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STATE NEWS

By the way, where does the bachelor get his Christmas stocking to hang up?

The farmer poet of Long Island has just made $300,000 by a deal, but it was not poetry he sold.

President Eliot says "there is not a single rich man" in Cambridge. All the eligible bachelors seem gobbled.

The new British premier must have been talking with Joe Leiter. He has expressed a high opinion of Lord Curzon.

A general anti-foreign uprising is looked for in China. But an uprising is always a possibility in the far east.

"Fair coeds should not dance after midnight," according to the dean of women's colleges. And there are no homely coeds.

"Will the coming man marry?" asks Dr. Madison C. Peters. He doesn't he will show less wisdom than his father did.

London's got it! A society has just been organized there to extract gold from sea water. Her Jernegan is named Chairam.

It is ridiculous to say that no man in this country is worth a salary of $150,000 a year. Every man is worth it, if you ask him.

A Cincinnati millionaire has undertaken the job of cleaning that city's street. Another man who thinks it a disgrace to die rich.

If Satan "looks after his own," as popularly supposed, it is possible he doesn't regard that Detroit statue of him as a good likeness.

Gov. Hanly of Indiana says that no man is worth $150,000 a year, but we do hope that your wife does not agree with him.—Boston Herald.

Inventor Holland says we shall soon be flying like birds. With apologies for the use of slang, his remarks seem to have more to do with "bugs."

Perhaps King Edward's fad in wearing a scarlet tam o'shanter when he goes hunting is a hint that he doesn't want to be mistaken for a pheasant.

These corns on the ears from which the Philadelphia telephone girls are suffering are bad enough. But they are not so bad as Watts on the Mind.

Miss Gilman appears to regard it as a criminal offense for the wife of an old man's youth, not to be young, slim, beautiful and able to kick the chandelier.

Sixteen snowbound passengers and a train crew in South Dakota lived two days on a pail of oysters. "But there was a church social cook in that bunch."

It may be a coal miners' strike next April, or it may be a voluntary increase in wages from the operators. The public will get it in the same old place.

Oyama has got his old job back as president of the general staff. He cannot complain that after fighting for his country his employers did not reinstate him.

We need not wonder that the automobile is still imperfect in some particulars, when we reflect upon the length of time it has taken to produce the perfect horse.

And now a New York stock exchange seat has been sold for $91,000. Some people, if they had $91,000 all at one time, would never mix up with business any more.

The father of the New York woman who could not struggle along on $60,000 a year was prophetically named Work. A good many American fathers belong to the same family.

Graft is not always defeated by publicity. It is an enemy that plans sorties, lays mines and plants masked batteries. Its purpose is to wear and weary out honesty.—Ohio State Journal.

Statistics prove that only one American family in twenty has an income of as much as $3,000 a year. That explains why so many of them buy their automobiles on the instalment plan.

The Aero club of France is arranging for an international contest of flying machines to be held in Paris next year and is doing everything possible to put the race course in first-class condition.

The rumor current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France $4,000,000 for the island is manifestly unfounded. Uncle Sam is now saving up that $4,000,000 that Ex-Queen Lil has asked for.

Senator Clark of Montana, who owns the queerest house in New York, has paid $1,750,000 for a California gold mine. When Senator Clark sees a thing that he wants he is willing to pay for it, no matter what the price may be.

An alleged "literary woman" caught shoplifting in New York said that she was doing it to get "local color" for a story that she is writing. Before she gets through she is likely to have "local color" also for a story about life in jail.

Yale finds that the cute little savarians whose fossil remains were found by Prof. Marsh in the Bad Lands weighed when alive 77,000 pounds apiece. No wonder there were no circuses in those days. Imagine a saurian with a peanut.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

H. W. McKenzie, of Big Rapids, has been appointed assistant observer in connection with the weather bureau.

Frank Lewis, of Pontiac, went to a hunting bee and while operating the machine hucked his handsome gold watch.

Insane from business cares, John C. Smith, clerk of Bently township, was attacked by paralysis of the brain, causing death.

This is divorce week in Petoskey, a third of the whole calendar being divorce suits, the greatest number ever on call at one time.

A smooth stranger operated in Ann Arbor Saturday and cleaned a harvest of $10 as a result of a few hours' work and a handy pen.

Mrs. Jeremiah Sullivan was struck and instantly killed by a Grand Trunk engine at a Lapeer street crossing. She was 76 years old.

Falling in an epileptic fit, August Rees, a deaf mute watchman on the schooner Augustus, was drowned in the Benton Harbor canal.

Thomas Hill, of Bay City, aged 49, married, saw her husband swallow an ounce of carbolic acid because he could not secure employment.

Mrs. M. A. Preston, the newspaper writer of Charlotte, who was struck by a train at San Diego, Cal., last Thursday, died of her injuries.

Coldwater business men have organized to work unitedly for the industrial interests of the town. The organization starts out with 117 members.

All of the schools and Sunday schools south of Black river, in Port Huron, have been ordered closed because of the epidemic of diphtheria.

The Michigan Orangemen are figuring on Port Huron as the place for holding their annual state reunion and celebration July 12. A bonus of $1,000 is asked.

The body of Reuben Cobath, old hunter and trapper, was found in a bayou at Bells' Presque Isle county. He had fallen into an air hole crossing the ice.

Cobath and wife died and no tobacco or playing cards are by the regulations of Ingham supervisors for tramps who are seeking shelter at the county jail in large numbers.

Word reached Kalamazoo of the tragic death of Charles Eaton at St. Louis on Sunday. He is the fourth member of the family whom sudden death has reached.

Dynamite placed in the oven of the kitchen stove in the Anderson home killed August H. Schroeder's 2-year-old daughter and injured himself and wife, of Menominee.

Menominee, of Menominee, while attempting to separate his two belligerents, who were in a fight, received a deep gash in his leg from an ax in the hands of Dan Schaal.

Nearly 175 shot entered the groin and abdomen of Charles Kirby, of Belle Creek, who discharged his gun as he stepped into a buggy, while on a rabbit hunt with Capt. Chandler Lucas.

H. M. Loud's Sons Co. have secured the river rights for nearly 100 miles of the Au Sable river and, it is said, propose to utilize the steady, strong current for a huge power and light plant.

"The first man in western Michigan to be made a Mason," was the distinction claimed by James D. La Bar, who died in Battle Creek, Saturday night, of old age. He was in his ninety-ninth year.

All the cars of the Port Huron street railway have been equipped with compressed air brakes. Port Huron is said to be the only city of its size in the country having these brakes.

Finding her husband in jail on a charge of larceny, so overwhelmed Mrs. Florence Murray, of Lapeer, with grief that she attempted to end her life with poison. Murray got 65 days in prison.

By mistake Sadie Neal, of Muskegon, sent her fourth-child not by mother a dose of gelseminum, a deadly poison, and although it was sufficient to kill a man instantly it had no effect on the baby.

Bitten in the cheek by a mad dog, 11-year-old Leon Halleck, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Halleck, of Plainwell, was hastened to Ann Arbor, there being fears that he might not live long enough to arrive there.

Returning from a hunting trip, Chas. Kantz, aged 18, of Hesperia, laid his gun on a table and, forgetting it was loaded, carried it to clean it. The bullet struck him in the abdomen and he has little chance for recovery.

Bert Frisbie, aged 12, of Kalamazoo, after an operation for diphtheria, was supplied with a silver tube for breathing through until the wound healed. The tube became displaced at night and the boy strangled to death.

Port Huron is trying to secure the headquarters of the Woodmen of the World, which it is said may go to Omaha because the Nebraska supreme court says the order must pay an annual tax on a $50,000 reserve fund.

Frozen stiff on the ground where he had been chopping wood was the body of William Hyde, a widower, aged 72, of Standish. A dump on the back of his head indicated that he had been rendered unconscious if not killed by a fall.

Thomas Combs, 58 years old, Grand Rapids, an employe of the Crescent Mills for over 20 years, while descending the elevator shaft, fell from the fifth to the third floor for the machine and received such serious injuries that he died.

Falling in his attempt to kill his diseased wife after a struggle, John McKay, of Flint, sent a bullet into his own head, dying a short time later. A stranger, who has not since been found, figures in the sensational attempt on the life of Mrs. McKay, and a search is being made for him.

Two children sick with scarlet fever and the aged invalid mother of Albert Simmons, of Presque Isle county, narrowly escaped being burned to death by the house catching fire while Simmons and his wife were some distance away. They arrived just in time to rescue all three from the flames.

Judge of Probate J. S. Stockwell, of Pontiac, is in possession of one of the most interesting wills that has ever been read in this city. Bequeathing is an extract from the will: "Angels and ministers of grace defend us from the rapacity and solemnity of the undertaker. He is to have some of the dear music, hacks 24, buggies and wheelbarrows, 999, and 1,001 mourners. I indorse everything in this blessed country but undertakers' fees and plumbers' bills. Wave your lofty toga ye pince. I came to this country for a little fresh air and I got it." The will was admitted to probate on November 15, 1881.

ROGERS DEFIES COURT AND REFUSES TO ANSWER.

SOME OF THE THINGS HE SAYS HE DOES NOT KNOW ARE VERY REMARKABLE.

HOW EMPLOYES WERE CHANGED AND INSTRUCTED BY "THE SYSTEM."

Hadley's Questions.

Henry H. Rogers, the vice-president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and a director of the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, which Attorney-General Herbert S. Hadley is trying to oust from the state of Missouri, was on the witness stand in New York on Tuesday "on quo warranto proceedings brought by Mr. Hadley.

Mr. Hadley took up with him only two points: Whether the Standard Oil Co of Indiana has an office in the building at 26 Broadway, that city, where the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey has its offices, and whether the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey owns or controls a majority of the stock of the Indiana company, the Waters-Pierce Oil Co. of Missouri, and the Republic Oil Co. of New York.

Mr. Rogers said that he did not know that the Indiana company has offices at 26 Broadway, that he supposed its affairs are conducted in Indiana, and that he imagined that James A. Moffett, president of the Standard Oil Co., of Indiana, has an office at 26 Broadway, but that he (Mr. Rogers) was never in it.

Mr. Rogers declined to answer the question whether the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey owns the stock of the other companies which, Mr. Hadley alleges, have combined to stifle competition in Missouri. Mr. Hadley pressed the question with much insistence and demanded an answer without evasions.

"Do you mean to say to the supreme court of Missouri that you do not know whether the office of the company of which you are a director, are conducted?" demanded Mr. Hadley.

"It is immaterial to me what the supreme court of Missouri expects me to say," replied Mr. Rogers.

H. D. Hardcastle, who was formerly employed in the Albany agency of the Standard Oil Co., was Mr. Hadley's chief witness.

He testified to instances in which he was transferred from the Standard Oil Co.'s employ to that of the Republic Oil Co., and from the employ of the Atlantic Refining Co. at Philadelphia.

These transfers, he said, were made by officers or employes of the Standard Oil Co., and each of them told him he must not be known as Cleveland had having been employed by the Standard Oil Co. Witness had some letters, he said, from Standard Oil men which he was induced to destroy. Among them, Jennings, of the Standard Oil Co., in the hope of getting a better position, but received a ticket for Europe without a return coupon.

The Chinese Boycott.

President Roosevelt has decided to establish two brigade posts in the Philippines where troops will be stationed so they can be rushed to China in the event of disturbances there.

A high government official declares that there is no use to longer deny the fact that the United States government and the European powers are apprehensive regarding the conditions in China, and that a serious outbreak more serious than the Boxer uprising is likely to happen at any time.

This government has decided that it will not be "caught napping," as the official expresses it, and that it proposes to be in a position to protect American lives and property when the critical stage of the situation is reached.

Chinese students who have had a touch of western civilization are the ringleaders in the present agitation. They are establishing newspapers in different parts of the empire, and spreading the anti-foreign propaganda wherever the authorities tolerate them.

Foreign diplomats in Washington express the opinion that the only way to deal with China is by force. They declare that the policy of conciliation and kindness is a mistake and makes the wrong kind of an impression on the oriental heathen's mind.

Mayor Thomas H. McNally, of Central Falls, R. I., announced that two gamblers in company with as many politicians visited him and offered a bribe of $500 a month to permit the opening of a gaming house in the town.

The suburb of Irving Park, Ill., has the scarlet fever scare. The epidemic started at a children's Christmas party, and spread till church services, schools, etc., had to be discontinued. There are 40 new cases and as many more suspected.

Weakened by the rain and snow of the past few days, the whole brow of the hill in Richland street, Haverstraw, N. Y., on which were a number of houses, was precipitated into a clay pit a hundred feet below. The accident occurred about midnight, and many of the people in the houses on the crumbling brow of the hill were down to death with the debris.

A special dispatch from Copenhagen says the workmen who seized the Provodnik rubber factory at Riga, Tuesday, surrendered after a sanguinary conflict, during which they threw up their hands to the commander of the troops. The prisoners will be tried by court-martial.

Unvaccinated pupils to the number of 600 have been barred from the public schools of Lock Haven, Pa., and in consequence the teachers have little to do. At the primary school in the first ward, taught by Miss Da Frank, in which 41 pupils were enrolled, not a single one remains.

"I would rather personally administer chloroform to the poor, starving children of this city than see them suffer as they do from neglect and misery." So declared Miss L. Graham Crozier, of Pittsburg, society lecturer and sociological authority. "I do not say this for notoriety or to call attention to myself," continued Miss Crozier, who is devoting her life work to relieve the sufferings of starving waifs. "I say it because I have worked very hard in trying to interest municipal officers and philanthropic individuals in the poverty and frightful conditions prevailing in New York."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

An important development in the football situation is announced in the fact that President Angell, of the University of Michigan, has issued a call to representatives of western universities, to a football conference. The meeting is to be held at Chicago Beach Hotel, on Jan. 12. Friday of the coming week, Michigan's representative has not yet been named.

President Angell stated that he issued the call at the request of a number of institutions interested, the position taken by these being that the conference could not longer ignore the situation. All of the Big Nine colleges, it is expected, will be on hand.

Up to now the conference has stood aside, taking no part in the New York meeting and having made no expression of its intention in regard to following the established committee's lead. Minnesota and Dr. Williams in New York, but in no sense did he represent the Big Nine.

Terrible Earthquake.

Vice-Counsel Wallace, at Managua, has cabled the state department under Wednesday's date that a terrible earthquake has occurred in Nicaragua and it is reported to him that Mt. Masaya has been ruined by the eruption of the volcano San Diego.

Masaya is on the east side of Lake Managua, about 25 miles south of Managua, and 25 miles northeast of Granada. The population, mostly of Indian blood, is estimated at 18,000. Near every house has its orchard or garden, and so the buildings are spread over a much larger area than the number of inhabitants would suggest. Previous to 1871, when a steam pump was erected, water had to be carried from the lake, which lies 340 feet below the level of the town. The volcano of Masaya, on the opposite side of the lake, was active at the time of the conquest in 1522, and the conquerors, thinking the lava they saw was gold, had themselves lowered into the crater at the risk of their lives. It had a great eruption in 1670, and began to smoke again in 1860.

Insurance Question.

The president's message, which caused a seven-day discussion in the house, and the holiday recess, was disposed of in 20 minutes at the beginning of the session.

The particular question which was the cause of the long debate, which committee should get the insurance question was temporarily settled by the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Hepburn, giving for an express opinion by the judiciary committee as to the extent congress has power to control corporations other than railways.

The senate discussed at some length a proposition to reprint a magazine article by Senator Newlands on his observations in the Philippines, made while accompanying the late Secretary of War Taft last summer. Senator Spooner asked for the privilege with some reluctance, it was agreed to.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Attorneys for Johann Hoch, who is under conviction for killing a Chicago wife murder, filed in the state supreme court a motion for a rehearing.

Elliot Danforth, of New York, state treasurer from 1889 to 1893, former chairman of the state Democratic committee, and nominee for lieutenant-governor in 1898, died Sunday.

The authorities of Colorado Springs decided E. C. Wilson, of Chicago, found dead on the Cripple creek road to Colorado Springs, was murdered. Wilson had $100 with him and a gold watch. Both are missing.

President Roosevelt has declined to interfere in the behalf of Ancheta Tolla, sentenced to be hanged in New Jersey, saying: "It is entirely a matter for the state courts and that no federal question is involved."

An appeal to save Mrs. Antoinette Tolla, of Hackensack, N. J., from being hanged on January 12 has been sent to President Roosevelt by the Susan B. Anthony club, of Cincinnati. Mrs. Tolla's crime was that of which Mrs. O. Nye Young charged Italians who attempted to attack her in her own home.

Dr. Charles Eliot Norton, of Cambridge, former professor of literature at Harvard, has joined the engagement of Miss Anne S. Hall, of Cincinnati, and with Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth in their campaign for the killing off the hopelessly insane, hopelessly diseased and victims of accidents.

Senator Hale has introduced a bill to re-establish the grade of commodore in the navy, advancing 16 captains by selection to that grade. He also introduced a bill authorizing the construction of an armored cruiser of the first class to be called the Constitution, for which not to exceed $5,000,000.

The cases of John F. Gaynor, Benjamin D. Greene, William Gaynor, Edward Gaynor and Oberlin M. Carter are booked for trial on January 9 in the United States court at Norfolk, Virginia. The charge is for defrauding the United States government out of $2,000,000 in carrying out the Savannah harbor contracts.

Mrs. C. V. B. Ferguson, a grand niece of Oliver Wendell Holmes, who lives on her wealthy husband's ranch near Axial, Colo., has written to Denver friends that she wants to adopt a Negro boy about 12 years of age. The lucky and dusky youngster will have two charming "sisters" by adoption. Besides being a descendant of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mrs. Ferguson claims relationship to Ernest Thompson-Seton, the author. She is a prominent Christian Scientist.

One million women have signed petitions for the admission of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah.

The bodies of all of the twenty-three miners killed in the gas explosion in the Cooper coal mine at Coaldale, Col., have been recovered.

"You're dead, old bear," playfully said Willie Stickle, aged 10 years, to his brother Albert, aged 12, while playing bear hunters in their father's yard at Upper Bad Neck, near Pomfret, N. Y., Tuesday. Then Willie pointed a revolver he held at Albert and pulled the trigger. The revolver went off and a bullet pierced the breast of Albert, and he will die.

The Hebrews of New York, in memory of those killed during the riot in St. Petersburg, have planned a parade for January 22, the anniversary, in which more than 100,000 Hebrews will participate.

Wm. J. Moran, aged 19 years, of Chicago, confessed to the killing of Robert Collier, aged 17 years, during a quarrel, after which Moran says he placed Collier's body on the railroad track in the hope that a passing train would hide evidences of the crime. The accidental discovery of the body before a train had passed disclosed the fact that Collier had been killed by a pistol bullet.

ROOSEVELT SCORCHING THE PANAMA CANAL "KNOCKERS."

THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK IS GREAT AND FACILITIES FIRST-CLASS.

SENSATIONAL YARNS AND THE OBJECT OF THEM ONLY DISCREDIT AUTHORS.

The Canal Work.

President Roosevelt transmitted to congress Monday the annual report of the isthmian canal commission and the Panama Railroad Co. with a scorching letter in which he raps sensation mongers and gives the highest praise to the work so far accomplished.

"The work on the isthmus is being admirably done," he says, "and great progress has been made especially during the last nine months. The plans have been made ready and the organization perfected. The first work to be done was the work of sanitation, the necessary preliminary to the work of actual construction, and this has been pushed forward with the utmost energy and means. In a short while I shall lay before you the recommendations of the commission and of the board of consulting engineers as to the proper plan to be adopted for the canal itself together with my own recommendations thereon.

"All the work so far has been done, not only with the utmost expedition, but in the most careful and thorough manner, and what has been accomplished gives us good reason to believe that the canal will be dug in a shorter time than had been anticipated, and at an expenditure within the estimate already made.

"All our citizens have a right to congratulate themselves upon the high standard of efficiency and integrity which has been hitherto maintained by the representatives of the government in doing this great work. If this high standard of efficiency and integrity can be maintained in the future as the same level which it has now reached, the construction of the Panama canal will be one of the feats to which the people of this country will look back with the highest pride.

"From time to time various publications have been made, and from time to time in the future various similar publications will be made, purporting to give an account of jobbery or immorality, or inefficiency, or misery, as obtaining on the isthmus. Every one carefully examined into each of these accusations which seemed worthy of attention, in every instance the accusations have proved to be without foundation in any shape or form. They spring from several sources. Sometimes they take the shape of statements by irresponsible investigators of a sensational habit of mind, incapable of observing or reporting with accuracy what they see and desirous of obtaining notoriety by widespread slander. More often they originate with, or are given currency by, individuals with a personal grievance.

"The sensation mongers, both those who stay at home and those who visit the isthmus, may ground their accusations on false statements by some engineer who, having applied for service on the commission and been refused such service, now endeavors to discredit his successful competitors; or by some lessee or owner of real estate who has sought action or inaction by the commission to increase the value of his lots and is bitter because the commission cannot be used for such purposes; or tales of disappointed hotel keepers or employes of officeholders who have proved incompetent or who have been suspected of corruption and dismissed, or who have been overcome by panic and have fled from the isthmus.

"The only discredit inhering in these false accusations is to those who originate and give them currency, and who to the extent of their abilities thereby hamper and obstruct the completion of the great work in which both the honor and interest of America are so deeply concerned.

"Any attempt to cut down the salaries of the officials of the isthmian canal commission or of their subordinates, who are doing important work, would be ruinous from the standpoint of accomplishing the work effectively. To quote the words of one of the best observers on the isthmus: 'Demoralization of the service is certain if the reward for successful endeavor is a reduction of pay.'"

The home of Philip Johnson, colored, of Fairmount, W. Va., was burned to the ground Sunday and his two sons were cremated. Johnson and his wife barely escaped.

An ambition cherished for many years by the Roman Catholic church dignitaries of Chicago, in a plan by which this diocese becomes the center of the Catholic education and religion in America, finally has assumed definite shape. With the opening in the suburbs of Austin of an immense seminary for the priesthood, plans of which have been completed, the first step toward the realization of the great project will have been completed. Gradually other edifices dedicated to the same purposes will be added to the seminary.

Editor Peter Dalm, of the Hollandsch Amerikaan, says that at the present rate of increase in ten years more than half of the population of Holland now will be Hollanders. He says it is an ambition of parents in Holland to send their children to America.

Although John Horton was considered himself a "dope fiend" and acknowledged that he was "faking" when he told the story that his half-sister, Marie Hartz, was the victim of the mysterious Hamilton, Ont., murder, and he one of the murderers, the Flint authorities are holding him until the whereabouts of Marie Hartz are determined.

George F. Baer, president of the Philadelphia & Reading, has just purchased $100 worth of mileage books for his five married daughters. It is the first time in the world's history of railroad management a railroad president has bought tickets for his family.

Rep. Hogg, of Colorado, has introduced a bill to correct unjust railroad practices along the lines of the plan proposed by Judge Grosscup, of Chicago. The measure contemplates the abolition of the interstate commerce commission and the substitution therefor of a transportation court of three members.

THE NEW TAX LAW.

The new state tax commissioners are to have on their hands a suit to test the validity of the new law under which they are about to assess railroad property. "I shall begin suit by mandamus as soon as the state tax commissioners fix the rate for railroad taxation, which will be on January 15," said Attorney-General John E. Bird.

"The ground for my suit will be that the legislature exceeded its powers when it gave the tax commission the right to equalize and fix the assessment of railroad properties and that of general properties of the state.

"It was the purpose of all the agitation leading up to the amendment of the constitution relative to the taxation of corporations, that all property shall be assessed at cash value and if this is done, as it should be, there is no reason for any equalization.

"I shall begin the suit as soon as possible, in order that we may get a decision before the railroad taxes are collected on the coming assessment, which will be April 1."

Mr. Bird said that any citizen who might feel himself aggrieved by the operations of the new law might begin suit to test it.

Mr. Bird's contention that the law is not constitutional is not new. When the bill had been passed by the legislature and was awaiting action by Gov. Warner, the attorney-general urged him not to sign the measure, but the governor was not controlled by this advice.

Geronimo, an Apache warrior, of Fort Worth, Tex., was married for the eighth time on Christmas. The bride is Mary Lote, widow of a prominent brave. The groom is 76.

John Fusilier, an expert furniture polisher of San Francisco, took his life by asphyxiation. The motive was that Fusilier was unable to provide for his nine children. The youngest is only two days old.

J. W. Alexander's $50,000 library of "limited editions" brought only $5,000 at a public sale in New York city. Mr. Alexander is said to have been the victim of wily book agents who sold him $5,000 worth of what the paper they were printed on.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Anything good in the milch cow line sold at strong last week's prices, and there were quite a few of the cows in the receipts that brought $50. Bulk of the sales were at from $25 to $35. The demand for stockers and feeders is very poor, which accounts for the light sales reported. Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, $4 50@4 75; good fleshy feeders, 900 to 1,200, $3@3 25; steers and heifers, 600 to 750 lbs., $2 50@2 75; good fat cows, $2@2 25; common cows and heifers, $1 50@1 75; canners, $1 50@2; choice heavy bulls, $2 50@2 75; stock bulls, $2@2 25; milch cows and choice to extra, $40 to $60; common to good, $25@35; choice veal calves, $6 50@7; choice to extra heavy calves, $5 50@6; choice stockers, $3 to $3 50; stock sheep, $2 50@3; stock lambs, $2 25@2 75; milkers, large, young, medium size, $35@50; common milkers, $18@25. The run of veal calves was much heavier than for some time, but they sold fully as well and opened and closed steady. Best grades, $7 50@8 25; fair to good, $7@7 50; light and common, $6@6 50; fair to good handy weights, $6 50@7; pigs, $6 50@6 75; roughs, $5@5 25; stags $3 off.

Chicago—Common to prime steers, $3 25@6 30; cows, $2 90@4 40; heifers, $2 25@5; bulls, $2@4 50; calves, $3 50@8 85; stockers and feeders, $2 40@4 40.

Hogs—Choice to prime heavy, $5 25@5 35; medium, $5 25@5 35; good to choice heavy mixed, $5 20@5 25; packing, $5@5 20.

Sheep, $4 10@6; yearlings, $6@6 85; lambs, $7 25@7 80.

East Buffalo.—Best export steers, $5 25@5 60; best shipping steers, $5@5 25; best fat cows, $3 50@4; fair to good, $2 50@3 25; common, $2@2 50; best feeders, $4@4 20; medium, $3 50@3 75; common stock heifers, $2@2 25; best stock heifers, $2 75@3; best yearling steers, $3 50@3 75; common stock steers, $2 50@3; export bulls, $2 75@3 25; bologna bulls, $2 25@2 50; good to choice veal calves sold $7 50@8; heavy, $6 50@7; light to common, $6@6 50; fair to good handy weights, $6 50@7; pigs, $6 50@6 75; roughs, $5@5 25; stags $3 off.

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Chicago—Cash No. 2 red, 74½c; No. 3 red, 73½@74c; No. 2 hard, 74½c; No. 3 hard, 73½@74c; No. 1 northern, 76½@77c; No. 2 northern, 75½@76½c; No. 3 northern, 74½@75½c; No. 2 spring, 74½@75½c; No. 3 spring, 73½@74½c; sample, 1 car at 73½c; 1 at 77c; No. 1 hard, 76½c.

Corn—Cash No. 2, 1 car at 44½c; No. 3 yellow, 6 cars at 45½c, 1 at 45¾c; 4 at 45¾c.

Oats—Cash No. 2 white, 1 car at 34c. No. 3 white, 1 car at 33½c.

Rye—No. 2, 1 car at 68c.

Chicago—Cash quotations: No. 2 spring wheat, 85@87c; No. 3, 82@85c; No. 2 red, 74½c; No. 2 corn, 42¾@43c; No. 2 yellow, 42½c; No. 3, 42@42½c; No. 2 white, 43½@43¾c; No. 3 white, 42½@43c; No. 2 oats, 32½@32¾c; No. 3, 32@32½c; flaxseed, $1 06; No. 1 northwestern, $1 13; closing contract grade, $1 13; clover, 12½c.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending Jan. 13.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons, 25 sec. to 2sc. Evenings, 10, 20c. 25 sec.
LYCEUM—Price 15-25-35-50c. Mats. Wed. and Sat. Week beginning Sunday.
WHITNEY.—Evenings, 25c. Mats. 10-15-25c. The Street Singer.
LAFAYETTE THEATER—Prices 25 sec. 50c. 75c and $1. Mats. Wed. and Saturday. Ibora Thorpe.

The mystery of the disappearance of Alfred Gale, of Saginaw, five years ago has been solved. A letter received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gale, from him at Samar, where he says he is a soldier in the Philippines.

Because he couldn't draw his pay until his contract for cutting logs was completed, John Turner, who had been brought from Traverse City and lodged in Saginaw jail on a complaint charging abandonment of his 4 motherless children, says he hadn't sent them money recently. He denies abandoning the children.

Rev. Percy S. Grant, of the Church of the Ascension, New York, is simply horrid, so there! This is what he said in a sermon: "Any woman who uses rouge, powder, dye or any artificial means of attempting to beautify herself gives forth the odor of decay."

Mrs. Sarah Jane Robinson, one of the most noted female convicts in the country died in the Middlesex county jail in East Cambridge, Mass. She was 68 years of age and had been in solitary confinement more than eighteen years. She murdered her husband, her two children and her brother-in-law, killing them by poison, to get their life insurance.