterranean trip. He sailed on the Cretic, nevertheless, a very sick man, the necessity being imperative of his seeking a long rest at once.

That Mr. Hay's health is seriously impaired has been concealed from the public, and every effort was made to keep secret the name of the ship on which he was to sail. His name does not appear on the passenger list, and he did not reach the pier until close to the advertised hour of sailing.

The itinerary and the secretary of state calls for a trip lasting six weeks, but it may be extended. If his health is not improved by his vacation, it is considered probable that he will be compelled to retire from the cabinet. But if he shows even a trace of improvement, it is said he will remain at the head of the department of state.

Langtry a Grandma.

A son has been born to Mrs. Ian Malcolm, wife of a well known member of parliament from Scotland, and daughter of Mrs. Lily Langtry. It is said Mrs. Langtry and her daughter have been estranged since the latter's marriage.

Religious fervor has extended to Dixon, Ill. Dancing clubs have disbanded and three bartenders are among the 2,000 converts.

South Range, a hustling town of over 1,000 inhabitants, has no postoffice and has sent a petition to Congressman H. O. Young to have one established there.

Mock Duck, a Chinese who had scared other members of the New York Chinese colony nearly into fits by alleged threats to murder, has been arrested and will be tried on an old murder charge. He was at liberty on his own recognizance.

George Byrnes, formerly of Ontonagon, burned to death in the Vail hotel at Ely, Minn., which was destroyed by fire Thursday.