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The Family Pew.

Some of the most vivid of the emotions which thronged upon the summer pilgrim to the old home were those which awaited him in the family pew of the old meeting house. As he took his seat there, and heard the familiar note of the organ and the clear, thin voices of the choir, the years melted away, the faces changed, the new carpet faded into the well-remembered colors of 50 years ago—and he was in truth a child again. His thought went back to the time when he was allowed to sit on the footstool as a concession to his short, restless legs. He tasted again the luscious raisin which found its way from grandmother's pocket to his mouth, and sniffed the pungent southernwood of the Sunday nosegay in a neighbor's silk-mitted hand. It was in that pew that he first realized to the full the dignity of trousers. It was there that he was proudly conscious of the approving glances of his friends on his first college vacation. He recalled in a flash the intolerable length of the sermon on that Thanksgiving day! The pew has and memories as well as sweet ones. Most poignant of them is that of his mother's funeral and the awful Sunday after it, when no one could bear to take her empty place and the emptiness of it seemed unendurable. Close upon that time followed the Sunday when, as made solemn profession there of the faith she had loved so well. Then come the days of the great war, when the meeting-house blazed with flags and thrilled with the music of bugle and drum. The blessing of the volunteers, the prayers for their safety, and the sad, sad series of soldiers' funerals—all these came up to the man's memory in the old pew. Suddenly out of this dreamland he is called by the stir of the congregation—and is conscious that he has missed the good pastor's sermon. But perhaps, says the Youth's Companion, God Himself has preached to him out of life's grim struggle—the vision of some of his own deep experiences and the discovery that they are still potent to arouse the will and confirm the faith with their rich and tender memories.

Science and Music.

Although we speak loosely of sweet sounds as musical, music proper exists in nature not at all. It belongs utterly to art. When Lorenzo said to Jessica: "There's not the smallest orb which thou behold'st but in his motion like an angel sings," he spoke beautifully, but in metaphor. Music is the most artificial of the arts, and therefore to some minds, like that of Pater, the purest, since form and meaning are identical. It has also been generally accepted as the most religious. Beethoven exclaimed: "I know that God is nearer to me in my music than to others." And Luther said: "Next to theology, I give to music the highest place and honor; and we see how David and all the saints have wrought their godly thoughts into verse, rhyme and song." It seems rather strange, therefore, says Collier's, that this art, being the most ethereal, should be the one which promises to be most mechanically produced. Its progress has been dependent upon mechanical invention, until the orchestra reached its present state, and now every effort of inventive science is turned on the elimination of the human player. Whether or not this effort shall succeed entirely in giving the very best, it is certain to result in giving music of considerable quality a larger place in the lives of millions, and therefore it ought to be one of the most spiritually valuable directions of modern scientific progress.

Americans are slowly awking to the commercial value of preserving natural wonders and objects of historic interest. An important factor in the prosperity of Italy and other nations of the old world is the tourist trade. It has been estimated that the money spent by tourists in Italy constitutes a third income of that country. Entry of the United States into the galaxy of world powers his greatly increased its value from the standpoint of the tourists, remarks the Boston Transcript, and steamship companies report a marked increase in the last few years in the number of foreign visitors to this country. Hitherto Americans have not been quick to realize the necessity of preserving and marking the points of interest in the various parts of the country which will attract visitors.

A college professor has written a magazine article in which he insists that men of his profession should be paid $15,000 a year each. There can be no such thing as uniformity in the deserts of college professors. A few of them may be worth more than $15,000. The large majority of them are worth nothing.

A master in chancery has decided that chickens are hatched, not born. That is where poets have the advantage of chickens.

A hotel clerk of Gardner, Mass., has 126 designs tattooed on his body, which cost him $365. Every time he turns over a new leaf his wife turns him back to look at the pictures.

The latest strange accident was to a man in Connecticut "sent to fix the furnace." He's the newest variant of the fake meter inspector.

Every little while a Count Tolstoi is banished from Russia. They are almost as plentiful over there as are the John Smiths in this country.

MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

THE STORM DID MUCH DAMAGE ON THE LAKES AND ON SHORE.

CERTAIN KENT IS LIVING.

News Gathered Here And There About The State Of More Or Less Interest, Briefly Told.

Damage By Storm.

What is conceded to be the most violent storm of the season raged all over the great lakes Saturday afternoon and night. The first wreck to be reported was that of the steel steamer, Lackawanna, which was thrown on the breakwater crib at Cleveland, and its side stove in. The crew was taken off by the lifesavers.

The barge Manitou R. Grover, which was among the sheltered fleet at Cleveland, caught fire early in the evening, and was burned to the water's edge. Two men on board escaped safely.

The schooner Allegheny slowly drifted on the rocks between Red Ridge and Beacon Hill, about eight miles from the Portage ship canal, and there were grave fears that the crew might not be rescued.

A dozen of the largest carriers were behind the Apostle Islands, near Ashland. At Portage, lake vessels were having dangerous times to get into the canal. All along the east shore of Lake Michigan navigation wholly suspended, and no steamers left for Chicago or Milwaukee.

Detroit has the distinction of recording the highest wind velocity shown at any lake port, sixty miles an hour being reported. Chicago was struck hard with fifty-two miles from the northwest, while Cleveland and Buffalo came next with forty-eight miles. The general range was from forty to forty-eight miles an hour.

From various places in the state reports came of the uprooting of barns, destruction of trees and other damage.

Kent Was Not Killed.

Deputy Sheriff Warner returned from Toledo, where he was called to see if the body of the man found in the C., H. & D. wreck was that of Kent, who attended also Chief of Police Manion, of Ann Arbor. Warner says that the body was apparently that of a man the same hight as Kent. He had brown hair and blue eyes, as has Kent, and was dressed in overalls, but in some other ways the resemblance fails. The dead man had a tattoo mark on his arm, which Kent did not have, and although the features are nearly unrecognizable because of the condition in which the body was found, he is certain it is not Kent.

So far, with the exception of clues which faded away as soon as picked up, Kent is as far away as if he had dropped through the earth.

Chief of Police Mastert is getting along nicely and will recover.

The Bliss Estate.

Ex-Gov. A. T. Bliss died possessed of real estate and personal property valued at $305,281.79, according to an inventory filed in probate court. His insurance policies aggregated $102,925.64. He owned a total of $143,813.24 of real estate, of which $30,000 was stump land.

The inventory shows $100,000 less property than it was thought that he owned. The indebtedness of the estate has not yet been reported to the probate court, but it is known to be large. Many notes have been cut into by the state have been filed in court. The estate is so small that a number of the legatees will realize nothing under the will.

A New Trial.

The supreme court has ordered a new trial in the case in which Moses V. Dupuis, of Saginaw, was given judgment for $16,927 against the Saginaw Valley Traction Co. It was claimed that he was rendered a physical and mental wreck when thrown from a car rounding a curve. The higher court holds that the trial judge erred in instructing the jury that the number of witnesses sworn in a case has nothing to do with the preponderance of evidence. The damage verdict was one of the largest ever rendered in such a case in this state.

The Fish Catch Large.

The lake fishing season is in full blast and indications point to one of the most successful fall catches of the past few years. Whitefish in particularly large numbers and of unusually large size are becoming more plentiful as the cold weather approaches. The prices for fish have steadily advanced, and today "jumbos," whitefish of five pounds and over, bring 17 cents a pound. Herring are being caught in ton lots, and good catches of pike and some trout also bring big profits.

"John Doe" Inquiry.

The attempted blowing up of Fred Hills, of Wheatfield, by dynamite placed in a corn shock, has been taken up by Prosecuting Attorney MacArther, and Justice W. J. Adams has issued subpenas for about 20 of Hills' neighbors as witnesses in the case of the People vs. John Doe. The investigation will be held behind closed doors.

Samuel Clendenen, aged 35, employed on the farm of Mrs. Philip Simmons, of Plainwell, an attractive widow, ten years his senior, was found in the barn with the top of his head blown off with a shot gun. The widow says he went to the barn to shoot skunks.

The industries of Ionia are feeling the effects of the car famine. The freight sheds are so packed with stuff that nothing more can be received. It required five weeks for one firm to get two cars to ship wagons. The local elevator is filled to the roof with 16,000 bushels of grain.

The money collected from the railroads in back taxes for the years 1902-3-4, including penalties, was $5,302,552.89. This does not include the 1905-6 taxes, which will be over twice as much more. The amount received will be distributed among the primary schools next month.

Mrs. D. B. Emery, aged 26, of Flint, a prepossessing blond, has been reported to the police as missing with her 2-year-old babe. Her husband is a Grand Trunk section hand, and is 10 years her senior. She left a note saying she would not return. The husband says their family relations were always pleasant.

SIDE LIGHTS ON MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

The new hospital of the Soldiers' Home is so near completion that the inmates have moved in.

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Elmer N. Peck, the oldest man in Berrien county, celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday anniversary Monday. One of his nieces is the wife of Senator Burrows.

The average wages of Lansing factories are $2.06 per day, compared with $1.96 a year ago, according to a report of State Inspector McLeod. The daily payroll is $9,222.75.

Luella Wells, of Berrien Springs, became Mrs. Anderson C. Spencer on May 29. On August 31 Spencer disappeared and now the bride of five months asks for a divorce.

Charles Bauerle, Jr., a young farmer living near Lansing, is in a critical condition as a result of being pinned under a section of the roof of a barn which he was tearing down.

David T. Evans, aged 60, was crushed to death by a cave-in in the Auburn coal mine, Bay City. Nearly every bone in his body was crushed. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Ole A. Corwin, of Portage, and Baxter H. Bruce, of Evart, are two Michigan members of a class of 28 men, all who graduate from Annapolis Naval Academy February 19 next.

Attorney-General Bird is investigating the charge that trades are being taught in the state branch prison, in violation of the recent supreme court decision covering convict labor.

Jay Sadler, of Ann Arbor, died from lockjaw, caused from a gun shot wound which he received about ten days ago while hunting. A widow and three small children survive.

Frank Mills, arrested in Steubenville, Ohio, has been identified by Sheriff Holt as "Black Jack" Sheets, a notorious horse thief. He admits stealing the Hindershot horse at Tecumseh.

Judge Moore, of Van Den Berg, the famous "marrying justice" of Menominee, advertises that he will give a fine cabinet photo of himself to each couple who comes to him to be married.

The sight of blood from a wound in a little girl's head, caused by a boy throwing a stone, induced a stroke of paralysis which sent Frank G. Case, aged 70, to the Kalamazoo hospital in a critical condition.

The ordinance fixing a license fee of $500 to be paid by all saloons, even if they do not sell intoxicating liquors, was declared invalid by the supreme court. It was held unreasonable and oppressive.

Sidney Tough, aged 30, of Bay City, a Pere Marquette machinist, was struck on the head by the "Gladstone," a planer, and was almost instantly killed, his neck and neck broken in his body being broken.

Isaac Rogers, of Galesburg, who is "sorely" sent to various papers have been filled for the story of the "Gladstone," was stricken with paralysis on the street in Kalamazoo, and is in a serious condition at Borgess hospital.

Police Justice Jenks has decreed that in future men caught in jail cells in Jackson's disorderly places shall not be permitted to escape imprisonment and the publicity of their names on the payment of a cash deposit.

Aged James Gallup, of Flushing, pleaded pathetically, together with his aged wife, for their son James, Jr., who was arrested on a charge of beating his aged father with an iron bar. On their plea the charge was made simple assault.

An "ice trust buster" is being organized in Battle Creek with $90,000 of the $150,000 paid in. It is the Battle Creek Distilled Ice Co., with two Detroit capitalists heavily interested. The Consolidated Ice Co. has had a monopoly for years.

In honor of the 21st birthday of their first child, Herbert, and Mrs. O. E. Hopkins, of Battle Creek, on Sunday cut the wedding cake made by the bride 28 years ago, and which was kept according to a Welsh custom for this celebration.

Warrants have been issued for 20 Jackson citizens charged with dumping garbage into Grand river. The city has just spent a large sum for cleaning the stream and building a purification plant and an intercepting sewer to keep sewage out of the river.

Several cases of smallpox exist in Lansing as the result of exposure to a workman named Dalrymple, who had the disease, but who was not sufficiently ill to stay home from work. His shopmates were exposed generally, and seven cases have resulted. There are of a mild form.

The U. S. Steel corporation has paid $500,000 cash for the entire buildings of the Cedar River Land Co., including 72,000 acres in Menominee, Delta and Dickinson counties, and a sawmill and lumber yard in Escanaba. The timber will be utilized at the Menominee range mines of the corporation, giving a 30 years' supply.

The supreme court has affirmed the judgment secured by Anna McWilliams against the Lake Shore railroad. She was injured in the face by a man with a toy pistol while a passenger from Grand Rapids to Hudson on the Fourth of July, and the court holds that the conductor was possessed of the authority of a sheriff and should have taken the man into custody.

Ira Seeley, whose parents live in Olivet, committed suicide for an unknown reason in Kansas City. He was formerly a hotel clerk in Charlotte.

John Faurot was found unconscious in his livery rig. His team wandered into Coldwater after a 30-mile drive. The animals were almost exhausted. Faurot's malady is unknown.

A hunter in Edwards township stepped upon a rotten stump which crumbled under him and he dropped his gun from his hands in the fall. The weapon was discharged, the load striking Edgar Cooper, aged 19, in the legs above the knees. He is crippled for life and may die.

A spark from the engine in a thrashing outfit on the farm of County Treasurer Wilson, three miles from Grand Marsh, resulted in the loss of the machine and the entire crop, valued at $2,000, besides a barn. The stables and machinery were valued at about $2,000. No insurance.

Kathryn Melntyre, 18 months old, was awarded first prize at the Greenville baby show. She was given $15 by Charles H. Kimmerle, a silver spoon from Geo. Wanger and other prizes from Greenville merchants. Kathryn's mother is dead and she lives with her aunt, Mrs. David Wilbur.

SHORTAGE OF CARS MAY CLOSE UP SAGINAW COAL MINES.

ALL BUSINESS DELAYED

ELEVATORS ARE FULL OF GRAIN THAT CANNOT BE MOVED AND GENERAL BLOCKADE ON.

No Relief in Sight.

Never before has the car shortage been so oppressive to business in the Saginaw valley. All departments of business life are affected. The district freight agent of the Pere Marquette has predicted relief, but none is in sight.

The coal mines are not receiving more than 10 per cent of the cars they require. The Pere Marquette has installed a derrick on the outskirts of the city whereby 20 cars can be unloaded daily. This will provide the road's winter supply of fuel.

There are persistent rumors that if the car shortage continues much longer it will result in the closing down of the mines, either partially or completely.

The Saginaw Milling Co., the largest shippers in their line in Michigan, having 19 large elevators in various state cities, has issued orders to transfer at the points where the company does business not to bring in any more grain. Its elevators are full and cars cannot be had. The company ordinarily handles 20 cars daily. In two weeks only two cars were furnished by the railroads. Wholesale merchants are only partially filling orders to country merchants.

The sugar factories are almost at a standstill. A few weeks ago no cars could be secured and stocks on hand were depleted. Some cars were finally secured, but because of a scarcity of labor they cannot be unloaded fast enough to supply the factories.

Shippers in Shiawassee county could place 1,000 cars if they had them at their disposal. The Owosso Sugar Co. is receiving but two or three cars daily, but could use 100 cars more each week. The hay business is a big feature in this county and the car shortage is tying up the business. Albert Todd & Co. want 300 cars; W. H. Axford needs 25 cars weekly in excess of what he is getting, and S. A. Clapp says that he would like to have from 10 to 15 more weekly.

The Pere Marquette has put on 200 new freight cars in the Grand Rapids district since Oct. 22. Local pressure, caused by car shortage, has been materially relieved in this way.

Deer in Droves.

Deer are so numerous in the more unsettled portions of Dickinson county that they have been seen lately in groups of three and five on the Mer. Lumber & Cedar Co.'s farm. In a drive almost anywhere in the wilder districts of the peninsula one gets a glimpse of a deer in the feeding along the road, and in some of the more settled townships complaints are registered against the ravages of depredations by these animals. Recently, at Escanaba, a deer dashed through the outskirts of the city and into the bay. It endeavored to swim out into the lake, but was captured by the crew of a scaler and brought on board the craft, and later released, on the orders of the game warden.

Saved Wife and Son.

The smell of smoke awoke H. A. Andrews, of Traverse City, and as he opened the dining room door to investigate flames and smoke puffed out and enveloped him. With rare presence of mind, though almost choked and stifled, he contrived to close the door and then crawled upstairs and awakened his wife and son. The parents lowered the boy from a window by a rope hastily devised of bed clothing. Then clad only in their night clothes they made their escape in a snowstorm by way of a back window over a shed roof. The house was destroyed at they stood there helpless.

Mr. Andrews is in a critical condition.

Stock Thieves Are Busy.

There is much petty thieving about Grand Blanc, Genesee county. Chicken roosts have been repeatedly raided, grain and other articles stolen, and pigs have been stolen out of pens. Several farmers have lost sheep and at one place five lambs were taken and 25 more were locked in a barn for a future raid. The barn was some distance from the house of the owner and he went there only about once a week. When he visited them he found that the thieves had locked the flock in the barn and left them and the 25 sheep starved to death.

Harvest Help Scarce.

To operate sugar beets the needs of the farmers at Alma, a small town near Plainwell, for help to harvest their large potato crop that the high school and rural schools nearby have been closed.

Supt. Callender, with all of the boys and many of the girls, worked in the fields either digging or picking up potatoes.

Yet this does not supply the demand for help and most unusual kind of wages are offered to outside laborers.

Capt. Henry Schwellenbach, of Menominee, is to succeed Capt. Henderickson, of Houghton, as major of the Third regiment, M. N. G.

George Kalmbach, of Jackson, was fined $6 with 20 days in jail and 20 additional days if the fine is not paid, for shooting one of the Loom's park squirrels.

Tony D. Barteello, who stabbed to death "Bud" Stone, a P. M. railroad conductor, at Lowell, was sentenced Friday to five to fifteen years at Ionia. Bartello had been plagued by trainmen and the judge recommended a five-year term.

Six Mason families have suffered from ptomaine poisoning during the past two weeks, as the result of eating tainted meat.

Louis Wessels, of Flint, while working in a pipe works at Ballard, Wash., was struck and fatally injured in the head by a pipe from a machine. He had been married only a few days.

Frank Dalton, aged 15, who ran away from his home in Morrice a week ago, was arrested near Scott's, where he was hiding in a swamp, drenched with rain and chilled to the core. He is charged with breaking into the house of Daniel Kindy and stealing $50 worth of clothing.

Skull Was Torn Open.

Edward Haber, about 30 years old, employed as a laborer by a telephone company, was struck on the head by a car as he was working in a trench in a street of Detroit Friday. His skull was torn open and his brains oozed out on the pavement. Harper ambulance took him to the hospital, but nothing could be done to save him, death resulting within an hour. Haber came from Romeo, and had started to work for the telephone company only two days ago. He was working with his head above the ground near the tracks and the foreman warned him to watch out for the cars. No sooner had the warning been given than a Fourteenth avenue car came around the bend and the side steps hit the side of Haber's head, almost severing the top.

A Night of Suffering.

George Martin, W. H. Tomlinson and Wm. Longley almost perished from spending all night in an open boat on Lake St. Clair. Martin is still in critical condition. They were fishing from Longley's naphtha launch in Plum Creek bay when a strong west wind blowing drove them and left the boat stuck in a swamp-like bayou. They worked the engine for an hour fruitlessly, and were unable to push with the launch. They had to get out and wade and they kept each other awake with difficulty. They had no stimulants and no food aboard. They were rescued about noon by a fisherman with a flatbottom boat who discovered them waving frantically for aid. They were so benumbed by exposure that they had to be lifted from the launch.

A handsome table which for years had been pointed out to visitors in the State Capitol building as the handsome piece of inlaid work which included all the native woods of Michigan, was recently sent to a shop to be repolished, and, it is said, it was discovered that the inlaid work was just paint.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Extra dryfed steers and heifers, $5.25; steers and heifers, good to 1,200, $4.75@$4.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@$4; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 1,000, $3.25@$3.75; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $3@$3.50; choice fat cows, $3.50@$3.75; good fat cows, $2.75@$3.25; common cows, $2@$2.50; canners, $1@$1.50; choice heavy bulls, $2.75@$3; fair to good bologna bulls, $2.50@$2.65; stock bulls, $2@$2.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.50@$3.75; fair to good feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.25@$3.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $2.75@$3; fair to good stockers, 500 to 700, $2.25@$2.75; stock heifers, $2@$2.75; milkers, large, good to choice, $35@$45; common milkers, $18@$25.

Veal calves—Best ready to 25c lower; fair and common, 50c lower than opening last week; best, $7@$7.50; milk veals and springers, steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market steady with opening last week; best lambs, $6.75@$6; fair to good lambs, $5.50@$6; light to common lambs, $5.50@$4; yearlings, $5@$5.50; fair to good sheep, $4@$4.50; culls and common, $2.50@$3.50.

Hogs—Market 25c lower than last Thursday. Range of prices: Light to good grade, $6.25@$6.35; heavy, $6@$6.10; light yorkers, $6; roughs, $5@$5.25; stags, 1-2 off.

Chicago—Market steady to 10c lower. Range of prices: Good to choice heifers, $4@$5.75; stockers and feeders, $2.50@$4.25; fair to good cows, $2.75@$3.50; canners, $1.75@$2; western, $3.90@$4.25; calves, $6@$7.50.

Hogs—Market 5c higher; mixed and butchers, $6.15@$6.45; good to choice, $6@$6.10; light yorkers, $6; roughs, $5.25@$5.50; stags, 1-2 off.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5.50@$5; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $4.50@$4.75; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb. do., $4.25@$4.50; fair to good, $3.75@$4; fair to good, $2.25@$2.50; trimmers, $2@$2.25; best fat heifers, $4@$4.25; medium heifers, $3@$3.50; best feeding steers, 900 to 1,000-lb. delivery, $3.25@$3.50; best yearling steers, $3@$3.25; common stocker steers, $2.75@$3; export bulls, $3.75@$4; bologna bulls, $2.50@$3; fair to good fat cows, $2@$2.50; trimmers, $1@$1.50