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Truth About the Chinese.

If every American could visit China the question of Chinese immigration would soon be settled upon a permanent basis, for no one can become acquainted with the Chinese coolie without recognizing the impossibility of opening the doors of our country to him without injustice to our own laboring men, demoralization to our social ideas, injury to China's reputation among us, and danger to our diplomatic relations with that country says William J. Bryan, in Success Magazine.

I made it a point to inquire among the Chinese whom I met, in order to ascertain the real sentiment back of the boycott. I had heard of students being subjected to harsh regulations at ports of entry, of travelers humiliated by confinement in uncomfortable sheds, and of merchants treated rudely, and I supposed that these things had aroused the resentment. I found however, that the things complained of were more difficult to deal with and the concessions demanded impossible to grant. In order to understand the boycott one must know something of Chinese history. As China has never had representative government the people have been compelled to bring their complaints before officials by petition; and, where the petition has been ignored, they have been accustomed to bring such pressure to bear as was within their power, and the boycott has often been resorted to as a means of compelling action upon the part of officials. They, therefore conceived the idea of a boycott against American goods for the double purpose of urging their own government to favorable action and of calling the attention of the American government to their complaint. Our officials are doing what they can to convince the Chinese government of the injustice and folly of the boycott, and the Chinese officials with whom I conversed seemed anxious to cooperate with our minister and consuls. Immediate action upon the part of our congress whether favorable or unfavorable to the Chinese, will remove the excuse for a boycott; and our government should not be influenced in its action by any threats affecting trade, for the subject is too grave to be determined by commercial considerations.

Unpunished Offenders.

There are things which to sensitive souls constitute a disturbance of the peace, and yet for which there is no adequate punishment prescribed by law very truly observes a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A man in a short coat and silk hat is an offense of this kind, and a fat woman in a "rainy-day" skirt and peek-a-boo waist is another. There are legions of them. They offend the artistic sense, and mar the face of nature. Now and then some aesthetic person, made desperate by these abuses, takes the law into his own hands and inflicts punishment, usually at severe cost to himself. For instance, if the man who stabbed Thomas Reed for playing a guitar in an undertaking establishment is caught, he may be sent to the penitentiary. Such is the injustice of our laws. What is needed is a corps of armed censors of things in general, something between a police and a humane society force, and vested with authority to arrest offenders against good taste. A special court for the trial of such offenders could be provided, and the keepers of mechanical musical instruments, the street-car whistlers, platform chumps and persons who talk at the play et al. could have justice meted out to them. As long as such offenders are left unpunished by law, so long will there be "unexplained" murders and assaults, for they "get on the nerves" of people who have artistic sensibilities, and these people become aroused to desperate deeds, braving even martyrdom for the holy cause of good taste. The world would welcome such a department of justice as we have suggested, if some one would take the initiative to secure the proper legislation. Here is the opportunity for some ambitious reformer to endear himself to the masses and make Folk, Hadley and Jerome to pale their ineffectual fires in the bright light of his genius.

One of the largest retail tobacco dealers in the United States says that the consumption of chewing tobacco has increased almost 50 per cent. in five years. He attributes this increase to the automobile, because it is impossible to enjoy a cigar or pipe while whizzing along in a motor car. There is also danger of sparks or ashes from the lighted cigar or pipe getting into the eyes.

Dr. Daniel Bella, a New York minister, has compromised his claim against the New York Central railroad for the fracture of 20 bones in a viaduct collision last fall. Figuring on the basis of $1,000 a bone, the company has agreed to pay him $20,000 for his injuries. This is considered to be quite a step in advance in regard to the basis for personal injury claims.

The order of the garter seems to be very elastic. Great Britain has just conferred it upon the emperor of China.

That Milwaukee man who has been arrested on the charge of stealing $26,000 worth of gas in the past seven years, by tapping the gaslight company's mains, will probably find in the end that it would have been cheaper if he had used electric light.

An enthusiastic wireless telegraph inventor declares that in a few years we shall be able to communicate with the planet Mars. But is he sure that the people on Mars, if there are any, are willing and ready to talk back?

IN OUR OWN GOOD STATE

MURDER AND ROBBERY AT DENNISON, NEAR GRAND RAPIDS.

VILLAGE MERCHANT KILLED WHILE ON HIS WAY HOME BY UNKNOWN MAN.

MURDERER PARKER TRIES TO ESCAPE FROM MARQUETTE PRISON, BUT FAILS.

Shot Down By Highwayman.

M. C. Golden, a storekeeper in the village of Dennison, 16 miles from Grand Rapids, and near Coopersville, was shot Monday night by a highwayman, who robbed the body of $100 in money and a watch, and escaped while friends were running to the assistance of the victim. Golden had been in his store with friends, and left for his house, a short distance away. His companions started in the other direction, and had gone but a few rods when they heard Golden cry and then two revolver shots. Running back they found the man lying on the ground with a bullet hole in his head. The murderer had escaped.

The most important clue so far is that obtained from Clyde Tissue, an employe of the Interurban railway, who says he saw a stranger wearing dark clothes and dark shirt take the interurban car at East Dennison shortly after the murder. This man rode as far as Coopersville, getting off there. He wore his hat pulled down, and was smooth shaved. He appeared to be sleeping while on the car. Golden was shot twice through the head. He lingered until after midnight, but never recovered consciousness.

The killing of Martin Golden is not unlike the murder of Jennie Oom, near Grand Rapids, last fall. Like that case, the officers believe that a Grand Rapids criminal was the murderer.

Parker Failed to Escape.

Harry Parker, one of the murderers of Joseph Moyer, the Detroit pawnbroker, who was killed in his store the evening of July 20 last, is kept in solitary confinement in the prison at Marquette. Parker became one of the active ones in a plot to overpower the guards and make a get-away from the prison. When the plot was discovered, Parker and the others were sent to the solitary and placed on a bread and water diet. Harry Johnson, the other of the pair, did not enter into the conspiracy. Johnson is working in the prison cigar factory, and takes his sentence philosophically.

Baby Burned.

Leaving her 9 months old babe asleep in a cradle, Mrs. Fred Fisher, of Gaylord, went to a neighbor's for a short time. During her absence fire of unknown origin, gained such headway that it was impossible to go near it. The remains of the little one were found shortly after the fire in the ruined home. Not a vestige of clothing was saved except what the members of the family had on, the house, which was two stories, being entirely consumed. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and their four children are in serious straits. Their farm is near Alba.

Cry for Help Unheeded.

Saying that they thought the cries for help were a joke, George Osterle, W. E. Smith and H. M. Buchanan at the inquest into the death of Frank Holmes, the duck hunter who was drowned by the capsizing of his boat in Michigan Center lake, testified that they did not attempt to make a rescue for 25 minutes. During this delay Holmes, chilled by the icy water, sank to his death. John Russell, his companion, who survived and was rescued, said that Holmes's last words were: "I'm all in."

The Poor P. M.

Replying to numerous petitions dispatched from towns along the Pentwater division of the Pere Marquette railroad protesting against the present schedule, Receiver Judson Harmon has written Ex-Senator J. K. Flood, of Hart, that the decision of the United States courts raising the Michigan railroad taxes and payment of back taxes and penalties, and not the coal situation, alone is to blame for the railroad cutting the schedule. Hart ignores additional service.

Got a Wife Just the Same.

James A. Wikel, aged 61 years, of Montpelier, Ind., wanted a wife and corresponded with an Illinois girl. The girl promised to marry him, but when they met she backed out, as he was so much older. However, she told Wikel she knew of just the right woman, and so Eliza Rogers, aged 61 years, of Sheridan township, was on Wednesday married to Wikel, who is good looking, pretty well off, and a wagonmaker.

Prize Returned.

Two hundred dollars, which Battle Creek uniform rank, Knights of Pythias, won in the competition drill at San Francisco four years ago, will be returned to that stricken city by the crack company which won the prize. This will assist California Pythians, victims of earthquake and fire.

Plucky Woman.

During the fire which destroyed the big ice houses of the Soo railroad at Pembrine, 30 or 40 women turned out as a volunteer fire brigade and with buckets connected with the pumps in the village worked like beavers fighting the flames.

Michigan's State Sanatorium for the treatment of incipient tuberculosis will be located at Howell.

William C. Durant has given to his daughter as a wedding present $100,000 of stock in the Durant-Dort Carriage Co.

The green strawberry worm, according to George F. Brunson, is working havoc in the strawberry beds of western Michigan.

Mrs. Mary Pung, of Westphalia, aged 63 years, was found dead in bed by a neighbor, who called to see her. She lived alone.

Nine-year-old Blanche Foster, of Iosco, fell from a beam while watching men shear sheep and received injuries from which she died.

An Eaton Rapids girl was badly burned by her gown catching fire from burning grass. She rolled in the dirt and put out the flames

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Houses are at a premium in Constantine.

Saginaw has a colony of foxes and squirrels.

San Jose scale is ruining orchards of the state.

Pontiac's bank deposits have doubled in the last five years.

Snow fell at Gaylord nearly all day Sunday, handicapping the farmers.

George Townsend, aged 70 years, for 23 years supervisor of Bruce township, is dead at Romeo.

The announced assessed valution of Grand Rapids is $77,016,955, a boost of $2,500,000 over last year.

Parmalee is to have a beauty contest, the prize to go to the woman with the most shapely nose.

Six-year-old Olive Burr, of Adrian, was seriously injured by a boy bicyclist riding on the sidewalk.

Mrs. George Gifford, of Battle Creek, was so seriously burned in a gasoline stove explosion that she died.

Last season's ice scale has been adopted in Saginaw, the price being $1.75 for 20 pounds of ice a day.

The 2-year-old daughter of George D. Bigelow, of Flint, fell down a flight of stairs while at play, and died in an hour.

John G. Havens has been appointed postmaster at Mullet Lake, Cheboygan county, vice C. H. Houser, resigned.

A large gang of men is trying to round up the last one of the herd of elk which escaped a week ago from the Hill game preserve at Forest lake, near Pontiac.

Pastor F. Coy, aged 71, of Alpena, is dead of pneumonia. His brother Charles was sick in a San Francisco hospital and may have perished in the fire there.

While trying to steal a ride on top of a passenger car, Will Bringham, of Bay City, was swept off and later found beside the track near Owosso, badly injured.

While a joke was being read to her from the humorous columns of a newspaper, Mrs. John Klair, aged 55 years, of Ann Arbor, laughed and died from heart disease.

The nomination of Milo D. Campbell to succeed W. R. Bates as marshal for the eastern district of Michigan will probably be sent to the senate some time this week.

The Lapeer water board turns down the proposition of the gas company to furnish power for the pumping station. It does not want to be tied up by a contract to a corporation.

A $500,000 deal, involving the transfer of the village of Hiles, logging, railroad, equipment and 25,000 acres of fine hardwood timberland, has been consummated by a Marquette man.

While in a drunken stupor John McNee was using a rail on the Ann Arbor track for a pillow. Marshal Morris, of Owosso, discovered him in time and now he'll serve 10 days in the jug.

County Treasurer Robertson, of Wayne has made return to the auditor-general on the tax roll for 1905. It is the quickest return that has been made from Wayne county in many years.

The Bar association committee will recommend the purchase of a marble bust of the late Judge Isaac P. Christiancy, to be placed beside that of Judge Campbell in the capitol law library.

Two trammers were killed Saturday in C shaft of the Mass mine, 50 miles south of Calumet, by falling rock. One was a Finn and leaves a wife and family. The other was an Austrian, and single.

The story of the happy hunting grounds dramatized will be presented at Harbor Springs by a band of 25 Ottawa Indians on a stage with natural settings on the shore of the beautiful harbor.

Walter Rowe, while working in the coal room of the Omega Cement works in Mosherville was severely burned by the fine coal exploding. Another employe accidentally dropped a hot iron on the coal.

Ice prices will remain unchanged in Grand Rapids for the coming season. Twenty pounds will be given daily on walk for $1.67, or put in box for $2.25. The price is 15 cents per 100 pounds for 5,000 pounds a month.

After an absence of 32 years, Peter and F. C. Butline, of Kalamazoo, say that they could scarcely persuade their brother in Holland, whom they have just returned from visiting, to believe that they were his kinsmen.

Game Warden John Nelson, of Oceana county, caught 12 men illegally spearing fish in Silver lake. When they stepped from the boat on shore he arrested them, finding a bushel of fish and one seagull. They paid $71.15 fine.

Mrs. Jay W. Vaughan, the beautiful wife of Banker Vaughan, of Eaton Rapids, who secured a divorce from him last fall, receiving several thousand dollars in alimony, is reported to have been married in Toledo to Ed F. Wickwire.

Miss Agnes B. Lovett, of Saginaw, a trained nurse, and who has taken care of Byron Judd, of Pontiac, for over a year, married Judd last week. Judd has undergone several operations, the last one shortly before he was married.

The state central committee of the Prohibition party has decided to hold its state convention in Detroit July 3, to be followed with a big mass meeting on July 4. It was voted to ignore the primary election law as not necessary in its case.

With the burning of the big coal chutes of the Michigan Central Air Line railway in Three Rivers, the coaling of the big engines will have to be made direct from loaded cars in the yards, similar to the methods employed in the early history of the road. The nearest coaling station is at Niles Already plans are being made for the rebuilding of the burned chutes on a much larger scale.

Edward Barber, of Alpena, now in jail at Everett, Wash., has confessed that he murdered his brother 15 years ago while the two were on their way from Alpena to Black River. Nobody there remembers of the murder.

John Blake, murderer of Sergeant Fred Booth, waived examination Thursday and was bound over to the May term for trial. Claiming the local justice courts have no jurisdiction, Blake, Walpole and Hamilton refused to plead to burglarizing the Brooklyn postoffice safe. Their examination will take place in May.

Henry N. Couden, U. S. army veterinarian, formerly of Port Huron, son of Rev. Henry N. Couden, chaplain of the house of representatives at Washington, is dead at Seattle, Wash. He was stricken with heart trouble while riding and fell from his horse, sustaining a fracture of the spine.

LOSS OF LIFE SMALLER

GENERAL GREELY PLACES THE LOSS OF LIFE MUCH LOWER.

HE ALSO CITES NEED OF TROOPS FOR PRESERVING ORDER IN STRICKEN CITIES.

THE BRAVE SAN FRANCISCANS WILL BUILD UP A LARGER AND BETTER CITY.

In the face of the enormous loss and the complete wiping out of the commercial life of the empire city of the Pacific coast, the leaders of trade and commerce are cheerful and confident that all will be well in the end. The governor, the bank commissioner, the architects, the insurance officers and the representatives of many of the large enterprises are now in the city arranging offices and clearing the way for the smooth adjustment of affairs that will lighten the heavy hand of disaster that has leveled everything in common ruin.

San Francisco is but a memory. It is hopeless to attempt to describe the conditions which exist, where but a few days ago a thriving city nestled on the shores of the Pacific. Every bank, every hotel, every business house, all the theaters, the municipal government buildings, the school houses, churches, libraries, art temples, newspaper offices, depots and shipping piers have been wiped out of existence as though a scourge had passed over the land.

The rich and poor have suffered alike. Fortunes have been wiped out. The palaces of the rich, together with the hovels of the poor, have alike succumbed, and San Francisco may be likened to a broad stretch of land offering a fair site for a city which the early settlers in the days of the forty-niners beheld when the first rude hut was thrown up on the site of the metropolis of the coast.

Thousands of San Francisco's homeless slept in the open if they slept at all—in a drenching rain Sunday night, adding untold misery and suffering to those whose cup is already full. Shortly after midnight it began to rain and continued for three hours, from a drizzle at times to a heavy downpour for a few minutes. At 6 o'clock Monday morning the rain began to fall again with all indications of continuance. The rain cooled the ruins and extinguished some of the fires which still illuminated the sky from the ruins of the city.

The fire, which seemed to have died out Sunday, broke out with renewed vigor in the coal bunkers north of the Ferry building shortly after midnight It had these bunkers Saturday, but was apparently checked after a hard fight, although the blaze stubbornly resisted all efforts of the firemen to extinguish it Early Monday morning the fire was burning fiercely.

The United States senate on Monday passed Mr. Allison's amendment to the house joint resolutions to appropriate $1,500,000 additional, instead of $1,000,000, for the relief of San Francisco. The house committee concurred in the senate amendment, and as soon as the resolution was signed by the presiding officers of the two houses it went to the president.

It is the desire of President Roosevelt that the work of the Red Cross in alleviating the distress in San Francisco shall be done wholly without regard to the person, and just as much for the Chinese as for any others.

The Loss of Life.

The official report from Gen. Greely, of the extent of the loss of life in San Francisco, says: "Very careful investigation by Capt. Winn limit as far as information is obtainable, the entire San Francisco death list from late disaster to 277 victims; of these about 50 unknown gathered from various parts of the city have been temporarily buried in Lombard and Bay streets, Washington square and Portsmouth square. In the Valencia hotel 14 bodies were recovered and 56 others are believed to have perished in the ruins."

From other than official sources it is known that up to the present time bodies have been buried by the soldiers and the naval militia in open squares near where found. For this reason it is feared that the exact number of dead will never be accurately known. Coroner Walsh reports that his deputies have cared for 350 bodies, not including those buried by the police and the naval militia in the Potrero.

Gen. Greely has made some important recommendations to the war department touching the future employment of the military forces in California. He says in part:

"Apart from the other considerations it is evident that the state militia cannot be expected to serve here any considerable length of time. Mayor Schmitz informs me he will ask the governor to remove all militia at once.

"It is evident that within a week or ten days the situation will develop not only in San Francisco but in adjacent cities to such an extent as to absolutely demand that the present force be increased for the preservation of public order and the conservation of public interests. While I am advised that an additional force of 5,000 men would not be excessive, yet in my opinion the prospective needs can be met with 2,500 additional troops to come from outside of this military division. As large a proportion of these troops as possible should be cavalry in view of the destruction of local transportation and the difficulties of inter-communication. The present forces, including coast artillery and marines, aggregate 2,500, including officers. Early favorable action is therefore requested."

Congressman Townsend will attempt to secure congressional aid for the widow of Sergt. Fred Booth, the Jackson officer, who was shot dead when attempting to arrest one of the Brooklyn postoffice burglars. He will try to get her a pension.

Gov. Guild, of Massachusetts, has appointed Miss Marie Rose Collins, a daughter of the former mayor of Boston, state prison commissioner. She has given the subject of prison work much attention.

Carl Beghold has obtained a judgment of $4,307.75 against the Auto Body Co., of Lansing, at whose factory he lost the greater portion of his hand in a machine. The case will probably be appealed.

Charles Jewel and Percy Thomas, of Pontiac, were seriously injured when the load of hay on which they were riding upset because of a broken axle.

Pay the Whole Amount.

The Grand Trunk Railroad Co. has paid the auditor-general $777,734.29, which includes the balance of the overdue taxes with the penalty of 1 per cent per month. Other companies are expected to follow the example of the Grand Trunk and the Grand Rapids & Indiana. The Michigan Central has so far neglected to comply with the order of the railroad commissioner to reduce its rate of fare on the Detroit-Bay City, Jackson-Bay City and Grand River valley divisions.

A bird in the hand may be worth two in the bush, except from the bird's point of view.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—The cattle trade was dull and draggy, and cattle weighing from 800 pounds upwards were from 10c to 25c lower than they were here a week ago. Handy butchers' grades weighing from 600 to 800 were steady with last week. Cow stuff and bulls also held their own, the drop being largely on the good shipping grades.

There were plenty of buyers on hand for stockers and feeders, and they sold full steady with last week.

Milch cows and springers were of poor quality, but brought steady prices.

The veal calf trade was a bad one. The run was very heavy and they sold a dollar per hundred lower at the opening than they did a week ago. The close was very dull and 50c to 75 lower than the opening, over 950 calves being on hand.

Sheep—The sheep and lamb trade was active and steady to 10c higher than last week. The majority of the receipts were clips. One extra fancy bunch of wool lambs was sold for $6.90.

Hogs—The hog trade was active and 10c higher than it was a week ago, nearly everything bringing $6 60 per hundred.

Chicago—Common to choice steers, $4 60@6 25; cows, $3 25@4 60; heifers, $2 75@5 35; bulls, $2 60@4 25; calves, $2 75@3 25; stockers and feeders, $2 75@4 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; market slow; choice to prime heavy, $6 65@6 72½; medium to good heavy, $6 60@6 65; butcher weights, $6 65@6 70; good to choice heavy mixed, $6 60@6 65; packing, $5 75@6 65.

Sheep—Receipts, 12,500; market steady; sheep, $4 25@5 50; yearlings, $5@6 25; lambs, $4 75@7 05.

East Buffalo—Export steers, $5@5.60; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $4.65@4.85; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb do, $4.40@4.65; best fat cows, $3.75@4; fair to good, $3@3.25; trimmers, $1.75@2; best fat heifers, $4.25@4.65; medium heifers, $3.75@4; best feeding steers, dehorned, $4@4.25; best yearlings, $3.75@4; common stock steers, $3.25@3.50; export bulls, $4.25@4.40; bologna bulls, $3.50@[illegible]; [illegible] bulls, $2.75@3; strictly fancy fresh cows, $50@60; extra good, $45@55; medium, $35@43; common, $20@25. Calves—Best veals, $5.25@5.50; medium to good, $4.75@5.25; heavy, $3@4.

Hogs—Mixed, medium and heavy, $6.85@6.90; yorkers, $6.80@6.90; pigs, $6.70@6.75; closed steady on the best grades, weak on light grades.

Sheep—Best wool lambs, $7.25@7.35; culls, $6.50@6.85; best clipped, $5.65@[illegible]; [illegible] clipped sheep, $5.25@5.50; culls, $2.50@4; ewes, $4@5. Yearlings, [illegible]

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 88c; May, 5,000 bu at 87½c, 3,000 bu at 87¼c, 5,000 bu at 87⅜c, 5,000 bu at 87½c, 8,000 bu at 87⅝c, closing at 88c bid; July, 15,000 bu at 81⅞c, 5,000 bu at 81⅝c, 10,000 bu at 81½c, 10,000 bu at 81¼c, 3,000 bu at 81⅜c, 15,000 bu at 81½c, 10,000 bu at 81¾c, 10,000 bu at 81⅞c, 12,000 bu at 82c; September, 5,000 bu at 80¾c, 10,000 bu at 80½c, 15,000 bu at 80⅝c, 10,000 bu at 80½c, 8,000 bu at 80⅝c, 2,000 bu at 80¾c; No. 3 red, 85½c; sample, 1 car at 86c, 1 at 85c, 1 at 86½c, 1 at 87½c; No. 1 white, 87½c.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 50½c; No. 3 yellow, 2 cars at 51½c, 1 at 51¾c, 1 at 51½c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 1 car at 35¾c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 65c.

Beans—April, $1 48; May, 1 car at $1 49.

Cloverseed—Prime spot, $6 25; sample, 58 bags at $6 25, 20 at $6 15, 20 at $6, 5 at $5 75, 4 at $5 50; prime alsike, $8; sample alsike, 5 bags at $7 75, 4 at $7, 3 at $6 50.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 70 bags at $1 40.

Chicago—Cash quotations: No. 2 spring wheat, 80@82c; No. 3, 75@81½c; No. 2 red, 88⅞@91¾c; No. 2 corn, 47⅛c; No. 2 yellow, 48¼c; No. 2 oats, 32¼c; No. 2 white, 33½@34½c; No. 3 white, 32⅛@33¾c; No. 2 rye, 61½@62½c; good feeding barley, 39@41c; fair to choice malting, 45@50c; No. 1 flaxseed, $1 09½; No. 1 northwestern, $1 15½; prime timothy seed, $3 17½; clover, contract grade, $11 25.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT
Week Ending April 28, 1905.

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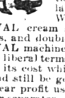

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Andrew Carnegie has given $25,000 to Olivet college, if the $250,000 endowment fund now being raised is completed.

The Aargau town council has voted $200 toward a monument to the memory of Cario, a St. Bernard dog, which recently died, and which, in the last nine years, saved nearly 100 lives on the Alps.

Construction work will begin May 1 on the Keweenaw Central railroad, from Calumet to Lac La Belle, a distance of 22 miles, and it may be extended to the mouth of the Montreal river this summer.

According to the German East African Journal, the government has given permission to import provisionally, 2,000 Chinese for employment in railway construction.

The same buzzard that was seen in various parts of Union county, Ohio, several years ago, with a bell tied around its neck, has again put in its appearance in Taylor township.

A special from Lorain, O., says that the skins from 23 large frogs, shipped from Texas, have been engrafted on the back and breast of Michael Blane, a Slav employed in the iron works there, who was severely burned in an accident recently.

THE STATE'S REVENUE

THE RAILROADS PAYING THE STATE PAST DUE TAXES.

THE INTEREST CAUSES DELAY ON THE PART OF ONE OF THE CORPORATIONS.

A PORTION OF THE PENALTY IS QUESTIONED AND MAY NOT BE COLLECTED.

Railroads Pay Up.

Practically every railroad company in the state has now paid its taxes and penalties to the state of Michigan under the provisions of the new ad valorem tax law except the Michigan Central and the Pere Marquette. One modification of this statement should be made with reference to the Lake Shore Railroad Co., and a few of the smaller roads have yet to send in their checks.

The Lake Shore Co. claims irregularities with reference to the notice received regarding the taxes of 1902, and has withheld payment of taxes for that year for the present. The company several days ago paid its taxes for 1905, and today it paid $253,575.22 for the taxes of 1903 and $21,750.96 for 1904, both sums including the penalties provided for by the statute.

As to the 1902 assessment, it is claimed that notice of the assessment was not received until May 22, and that the state cannot collect the penalty for the non-payment of the tax for the months of May and June.

It will be remembered that on account of the first assessment for that year having been declared invalid by the supreme court, a new assessment was made by the court's order, and the delay made it impossible to notify the company of the amount of its second assessment within the time specified by law. The company is apparently willing to pay the tax for the year. The legal question involved is being looked up by the attorney-general and by the company's officials, but in case the company's contention is found to be correct it will amount to less than $4,000.

Detroit's Controller Dead.

Francis Asbury Blades, controller of the city of Detroit, died Tuesday morning after an illness which has kept him confined to his home, 419 Cass avenue, for more than three months. Acute stomach trouble was indirectly responsible for death, although Mr. Blades' advanced age—he was 85—undoubtedly hastened the end. Mr. Blades was born in Newton, Worcester county, Maryland, August 7, 1824, his parents being William Blades, a clergyman, and Charlotte Furness. The family were English, but came to this country in the early settlement of the colony in Maryland.

Mr. Blades had served the city for twelve years as controller. His life was one of hard, earnest work. He was noted as one of Michigan's powerful pioneer Methodist clergymen, also as a strong political force, and was an able and fearless man.

Escaped Death.

Many telegrams were received Saturday, Sunday and Monday by Detroiters, assuring them of the safety of loved ones who were in San Francisco at the time of the earthquake. While perhaps two score or so of such messages of cheer have been received, there are yet over 150 Detroiters known to have been in the doomed city who have not been heard from, and the lack of news as the days go by increases the fears that something may have happened to them. Many of the refugees have arrived in Detroit from the wrecked city and tell thrilling tales of horrors and suffering. Many more are on the way to the city and every train from the west pulling into local depots is met by numbers of Detroit people who hope that relatives from whom they have not heard may be aboard the train.

Engineer Killed.

Will Reed, engineer on the Harbor Springs branch of the G. R. & I., was killed Saturday. At Roaring Brook the trucks of the engine dropped and the engine turned over into the ditch. The fireman was thrown from the cab nearly 40 feet on the bank, but was not seriously injured. The engineer was found still on his seat, but crushed and scalded almost beyond recognition. The combination baggage and smoking car was left standing crossways of the tracks. The other coach was also off the rails at one end. Several passengers were aboard, but none received more than a shaking up. Reed had been on this run 30 years. He leaves a wife and daughter.

Killed in Santa Rosa.

Jacob Loeb, a Jackson clothing merchant, has been apprised of the death of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Loeb, by the earthquake which visited Santa Rosa, Cal. He had heard nothing of his brother until he saw the list of dead in a paper. The shock was a severe one and Mr. Loeb, who is well advanced in years, is completely broken up over the news. Eli Loeb and his wife had lived in California for many years.

Good Majority.

Secretary of State Prescott has received the returns from all the counties in the state on the vote for the calling of a convention for constitutional revision. The department will not officially give out the figures until after the board of canvassers meets, but it is learned that the majority in favor of the convention was about 69,500. A total of 324,000 votes was cast on the proposition.

Of all the works in the English language "Don't tell" are paid the least attention.

Elmer Hildebrant, of Howell, has been convicted of the murder of Aldie E Sidell, on February 14, the trial lasting 11 days.

Former State Senator Richard Mason, head of the Mason Lumber Co. at Gladstone, is reported to be slated for a U. S. consular appointment.

After not being able to speak above a whisper for six years from a stroke of paralysis, Ira Bowman, of Pine Run, finds his speech has been restored.

Holland clergy, churches, physicians and Dutch residents of western Michigan will erect a modern hospital in Grand Rapids at a cost of from $100,000 to $150,000.

State Highways.

Now it is the state highway department that has gone up against the constitution of 1850. When Earle and the good roads enthusiasts secured the creation of their department and some auxiliary laws in the last legislature—after a constitutional amendment, by the way—they thought the rest would be easy sailing. But since the present creation of a highway department and the construction of good roads under its supervision, more amendments will be necessary before the highway department can fulfill the functions for which it was created. In order to prevent reactionary supervisors from obstructing the good roads movement, one of the Earle enactments made it mandatory on every board of supervisors to submit to the people of their county, on the petition of 10 freeholders in each township, the proposition of adopting the county road system. In several instances this procedure has followed. But it has recently been discovered that the constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the supervisors in just such cases as this. Some embarrassing legal questions may arise as a result, but wherever the roads have been laid even the constitution cannot tear them up. It is thought that popular opinion will devise means for obviating the difficulty, but it is not likely that the law can stand a test in the courts, which test any man opposed is at liberty to bring.

Too Many Hobos.

Never has Three Rivers been so completely taken possession of by the genuine hobo as it has been for the past two weeks. Scarcely a night passes but drunken brawls are heard on the streets. A few nights ago an old resident was attacked, beaten and robbed. This condition of things is largely attributable to the fact that last spring what is known as the big R. M. Kellogg strawberry plant farm hired several of the better class of "wearies" in order to get out their immense supply of plants. This fact having been generally advertised among them has brought them here in big numbers, anticipating a warm job and a good time for a few weeks.

Burned to Death.

Mrs. John Hart, aged 49, of Alpena, was burned to death in her home Monday morning. She lighted the fire in her stove with oil from a lamp, the husband says.

There is, however, something mysterious about the fatality. The couple were heard quarreling after midnight. The husband, the only one present, says the accident happened at 1 o'clock. He says his wife was alive at 7 this morning, but he didn't call the doctor during the night because he thought it was too late.

Mother White's Prophesy.

Seventh Day Adventist families that for months have hesitated to accept "Mother" White's mandatory advice to leave Battle Creek before the wrath of God caused its destruction, are giving the words of the "prophetess" more consideration since San Francisco's disaster. Mrs. White prophesied that Oakland, Cal., would be destroyed by an earthquake, with fire. That San Francisco, instead of Oakland, was the victim, makes little difference to the followers of the "prophetess," who say, "It is fulfilled."

Skipped Out.

Dan O'Donnell, of Muskegon, convicted of larceny and believed to have been concerned in the desperate attempt at the jail delivery, furnished a sensation sortly after his conviction by eluding the officer and gaining his liberty. O'Donnell asked to be taken home before going to jail, and Officer Collins took him home, presumably for a change of clothes. Collins stood in the front room and O'Donnell, instead of getting any clothes, skipped through the house and has flown.

Faithful Service.

That she missed only one day of school work in the 34 years she was engaged as a teacher in Muskegon was a record of which Mrs. Adelaide Moon, who died last week, was proud. Mrs. Moon was the dean of the teachers in the public schools and principal of the Hackley school. Death came after an illness of less than two weeks. She was 52 years of age. She was one of the most prominent educators in western Michigan.

Old Fisherman Gone.

Caspar Alpern, aged 64, the oldest commercial fisherman along the Huron shore, died suddenly last week. He was an ex-supervisor, alderman and member of the legislature from Alpena and was a member of the Democratic state central committee several years. He owned three fish tugs and employed 40 men in the fishing industry. A widow and five children survive.

Pleads Not Guilty.

Oscar M. Elliott, of Lansing, was arraigned before Commissioner Davison and pleaded not guilty to the charge of manufacturing oleomargarine contrary to the law. His bond was fixed at $500. Elliott is the same man who was convicted by the state authorities at Lansing and fined $500 by Judge Wiest for violating the state pure food law.

Feet Turned to Chalk.

Emil Cedar, of Menekaune, probably the largest man in that region, weighing over 300 pounds, dropped dead of apoplexy. Cedar's feet had become partly ossified, owing to his heavy drinking, and the bones had turned to chalk. Both had been shaved down several times until only the stumps were left.

Second Trial.

The trial of George Smith in the Hillsdale circuit court began Monday. He is accused of the murder of Joe Cawsey, nightwatchman at the plant of the Hillsdale Screen Co., when it was burned December 3, 1903. Smith has already had one trial lasting from February 26 last to March 5, when the jury failed to agree, standing 11 for conviction and one for acquittal. His co-defendant, Walter Knox, was convicted and sentenced to Jackson.

There is a sort of modesty which is only the mantel of pride.

Injuries received from a dying horse crushing his chest last fall, have resulted in the death of Litchell Heyler, pioneer veterinary of Ingham and Clinton counties.

Ezekiel A. Strong, aged 70, treasurer of the state grange for 20 years, died Saturday night in Park township, St. Joseph county. Two years ago he celebrated his golden wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Mitner, of Win township township, have had 30 children born to them, and 17 are still living. The parents are of German birth, and 62 and 52 years old respectively. There was but one pair of twins in the family.