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That machine that stretches a short man offers nothing to the man who is "short."

A Tennessee woman ate a $50 bill. That was a good way to keep from spending it.

Lightning struck a baseball game in Troy the other day, but as usual, the umpire escaped.

"We demand suffrage," says the sematvos. "Well, suffer and be blanked," say the autocrats.

The king of the Belgians is hunting for a wife. Here is a chance for an American heiress to buy a queenship.

A Pennsylvania club has admitted a horse to membership. That's nothing; there are asses in almost every club.

The Philadelphia sheep that butted its benefactor is supposed to have escaped from Wall street after the shearing.

The boys, wouldn't protest if the first step toward realizing the ideal of "a noiseless Fourth" were to cut out the orations.

When Pat Crowe finally settles with the law he should take up advertising as a profession. He understands the business to perfection.

The mind, like the body, needs exercise. When a woman says a few things to her husband she is merely doing mental calisthenics.

"Every man," says John Burroughs, "has his favorite bird." Which may, in a large measure, explain the general popularity of swallows.

It is well enough to be sure you are right, but you will be a whole lot more comfortable if you don't insist on convincing other people of it.—Puck.

That New York doctor who thinks women are less graceful than men has probably been confining his observations to women who wear French heels.

All the gambling resorts in Butte, Mont., have been closed, and some hopeful people believe that in time the camp may become as moral as New York.

According to Angela Morgan a woman's kiss is worth fifty of a man's. And how wasteful of this wealth are dear creatures are when they meet each other!

Fanny Rice, the actress, has secured a divorce. It may be ungallant to mention such a thing, but isn't Fanny Rice getting rather well along in years to risk it?

That Portland (Me.) automobile which ran alone and jumped over a precipice to destruction must have had an awful record of casualties upon its conscience.

The name that has been given to the new orchid which has just won a prize in Londpn is the "Brassocattleyadigbyanaschroderatankerville." It looks like a college yell.

A Chicago alleged lemon pie, bakery made, was found to consist of starch paste and "various coal tar products." The Chicago mince pie must be fearfully and wonderfully made.

Perhaps the court which decided that milliners are not "artists" never had occasion to inspect the thoroughly artistic work some of them can do with pen and ink on a plain, ordinary billhead.

It must have been picturesque to see Gen. Linevitch going down the lines of his headquarters troops and saluting each soldier with an Easter kiss. Gen. Grant never did anything like that.

A man in Sedalia, Mo., wants a divorce from his wife on the ground that she chews tobacco. It must be a terrible thing for a wife to have to choose between a husband and a plug of tobacco.

The season of the year is now here when the average school boy forgets all his other studies in trying to solve the mathematical problem of how to steal third base without ripping the seams in his pants.

It is a great shock to the census taker to have a woman come to the front door and tell him calmly that her age is the same as it was when he called on a similar errand of inquiry five years ago.

The daughter of a wealthy Englishman has married her father's chauffeur. If a decent coachman is a better man than a worthless duke, a good chauffeur ought to stack up pretty well in comparison with a chumpish prince.

"I never took anything which would affect people who were not able to stand the loss," pleads Defaulter Smith of San Francisco. A similar plea helped Robin Hood with the populace, but would hardly have touched sheriff or judge.

Doctors are great on figures. One who lives in Minnesota has ciphered out that the American people are now paying out annually $80,000,000 less in doctors' bills and medicine than they did a decade ago, and that they are living on an average, ten years longer than folks used to live.

"If the courts cannot compel people to remove the snow from their sidewalks next winter," says the Washington Star, "a sense of common decency ought to." There is nothing like agitating a great reform in time.

NEWS OF MICHIGAN

THE AD VALOREM LAW IS VALID AND THE RAILROADS MUST PAY TAXES.

OVER FOUR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS MUST BE PAID INTO STATE TREASURY.

PERE MARQUETTE ROAD SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS AT MUSKEGON BY FIRE.

By an opinion handed down by Judge George P. Wanty, in the United States court this afternoon, the state of Michigan wins a sweeping victory over the twenty-eight railway companies which opposed in the courts the collection of taxes under the ad valorem act of 1901. Only one road, the Grand Trunk is excepted in the decision, and the exception is made under an old territorial act of 1834.

In mere money value up to date the cases involved $6,000,000 and the precedent that is involved affects the railways of the whole country and every state and municipal government.

It was the claim of the railways that the ad valorem act was in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the federal constitution, and that they were being discriminated against because the personal property of the state, under the general tax law, was undervalued.

In his opinion Judge Wanty places a negative answer to each and all of these principal claims of the railways. He gives negative answers to these questions even in the case of the Grand Trunk, Detroit, Grand Trunk—of as it is given in the individual case, the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee—defense is also made on the basis of an act passed in 1834. It appears, according to the judge's finding, that the present Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee company is a successor of the old Detroit & Pontiac Railway company, and that it succeeds therefore to the old act, by which the tax assessment is limited to an amount not in excess of 1 per cent of its capital stock. The court finds in this regard that the ad valorem act of 1901 does not impair the old act and the injunction against the auditor-general prayed for in the Grand Trunk bill is granted.

The cases will probably be carried to the United States supreme court.

The following are the roads that took part in the case: Michigan Central; Detroit & Mackinac; Chicago & Northwestern; Toledo, Saginaw & Muskegon; St. Ignace & Trout Lake; Michigan Air Line Co.; Grand Trunk Western; Ann Arbor; Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw; Chicago, Detroit & Canada Grand Trunk Junction; Flint & Pere Marquette; Detroit, Monroe & Toledo Short Line; Lake Erie & Western; Lake Shore & Michigan Southern; Lake Erie & Detroit River; Michigan Central; Detroit, Toledo & Ironton; Detroit, Toledo & Milwaukee; Detroit & Mackinac; Lake Superior & Ishpeming; Marquette & Southeastern; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Co.; Mineral Range; Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic; Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee; Pere Marquette; Pontiac, Oxford & Northern; Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie; Gogebic & Montreal River; Manistee & Northeastern; Copper Range; Escanaba & Lake Superior; Grand Rapids & Indiana; Wisconsin & Michigan, and Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.

Eleven Locomotives Burned.

In a fierce fire Monday night lasting less than an hour, the large Pere Marquette roundhouse in Muskegon was completely destroyed, together with 11 engines. The fire when discovered by two switchmen was but a small blaze on the north side of the building. The building was old and of a nature to make excellent food for the flames, which spread with alarming rapidity, threatening that whole city. It was soon found impossible to remove the engines and efforts were directed to getting passenger coaches and loaded freight cars out of reach. There were not enough engines with steam up to do the work, and volunteers with crowbars got many valuable cars out of danger. The fire will be a serious blow to the railroad, in the trade, as all engines are in use. It is not known definitely whether the roundhouse will be rebuilt, as Muskegon is far away from the main line of the road.

The loss is variously estimated from $100,090 to $200,000.

New Tax Commission.

The attack of Rep. Benton, of Wayne, on the present tax commissioners last week has borne fruit. The Lovell bill provides that the commission is to remain as it is until March, 1906, but Benton argued for the immediate bouncing of the commissioners. A majority of the house stand with Benton on this proposition, and Lovell is now willing to consent to an amendment that the governor shall appoint immediately the three commissioners who are to be substituted for the existing board of five.

Ely Olgren now faces a murder charge, as Charles Scott, of Painesdale, is dead from the effects of a blow on the head with a beer bottle.

A $600,000 chemical plant is to be established in Bay City, 27 acres of land for the plant having been selected for the site. The building will be commenced July 1 and will be 360x100 feet in size and 90 feet high.

The street railway employes of Bay City, at the installation of National Union officers, have asked for an increase of pay from 19 and 21 cents an hour to 23 cents an hour all round. The company will probably refuse, as the expenses for paving this year will be heavy.

Notices have been posted to announce to the students of the university that the tuition fee will be increased in the professional departments to $10 per year. As there is no surplus money, and expenses are constantly increasing, this has been deemed advisable, and will add $25,000 to the funds of the treasury.

William Fennock, of this place, who has mourned his little daughter Silvia as dead, has discovered she is alive and will soon be restored to him. The mother eloped seven years ago, taking the child, then 2 years old, with her. At Elkhart, Ind., she abandoned the child and authorities placed the little waif in a private family. An investigation has located the father, but the whereabouts of the woman are unknown.

A large force of men and teams are getting out 125,000 young locust trees on the farm of Dr. O. Lauerman, of Tekonsha. Eighty-eight acres will be devoted to the growing of trees.

Tunneling For Detroit.

Actual construction work on the Michigan Central tunnel under the Detroit river will begin within 90 days. The entrance to the tunnel on the Detroit side will be at a point between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, and the terminus on the Canadian side will be at Sandwich, near L'Assomption Catholic church. There will be two tunnels, running parallel and having a space of either 20 or 30 feet between them. The line of the tunnels will be almost straight across the river Topographically, it is 10 degrees south of east The length from end to end, including the curves, will be two miles, and it will take two and a half years to complete the work, according to Chief Engineer W. S. Kinnear of the Michigan Central, who is in full charge of the tunnel work. The cost will be $7,500,000, including the costly electrical equipment and extensive entrances.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Because one clerk of Durand kept no cash book it has been decided to audit the village books.

The Kalamazoo river has risen two feet since Sunday and 20 houses on the east side of the city are surrounded by water.

The Northern Lumber Co., owning 20,000 acres of land and capitalized at $300,000, will be one of the big industries up north with headquarters at Marquette.

Two hours before a house on one of A. N. Pullen's farms in Richfield was burned to the ground from a defective chimney, the insurance policy of $500 on it, went into effect.

Although local Seventh Day Adventists will have nothing to say in regard to the matter, it is rumored the general conference in session in Washington is contemplating further transfers.

In the case of Glen Morse, of Owosso, vs. the Grand Trunk railway, to recover damages for the death of his little son, struck by a Grand Trunk train a year ago last June, the jury rendered a verdict for $4,500.

Muskegon is to have a new industry never before attempted anywhere else. A saw mill will be built to take care of the driftwood along the shore and a tug will patrol the section to pick up the wood.

James Monk, a 17-year-old youth who has been working in a Saginaw mill, has been complaining of ear ache and deafness, caused by the noises in the mill, and has finally become violently insane.

Secretary E. C. Colton, of the Y. M. C. A. at Battle Creek, has tendered his resignation. He took up the work there when the association was practically broken up, and now it owns a building valued at $60,000.

By the death of a bachelor uncle in California, B. L. Prior and Mrs. Harvey Doolittle, of Tekonsha, receive $10,000 each. The estate was valued at $100,000, and was divided between 40 nephews and nieces.

It is estimated the cost of the new artillery equipment will amount to $15,000. New khaki uniforms have been ordered for the national guard, which are to be ready for them before the encampment at Harrison.

Five men boarded a Pacific express on the Michigan Central at a little station east of Albion at 2 o'clock in the morning and robbed the sleeping passengers of their valuables. One hobo has been arrested on suspicion.

George Rice, of Battle Creek, a crippled street car employe, tied a strap to a beam in the barn and was going to hang himself when discovered by the police. He lost both legs in a wreck last year, and is despondent.

Parties in Battle Creek are engaged in a novel but profitable industry. It is the shipping of water cress to Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Toledo and Buffalo. Battle Creek promises to be as noted for cress as Kalamazoo is for celery.

Robert McDonald, aged 45 years, while fishing in the Kalamazoo seine, at St. Johns, stepped into a hole and was drowned. His two sons and a neighbor, who were with him, witnessed the disaster, but were unable to rescue him.

Lutie Gordon, aged 22, of Chase, with her babe in her arms and her little brother by her side, was struck by a Pere Marquette freight engine and instantly killed. She had stopped to pick up the little boy's cap. The baby was slightly injured.

In the libel case of the Pentwater Land and Improvement Co. vs. Rev. W. F. Jewell and Hart, for an attack made on the transactions of the company, the jury disagreed. The utterances of the minister attracted general attention throughout the state, and the company claimed their business had been injured.

Robert Mount, of Niles, went to his old home at Lockport, N. Y., last December and closed his visit with a dinner party. While dancing in a gay carousal during which time he was afterward told he had been married while intoxicated to Mrs. Hattie Roach, a widow aged 47. He is now asking for a divorce from her.

Mrs. Rose Recktenwald Wilson and her four children, of Kalamazoo, left Snyder, Okla., the day before the cyclone that wrecked the village. As it was they were caught in a tornado and were obliged to take refuge in a farm house, from where they saw many things flying through the air, and then being out of the edge of the storm.

Henry Wells, of San Francisco, crossed the continent to meet his old army comrades at Coldwater at the Loomis battery reunion, held Wednesday. A fund of $100 was raised for a tablet in Military park, next to the famous Loomis gun. A feature of the reunion was the returning by Homer Brooks, a Confederate soldier, the sword he took from the body of Lieut. Van Pelt, who commanded the battery and was killed while defending the guns. Henry Norrington was elected president of the battery for the ensuing year.

One does not advance far who treads many paths.

Patrick Ready, a civil war veteran on his way to the national old soldiers' home at Washington, was held up by the Canadian authorities at Cape Vincent and sent back to Kingston, where he is in charge of the United States consul.

Bradley Jones, 53, a farmer living near Cadmus, in Dover township, was found dead in his well Tuesday. He had gone down to repair the apparatus, and is supposed to have been overcome by gas. A chicken lowered in a pail afterward was dead in two minutes. Jones leaves a widow and several children.

STRIKE IS ON AGAIN

LABOR WAR IN CHICAGO TO BE RESUMED ON A LARGER SCALE.

PLANS FOR PEACE WRECKED BY REFUSAL TO REINSTATE EXPRESS MEN.

FEARS OF WILD SCENES AS DISORDER WILL CAUSE A CALL FOR TROOPS.

Instead of peaceful conditions so confidently predicted Saturday, Chicago will enter now on the most widespread strike of teamsters in its history, involving before the week is ended 10,000 additional drivers and resulting in disorders which Sheriff Barrett believes will make necessary the early calling out of state troops. The sudden change from probable peace to declared war came at the meeting Saturday night of the teamsters' joint council. There the proposed peace terms were discussed from 8 o'clock until nearly midnight, with the final decision to continue the strike, and spread it to all teaming industries in support of the express drivers. All peace negotiations were declared off and the teamsters determined to push the fight aggressively, continuing it until the express companies agreed to take back their drivers. All other stipulations of the employers were agreed to, but the peace program was cast aside rather than leave the express drivers to a lone fight, unsupported by the allied teaming organizations.

Sheriff Barrett said after being informed of the action of the teamsters' joint council: "It simply means that the troops will have to be called. We have found it difficult to maintain the peace with the present force and deputies we have had, and now that there is a prospect of so much greater a body of men being on strike, with all the chances of rioting that entails, it will be out of the question for us to handle the trouble without aid from the military. As soon as the strike spreads, I will be compelled to ask the governor of the state for aid. I have done all that I am able to do and the prospect now is that the thing will go away beyond the powers of my office."

Ready for Troops.

Despite peace conferences Tuesday, active preparations were under way in Chicago for the speedy ordering out of troops to keep down a wave of rioting which it was feared might come, especially in the lumber district where labor disturbances are generally born of a savage character. Adjt. Gen. Scott was in Chicago from Springfield under orders from Gov. Deneen and everything was in readiness to put soldiers on the streets in the shortest possible time.

Hay's Retirement.

From a high source it is learned that there will be but two changes in the cabinet within the next few months. John Hay, according to this information, is to retire as secretary of state and Paul Morton as secretary of the navy. In spite of the repeated reports that Mr. Hay would relinquish the state department portfolio, considerable surprise was caused by the latest apparently authentic news, for the reason that the denials from his friends have been most positive. It is believed, however, that on the advice of his physicians he has determined to step out of public life in order to avert the serious consequences which continued activity might result in. That Mr. Hay will improved in health, is by no means a well man, is admitted by his intimates. There is absolutely no intimation as to who is likely to succeed him.

Secretary Morton Goes.

It is understood that the report of Messrs. Judson and Harmon, special counsel for the government in the Santa Fe rebate case, has been submitted to the president, and that he has approved it. The report, it is said, recommends that the United States district attorney at Albuquerque, N. M., be directed to lay the facts in the case before the grand jury with a view to the prosecution of officials of the road guilty of rate discrimination. Secretary Morton, having been the traffic manager of the road at the time the rebate is said to have been given to the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., it is assumed that he is one of the officials aimed at. Mr. Morton's retirement from the cabinet, will be July 1, if the course of events does not hasten it.

Philadelphians Furious.

The most infamous steal in the history of any municipality in the world was perpetrated in Philadelphia by the city councils voting to the United Gas Improvement Co. a 75-year lease of the city gas works.

The lease is worth hundreds of millions of dollars. For it the city gets $25,000,000. This is taken on the council plea that the city "needs the money." Unlike the lease the city pays $1 for gas for 10 years. It originally provided for 90-cent gas the remaining 65 years, and the only result of the terrific public indignation over the steal was an amendment providing a reduced price by which in the latter years of the franchise the city will get gas as low as 80 cents.

King Edward is reported suffering from a growth in his throat.

English labor leaders are organizing a "Colonial army" to proceed to London and make a demonstration for the unemployed bill. John Burns opposes the scheme.

More sleep for schoolboys was advocated by Dr. Dyke Acland in an address before the convention of the Parents' National Educational union in London. Eight hours was the minimum for adults and from nine and a half to ten for school boys, unless they wanted to court insomnia and serious nervous diseases, declared the doctor.

Sir Gilbert Parker's strange assertion that he saw the "astral body" of Sir Carne Rasch in the house of commons while the latter was ill at his home, has been corroborated by Sir Arthur Haytor, who says he not only saw it, but called the attention of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who had remarked that he "hoped Sir Carne's illness wasn't catching."

Capt. Z. H. Ross, Co. H, Third regiment, M. N. G., who lost a leg in a railway accident some time ago, has handed in his resignation and Gen. McGurrin has informed him that he will be placed on the retired list.

THE LEGISLATURE

The Michigan Central won a partial victory in the house Monday night in its fight against the Brown bill to authorize the attorney-general to examine books, papers and documents in the custody of the railroads when the state is in litigation with them. Last week, after Deputy Attorney-General Chase told the house judiciary committee that the state would dismiss the suit against the Michigan Central to collect $4,400,000 in back taxes which are claimed by reason of alleged fraudulent reports of the road, if the legislature did not pass the bill, the committee decided to report favorably. When the report was presented in the house Rep. Heald, of Kent, moved that the rules be suspended and the bill placed on its immediate passage. But when it came to a line up there were 28 who stood with them, enough to defeat Heald's motion. Those who voted against the motion to suspend the rules were Bailie Byrns, Double, Dunstan, Eichhorn, Gabrakis, Gee, Hanlon, Herkimer, Higgins, Ivory, S. H. Kelley, J. B. Knight, McAuley, McCracken, Merritt, J. S. Monroe, Partlow, Prosser, Robinson, Stroud, Thomas, Turner, Walker, Speaker Master.

"Two weeks more of legislative work. That is the way Speaker Master and President Pro Tem. Glasgow, of the senate, figured it out after a conference. This will bring the cessation of labors on June 2, and the final adjournment June 9, with an additional week being for the speaker, the lieutenant-governor and the governor to sign bills.

The state printer is far behind in his work. Speaker Master says that no arrangement will be made to provide additional help in the printing office. Committees of both house and senate are still working on bills, and there is a wild scramble among members and senators to secure reports and action on pet measures. But it will be no great inconvenience to the public if several hundred of these measures are left to slumber in pigeon-holes.

The primary bill, such as it is, will be cleaned out of the way this week, and the senate will discuss the fiber-allied Holmes automobile bill. The house committee on liquor traffic will report no more measures, and very few liquor bills will be left over on the statute books. The Hudson local option liquor bill is practically dead.

Senator Mills introduced a bill increasing the state board of agriculture by adding one new member, who shall come from the upper peninsula.

The Kane bill providing for the inspection of swinging scaffolds was killed in committee of the whole. All after the enacting clause was stricken out.

Senator Kane introduced a bill which extends the time in which claims for sheep killed by dogs in villages and townships can be collected from one to three years.

The senate and house passed under suspension of the rules Senator Frank Wells's bill incorporating the village of Belleville, in Van Buren township, Wayne county.

The Senate passed Senator Hayden's amendment giving the railroad commission power to order railroads to ways to erect fences along their right of way and to construct proper farm crossings. The measure was given immediate effect.

Theodore J. Wood, representing the Jamestown, Va., tri-centennial exposition of 1907, made a lengthy appeal yesterday to Gov. Warner for the appointment of legislators for an appropriation by Michigan for state representation at the exposition.

The senate under suspension of the rules passed a bill introduced by Senator Linsley authorizing the state board of agriculture to grant a site to the United States department of agriculture on the grounds of the Agricultural College, on which to erect a postoffice and weather observatory.

Representative Baillie's bill, which would enable the city of Saginaw to compromise the payment of delinquent city taxes by persons whose land is on the delinquent list, by offering to pay the return of their property, was passed by the senate by a vote of 22 to 8 on third reading.

The house elections committee decided unanimously, with the exception of Rep. Speer, who was absent, to report the Hard primary bill with the recommendation that it be passed. A few amendments were made, but not a word was said about the feature requiring candidates for governor and lieutenant-governor to receive a majority and at least 40 per cent of the votes cast to be nominees. It was understood well enough that the senate would not recede from the position it had taken on that feature and useless discussion was avoided. The principal change was to give more time for canvassing boards to make their returns between times of electing delegates and holding conventions, by providing that all state conventions shall be held not less than 35 days after the second Tuesday in June, instead of seven days after the third Tuesday in June, as passed by the senate. The conventions are to be called on or before the first day of July, instead of the first day of June as the senate provided.

The cruiser Reina Mercedes, captured at Santiago during the Spanish war, has been remodeled into a receiving ship and is stationed at Newport, R. I.

A novel innovation has been made by the Union Pacific railroad. A phrenologist has been engaged to examine the heads of the men in the offices, with a view to determining their fitness for the various troubles of railroad work.

David M. Parry has been re-elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers, which closed a convention Thursday evening in Atlanta, Ga. The convention will meet in New York next year and the association will be incorporated in New York state. B. T. Skinner was chosen vice-president from Michigan.

Leo. Fleischman, 17, missing from his New York home for 10 days, for whom a reward of $1,000 was offered by his distracted parents, has been discovered serving as a cadet on board the naval training ship Hamilton, off Norfolk, Va. He says he ran away to be independent.

Japan has refused to agree to a definition of the limits of the war zone in Mongolia west of the frontiers stations of the armies. Until after the Russian defeat at Mukden and while the operations were confined to Manchuria, the neutral zone was well established, although claims of violation were preferred by both belligerents. North of Tie Pass, Mongolia juts eastward across the railroad, and the limit of the zone of hostilities has never been fixed.

The American bank at Manila has been closed by Gov. Luke Wright "for the protection of the depositors." No financial statement has been issued.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

LAWSON'S ATTACK ON TRUST COMPANIES CAUSES TWO MILLION FAILURE.

MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA OPENS A SENSATIONAL POLITICAL WAR.

Close the Doors.

The Merchants' Trust Company of New York closed its doors Tuesday. The attack of Thomas W. Lawson on the stock market and his assertion that he would set a day for all depositors of certain trust companies to withdraw their deposits, in his campaign to wreck the "system," are believed by many to have helped in putting the Merchants' Trust Co. out of business. The Merchants' Trust Co. had a capital stock of $500,000 and owed depositors about $2,000,000. An examination of the company's affairs was made by the state banking department on December 23 last. The report of the state banking department showed that the company's book surplus of $1,198,737 had been reduced by the examiners to $1,074,548. While the examiners had increased the value of some of the securities held by the company, they threw out many others as valueless and reduced the valuation of others.

The company is trustee of a $4,000,000 consolidated mortgage on the property of the Hudson Valley Railway Co., which is a consolidation of trolley lines around Albany, Troy, Saratoga and Lake George. The bank examiners accepted the company's valuation of the securities of the Hudson Valley Railway Co., held by it. The company was organized in 1899. In May, 1902, the stock reached a high point, 290 being bid for it.

Hoch Convicted.

Johann Hoch, whose marriages and murders make Bluebeard's record trivial by comparison, was on Saturday afternoon found guilty of wife murder in the first degree, and commended to the hangman. The convicted wife poisoner, who all through his trial seemed to regard the charge against him as a joke, and its possible outcome of no consequence, seemed to realize for the first time the situation in which he is placed. He spent the greater part of the day in the cell, and at no times his sobs were audible throughout the large part of the jail. His lamentations brought scanty sympathy from his fellow prisoners, who jeered at him and constantly urged him to "brace up and die like a man." Several persons called during the day, but Hoch would not talk to them for more than a minute at a time. He walked constantly up and down his cell, heaping maledictions up courts, juries and the police. When he ceased this he would sit down, bury his face in his hands and weep.

Fighting the Gang.

Director of Public Works Costello and Director of Public Safety Smith, of Philadelphia, on Tuesday at the request of Mayor Weaver tendered their resignations. This is the latest and most startling development in the fight against the gang which the mayor is tendering his resignation used the phrase: "To take effect when my successor is qualified." Mayor Weaver gave them two hours in which to send out qualification on pain of removal from office. No such political sensation has been sprung in the last 25 years. Now that the mayor has declared war on the Republican organization leaders who placed him in office, it is expected that a bitter fight will be waged during the remaining two years of his term. Including policemen and firemen, there are upward of 20,000 officeholders in Philadelphia and practically all of them are at the mercy of the mayor.

Threaten Rockefeller.

A $50,000 bullet awaits William Rockefeller the minute he steps foot on his property in Ireland, in the form of notices crudely printed by hand on brown wrapping paper, has been posted on many trees along the line of the railroad from Bay Road to Brandon, on the oil king's magnificent estate in the Adirondacks. The warnings bear a sinister significance, in view of the fact that it was in this region that Orrando P. Dexter, the New York millionaire, was killed from ambush two years ago.

Will Tie Up Business.

Spreading of the teamsters' strike began promptly Monday, as a result of the refusal of the teamsters' joint council, Saturday night, to indorse the settlement provisionally arranged with the employers by President C. P. Shea of the teamsters' union. It will stop the delivery of building material when building is resumed after the long recess and it is estimated that the employment of nearly 100,000 men in yards, mills, factories and on construction work will be hung up.

Prof. Eckstein, Chicago, fled from his flat to a hut on the shore of Lake Michigan to escape piano maulers, hand organ racket, and city noises in general, and not from any eccentricity.

Dr. Edwin Fisher, Pittsburg, contracted spinal fever from a patient and has slept uninterruptedly for 32 days.

George D. Richardson, cashier in the internal revenue office in Milwaukee for 16 years, has committed suicide, and his books are being examined.

Dr. Osler's attention is called to the case of Henry Conrad, carpenter, of Petersburg, Ind. Henry is 72, but when he went home to dinner Thursday his wife presented him with a pair of twin boys. To the neighbors he gleefully exclaimed: "These two kids give the lie to Osler that a man ain't worth a continental after he's 60."

John Hannon, aged 23, who gives his residence as New York city, has been identified as the man who assaulted Cecilia Fitzgerald, aged 7 years, while she was picking flowers in the orchard near Kalamazoo, in company with her cousin, a boy a year older. The man attempted to choke the little girl, but her screams and the cries of her cousin brought assistance and the assailer fled.

Augustus Rinker, of Herrisburg, O., being the father of triplet boys, has demanded a bonus from the governor of the state, considering the triplets an affliction which should be shared by the taxpayers.

Mobbed Motorman.

Conductor Harry Doolan and Motorman Frank Beebe, of Clay avenue car No. 105, had to fight for their lives on Sunday afternoon in Detroit, to save themselves from being lynched by a crowd infuriated at the car having run over and killed little Marvin Feldman, the 4-year-old son of Max J. Feldman. The affair assumed an ugly aspect. The story had got around that the conductor had made some brutal remark about the people of the neighborhood, and the cry was raised, "Lynch him." The conductor seized the switch bar and the motorman the controller and they kept the crowd at bay until a patrol wagon with a load of policemen arrived to disperse the riot call. The motorman got the worst of it, his lip being cut by a flying stone, while Doolan, according to some of the spectators, had some of his teeth knocked out. Later in the day the crowd gathered in the street to wreak their vengeance on the car crew, and the patrol wagon had to be called out again to disperse them.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Former Archduke Leopold, a brother of ex-Crown Princess Louise of Saxony, has become a private in the Swiss army. He is known as Herr Woelfing.

John D. Rockefeller has given $1,000 in "tainted money" to aid an evangelistic movement just begun in New York, and nobody has yet raised a howl over it.

The skeleton of a girl, laden with splendid antique gold, emerald and pearl bracelets, necklace and earrings, has been found in the ashes of Pompeii by a peasant.

The Uruguayan government has confiscated the Nova Scotian sealing schooner Agnes d. Boudreau, with a cargo of 400 sealskins, and sentenced the members of her crew to from six months to three years at penal servitude for poaching. Great Britain may investigate.

THE MARKETS.

Cattle and hogs have declined since a week ago, and conditions are not favorable for a material improvement at this writing. The supply of cattle is about the same as a week ago, but the demand, and all grades have suffered to a greater or less extent. In the case of best cattle, which sold on Monday, following unfavorable conditions at the close of last week, values started downward, and while there has been some reaction the loss has not yet been regained. Hogs from the start were in good shape, showing good feeding, as they usually do at this season, and were heavier than a year ago at this time. Both sheep and lambs are doing better, helped considerably by light receipts. Much of the stock now coming forward is of poor consequence.

Chicago—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; market steady to slow; good to prime steers, $5 75@6 40; poor to medium, $4 35@5 50; stockers and feeders, $2 75@5 25; cows, $2 50@5; heifers, $2 50@5 30; canners, $2 50@3 50; bulls, $2 50@4 75; calves, $2@6 40.

Hogs—Receipts, 21,000; market 5@10c lower; mixed and butchers, $5 20@5 42½; good to choice heavy, $5 30@5 50; rough heavy, $5@5 30; light, $5 25@5 50; bulk of sales at $5 37½@5 45.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; market steady; good to choice wethers, $5 30@5 60; fair to choice mixed, $4 50@5 30; Western sheep, $4 75; native lambs, $5 50@6 50.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5 50@6 25; best shipping steers, $5@5 50; best fat cows, $4 25@4 50; fair to good, $3 75@4; best heifers, $4 25@4 50; best fat heifers, $5@5 25; medium heifers, $4 50@4 75; light butchers' heifers, $4 25@4 50; common, $3 50@4; best feeding steers, dehorned, $3@3 25; best feeding steers, $2 75@3; common stockers, $3@3 25; export bulls, $4@4 50; bologna bulls, $3 50@3 75. Fresh cows and springers; good to extra, $40@50; fair to good, $30@40; common, $20@27.

Hogs—Pigs and yorkers, $5 70@5 80; heavy, $5 80@5 85; mixed, medium, $5 75@5 80; few fancy selling at $5 85 at close.

Sheep—Best lambs, $6 50@6 65; fair to good, $6 25@6 40; culls and common, $4 50@5 75; mixed sheep, $4 75@5; fair to good, $4 50@4 75; culls and bucks, $4@3 50; yearlings, $5 25@5 75.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—No. 2 red spot and May, $1 06; July, $1.00 bid; No. 1 white, 10,000 bu at 87⅞c, 10,000 bu at 87⅞c, 5,000 bu at 88c, 5,000 bu at 88¼c, 5,000 bu at 88½c, 5,000 bu at 89c, 10,000 bu at 89¼c, 5,000 bu at 89½c, 10,000 bu at 90c, 5,000 bu at 90⅛c, 5,000 bu at 90¼c, 2,000 bu at 90⅜c, 15,000 bu at 84c, 10,000 bu at 84¼c, 5,000 bu at 84⅜c, 2,000 bu at 85c, 2,000 bu at 85½c, 5,000 bu at 85⅝c, 5,000 bu at 85¾c, No. 2 white, No. 2 white, $1 06 per bu.

Corn—No. 3 mixed, 53½c bid; No. 2 yellow, 2 cars at 55½c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 54c.

Oats—No. 3 white, spot, nominal, at 34c; do to arrive, 2 cars at 33¾c per bu.

Rye—No. 2, spot, nominal, at 77c.

Clover seed—Prime spot, $7; October, 100 bags at $5 70; prime alsike, $7 50, nominal.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 10 bags at $1 35 per bu.

Beans—May, $1 65; June, $1 68; July, 10 bags at $1 70; spot, $1 55 per bu.

Chicago—Wheat—No. 2 spring, 92 @ 1 04; No. 3, 95c@$1 02; No. 2 red, 99c @$1 03¾.

Corn—No. 2, 54¼c; No. 2 yellow, 54¼c. Oats—No. 2, 31½c; No. 3 white, 32⅝ @33½c; No. 3 white, $1@32¼c.

Rye—No. 2, 77@78c.

Barley—Good feeding, 37@40c; fair to choice malting, 41@46c.

Flaxseed—No. 1, $1 26; No. 1 northwestern, $1 27.

Timothy seed—Prime, $2 95.

Clover seed—Contract grade, $11 75@12 25.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending May 27.
LYCEUM THEATRE—Evenings, "We Were 21." Mat. Wed and Sat. Eve. 7c, 25c, 50c, 75c.
LAFAYETTE THEATRE—"The Charity Ball." Mats.—Mon., All seats, 25c. Eve., 25c, 50c. Prices—50c, 3 c. 25c, 10c.
WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—"The Mermaid."
TEMPLE THEATRE AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50. AVENUE THEATRE—Vaudeville. Afternoons 2:30 and 3:30. Evenings, 25, 35, 50 and 75.

STEAMERS LEAVING DETROIT.
DETROIT & CLEVELAND NAV. CO.—Foot Wayne St.—"For Cleveland, Daily at 7:00 p. m. Meals a la Carte. "Soo" and Chicago, Monday 5 pm; Friday 9:30 am
DETROIT & BUFFALO STEAMBOAT CO.—Foot of Wayne St.—For Buffalo, Tuesday and Saturday at 5 p. m.; Sunday 4 pm. Saturday Excursion $2.50.
TOLEDO & DETROIT LINE—Foot of Third St.—For Port Huron and way ports daily 2:30 p.m. Sun. 9 am. For Toledo, daily 4:30 pm. Sunday 9 pm.

The northern waters of the Sea of Japan, Tsugaru straits and La Perouse straits are being closely patrolled by the searchlights of Japanese torpedo-boats to prevent the passage of the Vladivostok squadron. Blockade running to Vladivostok is extremely owing to the vigilance of the Japanese.

Edward Donohue, condemned to die June 10 for the murder in Indiana of A. N. Northrup of Benton Harbor, is a nervous wreck and requires the constant attention of a physician. He refuses religious consolation and paces his cell constantly, refusing to eat.

A movement is on foot to amalgamate all the labor organizations in political action, and a convention is to be held at Chicago, June 27, for that purpose.

The administrator of the estate of George Nixon, killed May 12, 1902, by a Grand Trunk engine at Flint, has been awarded a verdict of 6,485.50 in his suit against the company.

Dr. J. H. Hollander, who was sent to San Domingo to investigate fiscal conditions, is at Washington conferring with President Roosevelt. Reports all quiet, and says the officials and people seem satisfied with the arrangements made as to the customs.