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MATTERS

Bond has taken to absinthe, but will hardly deteriorate.

Faint heart ne'er won fair lady nor did much of anything else.

Morocco would greatly oblige a fatigued world by backing off the map.

King Alfonso has gone to the Canaries—possibly to build himself a nest. Spring is here.

This year's hat boxes are available as steamer trunks when their original mission has been fulfilled.

In proof that it is becoming a truly western nation Russia reports a few sensational cases of bank looting.

Unfortunately several of the reports of the killing of the Georgia peach crop seem to have been true.

No, Elvira, the statement that a man in London paid $6,000 for an orchid is not a case of simplified spelling.

Money is "easy" in London, as is natural in view of the near advent of the flood of gold-bearing American tourists.

An eloping couple from Buffalo were married in an undertaker's shop. They realized, doubtless, that marriage is a grave matter.

Two Chicago policemen went out after burglars and came back with a canary bird. Maybe the Chicago burglars are birds, you know.

The wife of a missing man says she does not want to see him again. Needless to add, there is good reason for believing he is broke.

The president of one of the Chicago banks that failed loaned his cook $25,000. It was probably the only way he could get her to stay.

If the magazine poet who writes I was so content with no one else but thee My soul went up in a joyful psalm, ever compiles a dictionary of rhymes it will be a bouncer.

The indications at Craig-Nos are that Patti is going to make another farewell tour of the United States. Why not? She's only 63.

Do not pick up sample packages of headache powder that may happen to be thrown on your porch. They may stop all your aches permanently.

Down New Orleans way a man killed himself in a nightmare. Those dripped absinthes in that town will make a man do almost anything.

The editor who notes that Dr. Mary Walker "refuses to tell how old she is," meant, of course, to say that she declines to say how young she is.

Governor Pennypacker, they say, can speak six languages, so that he can give considerable variety to the expression of his opinion of the newspapers.

When a sartorial master like Edward of England turns his imagination loose, we get results. Beside the royal blue what becomes of the Quaker gray?

Olga Nethersole announces that she will quit the stage in eight years, when she will be—that is to say, when she will be eight years older than she is now.

If the people who keep diaries are wise, they never put into them the things that would make them most interesting to other people in the years to come.

When the airship, the automobile and the wireless telegraph come at it all at once, the North Pole may as well surrender to the age and the inventions.

That declaration of principles by the Phonetic Spelling association of Columbia university looks better on a page filched from Josh Billings. But it was a Josh with him.

Jacob H. Schiff, the New York banker, has been decorated by the emperor of Japan with the Order of the Rising Sun. Japan evidently isn't through borrowing money.

It develops that the Russian people have been given neither a constitution or a bill of rights, after all. The imperial manifesto is apparently a full brother to the gold brick.

If we ever should have absolutely phonetic spelling, a good many people would be surprised to discover that they have never learned how to pronounce the English language.

Now it will be just like some member of the Association of American Humorists to remark that the excitement during Bernhardt's circus appearance in Texas was in tents.

A correspondent of the Boston Transcript wants the spelling reformers to spell pants p-a-n-c. We are beginning to fear that this spelling reform business may, unless it is soon stopped, cause Boston to be engulfed in a wave of immorality. At any rate, this is the first time Boston has ever admitted that there are pants.

A Brooklyn man says it is nobody's business that he supports two wives. Yes it is, some of the rest of us would like to know how he does it.

Two Chicago boys who amused themselves by shooting at lanterns on railway trains, thus endangering the lives of passengers, have been sentenced not to touch firearms for two years. This awful punishment will no doubt cause all other young owners of revolvers to throw away their weapons and resolve to lead blameless lives.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

North Adams will have a law and order league.

Battle Creek will fund for $250,000 for a water plant.

A man aged 70 was arrested in Port Huron for drunkenness.

Smallpox epidemic is working in Saranac county, near Standish.

Lansing school children collect money for starving Japs.

State Good Roads association will meet in Lansing next January.

Bay City woman, aged 80 years, had tumor weighing 50 pounds removed.

The village of New Wexford four years ago was forest, now it has 400 inhabitants.

Battle Creek aldermen intend to lessen number of saloons by raising license fee to $1,000.

Trainmen of the Grand Trunk will ask for an increase in wages within the next two months.

N. B. Bradley, of Bay City, will donate a handsome building site for Y. M. C. A. in Detroit on the 6th inst. and reads as follows:

Closing of the Pere Marquette shops in Saginaw leads to a suspicion that they may be moved to Detroit.

By cutting through a brick wall an alleged burglar named Ward made his escape from the Cheboygan jail.

Josiah Hathaway, aged 81 years, walked from Whitmanville to Dowagiac, a distance of five miles.

William Landis, a 11-year-old Saginaw boy, found a purse containing $100 and returned it to its owner.

At a public meeting in Williamston, 116 men and women pledged themselves to boycott the state fair if liquor is sold.

Mrs. Ethan Ferrill fell down stairs in Hillsdale county and received injuries from which she died. She was 89 years old.

Miss Jennie Bowman, whose father was elected treasurer of Flint, took active part in campaign and helped him win out.

A herd of deer on the track at Houghton blocked a train for 15 minutes. They had been driven from the woods by wolves.

Dr. John W. Finch, aged 79, a resident of Adrian for half a century, is dead. He was a past grand master of the grand lodge of Masons.

A brush fire spread beyond the control of Albert Soules, of Leonidas, and in fighting it he became exhausted and fell dead in a fence corner.

Mayor D. D. Aitken, of Flint, is authority for the statement that the Detroit, Flint River & Saginaw Valley railroad will assuredly be built.

The Grand Rapids Muskegon Water Power Electric Co. is preparing to put in a second 6,000 horse power dam at Croton, Newaygo county, to cost $500,000.

David Bigelow, aged 66, a one-armed veteran of Standish, brooded over being fined $50 for whipping an obstreperous boy who annoyed him, and died of melancholia.

Edwin R. Swan, for 17 years steward of the Michigan School for the Deaf, died very unexpectedly at 2:30 this morning after an illness of five days from pneumonia.

Frank Hoffman, of Bark River, has sued Menominee county for $5,000 damages, which he alleges he received from being tipped out of his buggy on defective county roads some time ago.

Four weeks misfortune for Charles Weaver, of West Branch: Little daughter burned to death while visiting at Vassar; grandmother, a pioneer, aged 95, died; Weaver fell and broke his arm.

The United States experiment station at Agricultural college will be able to considerably extend its research work, with appropriations by congress of $15,000, to be used in six years.

Mark Oviatt was whittling a shingle when his sharp knife slipped and struck his right eye, slashing out over half of the eyeball. The boy was nearly crazed by the pain until doctors administered opiates.

Saloons established in Port Huron residence districts may be forced to have the approval of the majority of property owners within 500 feet of their location, and the applicants must be approved as of good character.

The body of Mike Kovernal, who worked in a lumber camp near Pembina, was found last week. He was lost in a snowstorm March 2 and froze to death. The body was covered with several feet of snow.

Potterville will be dry this year. By a vote of 6 to 1 the village council voted not to accept the bond for Joseph Gelsen on the ground that one of the sureties did not own sufficient property in the village to qualify on the bond.

War is declared on correspondence school "trained nurses." Miss Rose Gifford, secretary of the State Nurses' association, says: To protect graduate nurses from those who are graduated by mail, she says the association desires a registration law passed.

Ex-Congressman Henry W. Seymour, of Sault Ste. Marie, died in Washington this morning. Death came suddenly, the supposed cause being heart trouble. Seymour was a pioneer lumberman and owned the first raft of logs towed on the great lakes. He served in both houses of the Michigan legislature in the eighties.

Last year the township of Mayfield spent $825 in opening a new road and for abutments for a bridge across a creek on the new highway. At a town meeting the question of a new bridge was voted down by a large majority and Mayfield now has a good, new road, but it cannot be used for want of a bridge.

Pontiac's new liquor ordinance provides that all applicants for licenses must make satisfactory showing of good character, and the consent of a majority of the property owners within 500 feet must be secured before a new place can be opened.

Mrs. Sarah Whipple, of Monroe, has settled her suit against the Michigan Central railroad for $3,700 after it has been twice to the supreme court and sent back for a new trial. The case arose from the derailing of a Michigan Central passenger train south of Vienna November 9, 1899, in which she alleged she sustained permanent injuries.

Charles R. Sligh, of Grand Rapids, who ran 151 votes behind Mayor Sweet in the mayoral election, will ask for a recount. His backers are said to have wagered $2,500 that he would beat Sweet, and he will try to save their money.

The announcement of the marriage of Carlotta Medaris to Ralph C. Diggins, U. of M. student in Detroit, has brought out the fact that several years ago the young lady was secretly married to Stewart Sims, also an engineering student. The wedding was never announced and was later followed by a divorce, also suppressed, and kept equally secret.

SENATOR ALGER RETIRES FROM THE COMING CONTEST.

THE COLLECTION OF INTEREST ON RAILROAD BACK TAXES WILL BE RESISTED.

THE STATE SCHOOL FUNDS ARE A LARGE PROBLEM FOR STATE OFFICIALS NOW.

The Senatorship.

Senator Alger's letter announcing his withdrawal from the senatorial contest was issued in Detroit on the 6th inst. and reads as follows:

Owing to the condition of my health I am compelled to withdraw my candidacy to succeed myself in the United States senate. While it is a great sacrifice to sever connection of many years' standing with the public affairs of my state, that sacrifice has become necessary.

I take this opportunity to convey to the friends who have so loyally given me their support my heartfelt thanks and sense of lasting obligation, and to express to the state my deep gratitude for the honors it has seen fit to confer upon me.

The senator, it is reported, shows more signs of permanent improvement in his health than he has at any time since his illness. He is still confined to the house, but has dispatched a good deal of business.

Hon. Alden Smith made his announcement of his candidacy. He said: "I am a candidate for senator, and shall formally state my position. I favor the settlement of this matter at the June primary and shall invite the other candidates to systematically arrange for a trial of strength at the gubernatorial primary. Whoever receives the largest vote to be accepted as the party candidate, after which he can enter the state campaign as the senatorial nominee and render efficient service for all candidates upon the state and county tickets. If I am nominated, I promise to represent the entire state to the best of my ability and I ask the earnest and active cooperation of all citizens favoring my candidacy."

William C. McMillan and Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, have both begun to close in their lines in preparation for the conflict which is practically now on.

Balk at the Interest.

A representative of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, which was credited with having paid its taxes in full, with the penalty of $106,000, appeared in Lansing Saturday and asked to be permitted to pay only the taxes assessed against the company, amounting to $574,000. Inasmuch as the auditor-general had received a telegram from the company to hold its check, permission was granted to pay the tax, leaving the penalty unpaid, and a receipt for money paid on account was given.

It is understood that there is to be a conference of the railroad companies within a few days at which it may be decided to make some kind of a contest on the matter of paying the penalties provided for by the ad valorem tax law.

A New Problem.

Just at present state officials are considerably concerned to determine just what is the best way to preserve the money to come in from the great railroad tax levy as ordered by the United States supreme court, as over $9,000,000 of it is available for primary school purposes. There are over 200 school districts in the state which have not expended all the primary school funds allotted to them and the directors find little the money is increasing on their hands every year. In fact it is asserted by State Superintendent of Public Instruction P. H. Kelley and other school officers that the next legislature will have to face the task of making changes in the school laws to meet new conditions and they say that one of the important things the constitutional convention will have to handle will be that of revising the organic school law.

Prisoners Did Not Escape.

For several hours last Friday the Jackson prison officials thought that two more convicts had gotten away, but late in the afternoon it turned out that they had not. At 4 o'clock Saturday morning James Wood and Valentine Mierzwa, who are employed in the kitchens, were discovered to be missing. Immediately search was made, and a rope ladder made from twing from the broom shops, where the men are employed, with a rudely fashioned grappling hook on one end, was found hanging from the top of the outside wall of the prison yard. The whole niterior of the prison was thoroughly searched, and finally, about 5:30 p. m., the two convicts were found under the floor in one of the shops.

As Joseph Dunp, Wm. Weber and Frank Gordon escaped from the Detroit house of correction after serving a sentence for robbing the postoffice at Mulliken in 1902, they were arrested on a charge of robbing the Coral postoffice and were taken to Grand Rapids.

Fred L. Power, former stage manager of the Bijou Temple theater at Chicago, had to have his tongue removed because of a cancer, and now he has returned to the farm in Dowagiac on which he was raised, and will raise asparagus for a livelihood.

William Zylinski, a prosperous farmer living near Bay City, was summoned before Judge Collins and ordered to take to his home his blind mother, aged 80, and care for her. The aged husband has been sent to the poorhouse. The couple have been married for 50 years, and for 10 years have been living in poverty.

The following Michigan teachers have been appointed to positions in the Philippines: David J. McPherson, Lansing; Girard Foster, Lansing; Mrs. Mabel A. Foster, Lansing.

Leaving her husband by the table reading, Mrs. William Van Horn, of Battle Creek, retired for the night. About 1 o'clock she awoke, and noticing that her husband still seemed to be absorbed in his book, got up to tell him he ought to be in bed. After a few vigorous shakings she discovered that Mr. Van Horn was dead. He was 83 years of age and a member of the Grand Army. Heart failure caused his death.

CAPITAL

THE RATE BILL SEEMS TO BE BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

THE MARGIN FOR PASSAGE OF BILL LOOKS VERY NARROW, HENCE THE DELAY.

THE HOUSE GETTING BUSY NOW WORKS SATURDAY ON AN APPROPRIATION BILL.

Neither Side Confident.

The reason that an agreement has yet been reached for a vote on the railroad rate bill in the senate is that neither side yet feels confident of having enough votes to win. There are fifty-five active Republicans in the senate and thirty-three Democrats, a total of eighty-eight votes. Any closely contested proposition, therefore, requires sixty votes to win or to succeed. Neither Senator Tillman, who is in charge of the rate bill from the house, which is indorsed in its main features by the president, nor the conservative Republican leaders, Aldrich, Knox and Spooner, are yet satisfied that either side has those forty-five votes corralled.

The two main issues are the scope of the possible proceedings in court, after the interstate commerce commission has decided that a certain railroad rate is unjust, and whether, pending litigation in court, the decision of the interstate commerce commission shall remain in effect or not.

House Work.

The house did not indulge itself in the usual Saturday half holiday, but continued the consideration of the postoffice appropriation bill, and in the latitude accorded under general debate the discussion took on a wide range, including railway mail pay, increased pay for rural letter carriers, the Aldrich-Rockefeller trust and the corrupt use of money in elections, with side light on naturalization laws.

Mr. Pou (N. C.), in discussing the corrupt use of money in elections, said that life insurance officials had stolen the money which really belonged to widows and orphans and it ought to be given back. He charged that great corporations and trusts contributed money during the campaign and then expected a guarantee that no law hurtful to their interests should be passed.

Charged With Murder.

"Buck" Dwyer, now serving a short sentence in the Detroit house of correction, will soon be taken to Chicago to answer a charge of murder. Sheriff Dineen, of Illinois, has issued a requisition on Gov. Warner for the return of Dwyer. The man is said to have participated in the killing of William H. Knitering in Chicago October 23, 1904. He was arrested in Detroit recently by Patrolman Shaw and sent up as a drunk. Dwyer denies any knowledge of the arrest and Dwyer is said to have been identified. The prisoner's right name is said to be Timothy Dwyer.

The Caster Case.

Amos Caster, father of Fred Caster, the Flint boy who is under death sentence at Columbus, O., for the murder of Officer Dan Davis, has received notice from young Caster's attorneys that the sentence cut had granted them leave to file a writ of error for a review of the case, and, accordingly there has been a stay of the execution of the death sentence. The boy's parents are now in hopes that their wayward son may get a commutation of sentence.

Miller Sent Up.

David Miller, alias "Dr. Henry Taylor," of Detroit, the traveling "opelician" who smiled upon Mrs. Mary J. Baker, of Ottawa, and made her, it is alleged to have taken $30 on a promise to marry her and fled to Oxford, was handed a sentence of six months at Ionia. The "doctor" smiled and after shaking hands with his wife and two small children, congratulated them on the short time they would be compelled to part with his good company.

Plans to Spend the Money.

Several of the principal cities of the state are already planning to utilize their share of the $5,500,000 back taxes the railroads are ordered to pay, in erecting new school buildings. They will get around the law, which provides that this tax fund shall be used for paying teachers' salaries by omitting the salary budget from the annual school appropriations and utilizing the money for new buildings.

Skunk Farmer Dead.

Daniel E. Adams, aged 74, who was notoriety by establishing a skunk farm near Otisville, died at his home there Thursday night. He was a veteran of the Civil war and had served 4 years as a member of the Genesee county bar for 25 years. He conducted the first photograph gallery established at Lapeer. Several years ago he began raising skunks in large numbers and marketing their hides.

Rep. "Nick" Longworth will have to lake for presidential timber if Speaker Theodore Horstman, a prominent attorney and political "reform" leader, will oppose him at the primaries.

During a fire, which destroyed the Portland Electric Light and Power Co., Homer H. Hallock, agent of the Willamette Traction Co., leaped seven stories to his death. The monetary loss will amount to $100,000.

Four bills proposed by the special insurance investigating committee have passed another stage of their progress toward the statute books in the New York state senate. The bills provide against lobbying by requiring a registry of "legislative agents," make contradictory statements under oath presumptive evidence of perjury, forbid rebates and make provisions governing the acquisition of real estate.

Ten persons in New York were seriously injured by explosions in sewers in the neighborhood of Fifty-first street and Eighth avenue, which are thought to have been caused by refuse gasoline from a number of automobile garages in the vicinity.

Filipino newspapers are bitterly attacking the Americans for their policy towards the islands, firmly believing that this government intends to transfer them to Japan. Many Japanese peddlers are said to be spies, exploring and making maps of the country. Ex-Gov. Wright's mission to Tokio is said to be to arrange the terms of sale.

LOWER FARES.

The Michigan Central railroad is informed by Railroad Commissioner Atwood that on three of its branches it must reduce the passenger fares. The passenger earnings of the Grand River Valley railroad were reported for the past year at $23,905, or over $2,000 per mile, and hence under the law it will be permitted in future to charge no more than two cents per mile. Two and a half cents has been asked on the basis. The Detroit & Bay City, and Jackson, Lansing & Saginaw railroads also show earnings of over $2,000 a mile, calling for a reduction from three to two and one-half cents.

No Interest Rebate.

Attorney General Baird read the interview with O. E. Bontefield, Michigan Central attorney, in which the latter stated that he did not believe the state would insist on the payment of the interest of 1 per cent a month on the unpaid balance of railroad taxes for three years, as provided in the advalorem tax law recently sustained, and made the statement:

"I do not know of anyone who has power to rebate any of the interest except the legislature and I do not know of any reason why any of the interest should be rebated. I have heard of the state rebating any interest on the taxes of an individual who may have contested some phase of the tax law or who was too poor to pay them at the time fixed by law.

"If no rebate of interest is given to individuals it should not be given to corporations. If the state does not rebate the interest for the poor man who can't pay it ought not to rebate to the corporation who can pay and won't."

The State Sued.

Last week at Jackson the case of J. S. McDowell, assignee of Edward Walbrstein, against William Ford Fuller, of the Ionia reformatory, will come up for trial. In this case the state is being sued for $194,000 damages for the forfeiture of the Wallerstein shirt contract at the Ionia reformatory. The board of control of the reformatory claims that when the Wallerstein company became financially embarrassed it failed to keep the convicts employed, as provided by its contract, and also failed to pay the state for the services of the convicts. Thereupon the contract was declared forfeited by the board. The claim of the Wallerstein company against the state was assigned to Mc Dowell, who commenced the suit.

Social Purity.

Alleging that the morals of the city have been sadly corrupted as a result of the policy of the retiring administration, and that there is ample room for reform, the congregations of five of the leading Protestant churches in Marquette have by resolution united in a demand upon the new regime for "social purity." It is intimated that free rein has been given the saloons and that houses of ill-repute and gambling resorts have been permitted to flourish. "Enforce the laws," say the church people.

Duck Hunter Drowned.

Frank Holmes and John Russell, of Jackson, hitched a high wind, went out on Michigan Center lake for ducks. Their boat was capsized. Both clung to it, but Holmes became chilled in the water and sank. Russell hung on for an hour before help arrived from the shore. Both men were good swimmers, but were too heavily dressed to attempt to swim to shore.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the senate, has been celebrating his 84th birthday.

Rev. Dr. David Lathrop, president of the board of trustees of Vassar college, is dead at his home in New York, aged 82 years.

The emperor of Japan has announced his desire to decorate Americans who accompanied the Jap forces in Manchuria.

Immigration officials say that Maxim Gorky, the Russian revolutionist and author, will be allowed to arrive but will be treated like any other alien.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth has promised to donate 50 acres of land to Chelmsford park. The tract is part of the Longworth estate and is located on Price Hill.

Republicans of the senate and the house of representatives met in joint caucus yesterday and selected the Republican congressional campaign committee. Rep. Fordney represents Michigan.

The supreme court of Kansas has granted a decree ousting W. W. Rose from the office of mayor of Kansas City, Kas., for tolerating illegal resorts. Mayor Rose had already resigned.

Fifty-six cases of typhoid fever have been reported in Pittsburgh in 24 hours, making a total of 171 cases reported in the three days. The cause is assigned to the swollen condition of the rivers.

Because his 9-year-old son did not get dinner quickly enough Sunday, John T. Kennedy, of Baltimore, beat his sick wife unconscious and then lay down on a couch beside her and fell asleep. Neighbors found the woman dying.

Sir Edward Clarke, the brilliant member of parliament who is making his presence felt by denouncing the idea of a tax on meat or corn, started as a boy in a dry goods store of his father's store. Now his income as a lawyer is $150,000 a year and he is one of the few men who have refused a judgeship.

While Mrs. Emil Neimann, of Brooklyn, was undergoing a cancer operation her husband, who stood by her bedside stroking her hand, fell dead across the bed.

Mrs. Charles Parker, drenched with beer thrown on him and laughing at insults, is bravely carrying on his temperance crusades in the public houses of London, England. His method is to organize a procession of drunken men and march them to his "drinkers' convention." He tells them they are the choir, and while they shout ribald song he gives a moving picture show. He says he has made many converslons.

Final reports to Gov. Hanly, of Indiana, show that the shortages in the state auditor's office aggregate $296,594. James H. Rice, deceased; Bruce Carr, deceased; J. O. Henderson and A. C. Dailey being the officials implicated.

Fourteen pretty maidens of Berlin eloped with a band of 14 Moorish brigands who had been appearing in variety performances there. The fathers of the girls accused the swarthy Otheilos of using hypnotism. The sheik did not know what hypnotism was, but it sounded so bad he sent the girls home. He cannot understand why his offer of a good price for each girl was refused.

VOLCANIC HORRORS

VESUVIUS IS A BRAZIER FROM WHICH FIERY RUIN COMES.

PITIFUL SCENES AMONG THE TERRIFIED PEOPLE IN THE RUINS OF HOMES.

MANY HUNDREDS KILLED AND INJURED, TOWNS DESTROYED AND GREAT SUFFERING.

Vesuvius in Action.

Mount Vesuvius is a colossal brazier and the town of Boscatrecase, on its southern declivity, has been transformed into a gray island of ruin by the ashes from the crater of the volcano. Torrents of liquid fire, resembling in the distance serpents with glittering yellow and black scales, are coursing in all directions, and rumblings, detonations and earth-tremblings, while a pall of sulphurous smoke that hovers over all makes breathing difficult.

The streams of lava are restless. They snap like pipe stems the trunks of chestnut trees hundreds of years old and blight with their torrid breath the blossoms on the peach trees before the trees themselves have been reached. The molten streams do not spare the homes of the peasants, and when these have been reached they dash into the wells, as though seeking to slake their thirst, and, having filled them, continue their course down the mountain beside.

Everywhere in the vicinity of the volcano pitiful scenes are witnessed, women tearing their hair in their grief and men crying like children at the loss of their beloved homestead, while in the distance, in striking contrast, lie the sapphire-colored Mediterranean, the violet-hued mountains of the Sorrento peninsula, and the island of Capri in the tranquil sea.

Disaster and Death.

Three hundred people were buried Tuesday morning in the refuse of the Market Monte Olivero, in Naples, when the roof collapsed under the weight of cinders from Mt. Vesuvius. Over a score of people were killed and 175 badly hurt either by the falling roof or the panic which followed. Other reports show these terrible disasters:

Ottajano—This town is destroyed; many killed in the collapse of houses and churches; 40 bodies recovered.

San Giuseppe—200 killed beneath a church which collapsed under the weight of ashes and cinders; town of 6,000 inhabitants practically wiped out.

The fugitives from Torre Annunziata are leaving for Castellamare, where the terrified people of Torre del Greco are arriving amid a continued fall of sand and ashes.

Boscotrecase—Several boys engulfed while walking on the crust of the cooling lava; town of 10,000 entirely destroyed.

Sorrento—Thirty-seven killed by falling houses.

Terzigno—Twenty killed.

Witts With the People.

A panic has been created in government circles by the surprising strength developed by the Constitutional Democrats in the elections, which may have immediate and dramatic consequences. The issue between reaction and reform which has been hanging in the balance has been unexpectedly precipitated by Premier Witte. The elections have greatly strengthened the premier's hand in his fight against the reactionists, and he now feels strong enough to challenge Grand Duke Nicholas, Minister of the Interior Durnovo and the entire reactionary cabal.

The premier seems to have aligned himself on the side of the people. In effect he told the emperor that he regarded the situation as desperate and that the time had come to choose between himself and Interior Minister Durnovo, and counseled his majesty not only to accept the result of the elections, but to anticipate any demand on the part of the lower house of parliament for a constitution by the issuance of a constitution before parliament convened and at the same time mark his change of policy by the proclamation of general amnesty at Easter.

Brutally Kicked and Stabbed.

Stabbed, kicked and stamped upon by her husband, Mrs. Louis R. Woodworth, of Detroit, is glad to be alive, for the intervention of neighbors the woman probably would not be. As it is, her face is covered with scars inflicted by a case knife in the hands of her husband, one of her arms is broken, the result of being trodden upon by the infuriated man, and she is suffering greatly from nervous shock. And yet, she says it was nothing more than a quiet family quarrel at his hands some day. For some time Woodworth has been moody and his wife has noticed recently that his mind seemed unsettled. Frequently she has heard him talking in his sleep and always about his wife in violent language.

Prince Pika Isaka Seme, a full-blooded African prince, has won the University of Colombia's George William Curtis medal for highest oratorical honors. His subject was "The Regeneration of Africa."

W. J. Bryan is now on the ocean en route from Bombay to Cairo, Egypt, from which place he expects to reach Paris about the time the new regime goes into effect. He will return to America about the middle of September.

Secretary Bonaparte has decided in the case of a seventh day adventist employe who refused to work on Saturday that the government cannot take religious belief into account in arranging its work and is unable to excuse any employe from working on a day when the service of an employe is required.

Earl Grey, governor-general of Canada, marked his departure from New York with showers of silver. Handsful of coins were bestowed upon hotel servants, bell boys, porters and even the man who punched his tickets at Jersey City was enriched for his trouble.

The Republic Oil Co., which has been operating in Nebraska with a central station at Omaha, has filed notice with the Nebraska secretary of state that it has abolished all its stations and withdrawn from the state. The company is organized under the laws of New York, but a recent inquiry showed that it was owned by the Standard Oil Co.

RACE WITH DEATH.

Miss Belle Maniates, stenographer in the state military department, started on last week for Tucson, Arizona, to become the bride of Ford J. North, formerly of Lansing. Death, however, met her on the journey and when she arrived in Tucson her fiancee was dead. Mr. North was a native of Lansing, aged about 40 years, and spent the greater part of his life there and was prominent in social life of the city. About two years ago an attack of tuberculosis caused him to relinquish his business affairs and go to Tucson, where for a time he was improved in health, but later began to fail rapidly.

Miss Belle Maniates, who was his fiancee, started for Tucson, to become his wife and to care for him in his remaining days, as it was then known he could live but a short time. His death at this time was unexpected, however, and it was hoped that he would be able to return to his old home.

A Mother's Brave Deed.

Mrs. Charles Jacobs, of Deerfield, risked her life in the burning barn on the Jacobs farm to save her 4-year-old daughter. The little one was found in a corner of the hayloft, frightened by the flames and smoke, but the mother's escape by the stairway was cut off and she could not reach the outside door to the loft. In desperation she forced two boards from the side of the building and leaped to the ground with the child in her arms. The little one was uninjured, but Mrs. Jacobs' right ankle was broken and she will be a cripple for life.

Warner For President.

Gov. Fred M. Warner for president! That's the proposition made by King's Weekly, of Greenville, N. C., in an editorial in its last issue, a marked copy of which has been sent to the governor's office at the capital. The North Carolinians feel grateful to Gov. Warner because he recently turned down an offer of a gift of bonds of that state, proffered on behalf of Michigan. The idea of the bondholders at large was to have Michigan sue and establish the bonds' legality.

Mrs. Daniel Wenner, of Montrose, a pioneer resident, is slowly starving to death at her home as the result of a second stroke of paralysis, which she suffered about three weeks ago. She has been unable to partake of a particle of food for the past 14 days, and all hope of her recovery has been given up.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—In the cattle yards the trade was dull and the best grades were fully 25 cents lower than they were a week ago. Handy butchers grades, selling at from $4 to $4 40 per hundred, were 10c to 15c lower. Milkers and springers sold fully steady with last week, but good cows were 10c lower, partly for being the highest price paid. Bulk of sales were from $25 to $46.

Veal calves were very poor as a rule, and the majority of the receipts had to go at a lower price under on this account. One or two good bunches sold early at $6 25@6 50, but they had to be fully good. The market as a rule was about steady with last week.

Sheep—The run of sheep and lambs was very light, and on this account prices ruled about steady with those of last week. Only one bunch brought the top price, $6 75, and it was fully extra good. Quite a large number of clipped lambs sold, but they were dull and not very badly wanted. One bunch of spring lambs brought $8 per hundred.

Hogs—One good to choice bunches of hogs went to shipers at $6 45, but the bulk of sales was at $6 40.

Chicago—Common to prime steers, $4 @6 40; cows, $3 40@5; heifers, $2 75@5 50; bulls, $2 60@4 25; calves, $2 75@6 75; stockers and feeders, $3 75@5 75.

Hogs—Choice to prime heavy, $6 35@6 42½; good to choice heavy, $6 20@6 25; butchers' weights, $6 25@6 42½; good to choice mixed, $6 20@6 37½; packing, $5 70@6 15.

Sheep—Market for sheep steady; lambs dull; sheep, $5 00@6 60; yearlings, $5 75@6 40; lambs, $4 75@6 70.

East Buffalo—Best export steers, $5 10@5 65; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb. shipping steers, $4 95@5 10; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb. do, $4 65@4 90; best fat cows, $3 75@4; fair to good, $3@3 25; trimmers, $1 75@2; best fat heifers, $4 50@4 75; medium heifers, $3 75@4; best feeding steers, $3 25@3 50; best yearling steers, $4@4 25; common stock steers, $2 50@3; best milch cows, $4 25@5 50; bologna bulls, $2 50@3 75; light stock bulls, $2@2 25. The cow market was very slow at last week's prices; best cows, $35@40; fancy, $40@50; fair to good, $25@30; common, $14@22. Best calves, $7 75@8; medium to good, $6@6 50; fair to good, $5@5 50.

Hogs—Mixed, medium and heavies, $6 70@6 75; yorkers, $6 70; pigs, $6 60@6 65; roughs, $5@5 25.

Sheep—Top lambs, $6 75@6 80; culls, $4 25@6 50; fair to good, $5@5 50; best sheep, $5@5 25; cull sheep, $4@4 75; wers, $5 50@5 75; wethers, $5@5 25; yearlings, $6@6 50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, $5c; May, 5,000 bu at 84c, 5,000 bu at 84¼c, 3,000 bu at 82¾c, 5,000 bu at 82½c; July, 15,000 bu at 81½c, 5,000 bu at 81¾c, 3,000 bu at 80¾c, 10,000 bu at 80¼c, 5,000 bu at 80½c, 10,000 bu at 80c; No. 3 red, 81½c; No. 1 white, 81½c.

Corn—Cash, No. 3, 47c; No. 2 yellow, 47 ears at 48c, 2 ears on track, 1 car at 48c.

Oats—Cash, No. 2 white, 2 cars at 34c.

Rye—Cash, No. 2, 65c asked.

Chicago—Cash quotations: No. 2 spring wheat, 77@8c; No. 3, 74@80c; No. 2 red, 84¾@85c; No. 2 corn, 46¾@47c; 44¾c; No. 2 yellow, 45@45¼c; No. 2 oats, 33¾@33¾c; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 3 white, 31¾@32½c; No. 2 rye, 60@61c; good feeding barley, 37¾@38c; fair to choice malting, 39@41c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 06½; No. 1 northwestern, $1 12½@1 13; prime timothy seed, $3 17½; clover, contract grade, $12 50.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT
Week Ending April, 14, 1906.

TEMPLE THEATRE AND WOODWARD—Afternoons: 15, 10c, to 75c; Evenings: 15, 10c, to 50c. Louise Gunning—Salerno.

LYCEUM—Prices, 25c to $1-75. Matis. Sunday and Sat. "Sherlock Holmes."

LAFAYETTE THEATRE—Prices 10-25-35-50c. Matinees Wed. and Saturday. Shadows of a Great City.

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Financial poetry is not highly thought of in New York. At the Naal sale of autograph letters the original poem written by Richard A. McCordy, the inventor, sold for only from 20 to 25 cents. A letter written by Chauncey M. Depew was knocked down for eight cents.

Lorenzo D. Halstead, Branch county's oldest pioneer, is dead. He came to Coldwater in 1836 with a thimble and one dollar, as a tailor, buying furs from the Indians and as a clothier had amassed a large fortune. He owned more houses than any other man in Coldwater.

St. Joseph is to have White City this summer.

Secretary Bonaparte has received from an octogenarian in Oneonta, N. Y., an anxious query as to the method John Paul Jones was pickled in alcohol, and, if so, "did he keep well?" Bonaparte replies that Jones kept well enough for the lapse of years, but that the department cannot go into a discussion on the relative merits of cremation and pickling in alcohol, the question the writer really worried about. "I am 87 years old and favor cremation, but my children prefer the lead casket and alcohol," wrote the Oneonta man.