

The Educational Spirit.
Dr. Andrew S. Draper, writing on the trend of our modern education in Appleton's for August, closes his paper with this significant paragraph:
"No one can foresee the destiny of the republic, but there is one occasion purpose abroad in the land which has never before been so pervasive and so ambitious in any land since the dawn of time. It is the spirit of a mighty people, gathered from ends of the earth, enlightened by the world experiences of a thousand years. It is the spirit of a people with outlook and expectancy. They expect to use the wealth and the political power of the nation to make every son and daughter of the nation shall have the fullest and freest educational opportunity. The functions of the state concerning every manner of school, being steadily enlarged and strengthened through the initiative of the common desire of the multitude. Growing appreciation is giving greater heed to the advanced conditions and bringing them into the field of all institutions, and therefore to the intellectual quickening of the entire country. Everything that the nation, the state, or the municipality can do to aid their learning, within its limits, it is being made to do. And the learning which aids doing, and the culture which is the product of labor, are to be of 'the most worth.'"

Minnows and Mosquitoes.
Scientists, who have been battling against mosquitoes with crude oil and other devices for destroying their troublesome and dangerous pests, have come to the conclusion that minnows are of more service than fish in ridding water of mosquitoes. Goldfish have been used with great success in Hawaii in destroying mosquitoes, and a test of the minnows in the same work has satisfied the scientists that the latter are more efficient, and especially so in stagnant water. Southern cities which have been menaced by considerable amounts in the purchase of oil for destroying yellow fever mosquitoes are now considering the more general use of minnows in stagnant pools, says the Chicago Sun. The city of New Orleans is spending \$200,000 in a campaign against mosquitoes, and the chief city health officer favors the use of minnows rather than other means that has been tested. Here again a remedy that creates no new problems is being used for the work has been indorsed after much expensive experimenting in other lines.

New Departure in Banking.
Is the time-honored phrase "in banking hours" to become obsolete? A step, at least, in this direction has been taken in the establishment, in the city of New York, of a bank that never closes except on Sundays and holidays. It does business day and night. At this bank money passes to and fro across the counter from dawn to dusk. What would a bank robber say to this midnight banker? asks the Four-Track News. And why not? It is one more great convenience added to modern life. It typifies the spirit of our age. Everything must be ready to hand. We will not wait until tomorrow for the thing that we want today. The buttons of our desires must be where we can press them at will. We telephone, telegraph, travel at midnight and now we bank at midnight. It is the logic of events; the answer to the oration of modern life.

John D. Rockefeller is learning tardily the important truth that the man with the world is worth more than great riches, says the Washington Star. For years this man has led a life apart from his fellows. Nature of a shrinking nature and sensitive to an unusual degree, he has been aloof by means of his money, buying great estates wherein he could lock himself away from the sight of his fellow men, hiring guards to keep the public at a distance, riding in special trains and on private yachts, and otherwise maintaining a distance between himself and the ordinary run of men. This very exclusiveness whetted the public curiosity and increased the suspense. Rockefeller never in the milk-lake common to many men, the temperament of thinking to avoid attention by fortifying it.

The average woman would rather have her husband part her cheek than give her a thousand dollars—San Francisco Bulletin. Most men, remarks the Chicago Record-Herald, will state to support this statement, but correct, because they have no means of disproving it.

The post office department approves the automobile for rural delivery service, but the carriers are expected to hear where the bargain county is located.

A French paper speaks of Secretary Root as that "Yankee intruder" in the affairs of Central and South America. Not an intruder, says the Boston Herald—simply a follower of one Monroe, and in that capacity a welcome guest.

The fact that there are only about a dozen Americans now in St. Petersburg is an indication that several Americans above have decided to do their tancost-by-standing in some rather more favorable place.

THE MISERABLE LIFE ENDING OF A ONCE BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

FOUND IN FILTHY HOVEL.

Bad Case of Suicide in a Hotel—A Lonely Woman Prefers Death to a Lousy Life.
Shocking Life Story.
Rose Pitts, as she now calls herself, 10 years ago was one of the most beautiful women in Jackson, a member of the elite of the city and a prominent worker in the First Congregational church. In the First Congregational church, in the living in a shack in an alley in the tenderloin district. Five years ago she suddenly and without known reason dropped out of the public knowledge of her friends and relatives. Until now her whereabouts were unknown.
Her identity was revealed when an investigation was made by Acting Health Officer H. B. Hays. Her act of information furnished by her neighbors. They told him that she was sick, needed assistance, and that her life was in such a condition that it endangered the health of those living in her district. The health officer ordered the woman in bed. The stamp of disease was on her face, he says. Her only attendant was a faithful colored woman, Jane Jones, who had known her when she was prosperous. Rose Pitts was once the petted child of a fond and wealthy husband. He died some years ago of a broken heart, his friends say.
Rose was taken to a hospital. She will not recover, the doctor says.

Suicide Was Deliberate.

"I am tired of living. I am alone in the world and have nothing to live for," she wrote in a letter to her brother. She was found in a room in a room of a Kalamazoo hotel Saturday night and was found in a dying condition. She had made good the first part of her threat but had failed in the second part.
Mrs. Milham came to the hotel Saturday and registered from Otsego. This was at 12:30. She was not seen or heard from again until 12:30 Sunday, when a man named Richard Smith called at the hotel and inquired of the clerk for her. The door of her room was found locked and was forced open. The body of the woman was taken to her brother's home. It is stated that she cannot survive.

Three Dry Days.

Law is going to make a Sahara out of Michigan, with many an oasis, for three days in succession so far as the drought is concerned. It is said that drought is certain on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of the first week of September.

Remarkable Escape.

Edward Hanlon, aged 19 years, of Port Huron, had a miraculous escape from death Thursday afternoon, when he fell from an electric light pole, 30 feet, to the ground. He had grasped a wire and was hanging by his right hand. His hands were frightfully burned, the flesh peeling off to the bone. His left hand, the right hand had to be amputated at the hospital. He is in a serious condition, but will probably recover.

Blind, Penitent and Lost.

Blind and penitent Joseph Williams is missing from the county home at Menominee. His relatives fear that he has wandered off. He was rendered practically helpless after an accident, but for five years assisted in the family support by giving a Canadian woodsman and was hurt in the woods.

Cleveland reports four deaths from heat.

The city of Flint expected to lay about seven miles of new water mains this summer, but none will be laid until after the first of September, because of the rush of orders and have informed the city that no shipments will be made on or before that date.

The will of the late H. B. La Tourette, of Flint, was filed in the probate court Saturday.

The requests are as follows: \$2,000 to the Michigan State society of Fenton, \$1,000 and the Baptist church of Fenton, \$1,000.
A monument is being made by the Moore Marble works to mark the grave of the late Judge Isaac P. Christy.

Scarc Last Michigan Growers Are to Form a Trust.

Magnum & Lauer, importer and manufacturer of essential oils, and other growers of peppermint in the state of Michigan, are to form a trust, directing attention to a call for a meeting of the peppermint growers of Michigan, to be held at Kalamazoo, Mich., September 5, for the purpose of "fixing a minimum price for oil of peppermint, as well as for the import and export commerce. The letter says: "Being extensive buyers and exporters of this product, we take it to be our duty to call attention to the fact that five in respectfully asking you to take such measures as are in your power to bring about a uniform price for the product, and to further respect the rights of the growers of the United States for the district in which Kalamazoo is situated, be notified of the date of this meeting, September 5, next, and the place, the Kalamazoo house, Kalamazoo, Mich., so that they may take measures to attend the observation of the federal laws."

The firm also says that the value of American peppermint is estimated annually varies from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000. The letter of Secretary Loh calls attention to the committee to the attorney-general and asks that it be brought to the attention of the president.
The firm has also written to Attorney-General Bird, of Michigan, directing his attention to the matter. The American Society of Equity, familiarly known as the "Farmers' Trust," has also been notified of the firm's Alliance, with head offices in Indianapolis, is behind the effort to fix a minimum price for peppermint. The meeting was called by the president of the society, it will be distinctly understood by the members of the Alliance, with head offices in Indianapolis, is behind the effort to fix a minimum price for peppermint. The meeting was called by the president of the society, it will be distinctly understood by the members of the Alliance, with head offices in Indianapolis, is behind the effort to fix a minimum price for peppermint.

The Babe Was Killed.

While attempting to save the life of her 2-year-old child, Mrs. M. L. Levi, of Chicago, was badly injured, and her 8-month-old child, whom she was carrying in her arms, was killed. Mrs. Levi, with her husband and children, were resorting at Eastman Springs, near Chicago, when she was struck by a car. The child was killed on the spot. Mrs. Levi, who was carrying the child in her arms, was struck by the car and the child was killed on the spot. Mrs. Levi, who was carrying the child in her arms, was struck by the car and the child was killed on the spot.

Bathers Battered.

On the bathing beach, at Muskegon, before several hundred people, a jealous rival of her husband's attentions. The husband had been swimming in the water, and when she was carried in his arms to the shore, his wife was waiting to receive him. She then threw herself into the water and was carried out by the young woman's bathing suit had been nearly torn from her.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

William Colby's lumber mill on Thunder Bay river, burned, loss \$2,000.
The Camden and Northwick Grange fair will be held on the 14th grounds, from 12 to 18, including.
Wayne county's assessed valuation is increased from \$29,700,000 in 1901 to \$32,000,000 in 1916. The population figures on Wayne were \$35,000,000.
George A. Robertson, president of the Grand Trunk railway, was probably fatally injured by a bull while trying to drive it out of a field.
Paul Stone, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Stone of Kalamazoo, died at Borgess hospital from injuries received in a fall from a ladder Sunday.
Edwin Henson, a wealthy farmer, was killed by a horse on the farm near Ceresco, Monday, as the result of a severe fall sustained a short time ago. He was two sons and a daughter survive him.
Capt. Fox of Cadillac, was shot several times while standing in front of the Grand Trunk railway station, near Rapid, by some unknown person. Three bullets entered his neck and he was killed.

FALLING TREE CUTS OFF HEAD NEW RAILROAD LAW IN EFFECT

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Visible Supply of Cotton.

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TWO SPECIAL GRAND JURIES AT CHICAGO RETURN TEN TRUE BILLS FOR VIOLATION OF ELKINS LAW.
Chicago.—The first skirmish in the crusade of the government against the Standard Oil company to compel the business comply with the letter of the antitrust and monopoly laws was ended Monday afternoon when the two special grand juries returned ten indictments against the oil company, containing a total number of 6,428 counts.
In respect to the scope of the indictments the number of counts and the voluminous nature of the documents all records of the federal courts was broken and when the juries were discharged by Judge Heiber after three weeks of continuous work they had had satisfaction of knowing that they had hung a mark for future investigation.
The charges named in the indictments are violations of the Elkins antitrust law, which prohibits the accepting or granting of rebates on oil and other products. The fine as fixed by the Elkins law is not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$20,000 on each count. At this rate the maximum fine which might be imposed upon the Standard Oil company would aggregate \$128,560,000.
The railroads named in the indictments, but which for the present are not charged with guilt by a federal grand jury, are:
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago & Eastern Illinois, Evansville & Terre Haute, Illinois Central, Southern Railway, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern.
The ten indictments carry the name of the railroad involved and in the particular shipment alleged to have caused the illegal rebate.
Practically the ten form one big indictment, under which the minimum fine is \$100 on each count.

Launds at Bond Plea.
The Standard Oil company does not propose to resort to obstructive tactics and will not necessarily delay the hearing of the cases. It is ridiculous, however, to ask the Standard Oil company to give bond for its appearance in court. The company cannot run away. I have never heard of a corporation being compelled to give bail in a criminal prosecution.
The indictment is so broad that it expected any advance estimate of what the two grand juries have been doing in their secret sessions. It is declared to be apparent that the reports are but the beginnings of the government's battle against Standard Oil.

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FAVORS REFORM SPELLING

President indorses the Carnegie movement.
Orders Adoption of System in All Official Documents of the Government.

St. Paul, Minn.—President Roosevelt has indorsed the Carnegie spelling reform movement. He issued orders Friday to Public Printer Shillaber that hereafter all messages from the president sign in the new spelling. The Carnegie movement is a reform movement originating from the white house shall be printed in accordance with the recommendations of the spelling reform committee, headed by Brander Matthews, professor of English at Columbia university. This committee has published a list of 300 words in which the spelling is reformed.

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SAYS REDATES WERE PAID.

Standard Oil and Railroad Company Indicted in New York.
Jamestown, N. Y.—The federal grand jury investigating alleged fraud in the Elkins rebate law by the Standard Oil company, the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and the New York Central railroad company returned two indictments, one against the Standard Oil company, the other against the New York Central.

Premier's Daughter Not Killed.

St. Petersburg.—The daughter of Premier Stolypin, who was injured by the bomb explosion in the premier's study last Saturday and who is pronounced expected to have died, was still alive Sunday, having passed a quiet night under the effects of an operation. The premier's son, who also was hurt, is recovering.

Storm Damage at Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—Terrible storm prevailed in Kansas City and vicinity early Thursday. In Kansas City, 12 inches of water fell, a record for the time, three hours. In Low lying lands were flooded and the police and fire departments were called on to rescue persons from basements in Little Italy, in the north end of town, and in the east and west bottoms. Where the water entered many houses, the basements were flooded and goods damaged.

Respite for Mrs. Myers.

Kansas City, Mo.—Gov. Peck, of Jefferson City, Monday granted a respite to Mrs. Myers, who was sentenced to hang for the murder of her husband. A similar respite was granted in the case of Frank Hottel, who was sentenced to hang for the murder of Mrs. Myers' accomplice, now in jail at Kansas City. Both were previously sentenced to be hanged on September 2.

Retains Wrestling Honors.

Des Moines, Ia.—Frank Getch defended his title as champion catch-can wrestler of America last night by knocking out the challenger, Hjalmar Landin here Monday and won in straight falls. Both falls were won on toe holds.

Shaw to Stump Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo.—Secretary Shaw has accepted an invitation of the Republican state speakers' bureau to spend a week making campaign speeches in Missouri. He will speak at Hannibal September 17.

Was Member of Quetrell Band.

Oak Grove, Mo.—Capt. J. Frank Gregg, who for the first time in his life was in Gen. Joe Shelby's command, but who later was with Quetrell, the raider, died at Grain Valley, near here.

Root En Route to Valparaiso.

Washington.—Secretary Root is on his way to Valparaiso, Chile, to attend a conference of the World Bank. He will be accompanied by a delegation of American officials.

Krieger Bunk at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Ia.—The Deutscher Kriegerbund, a German patriotic organization, was disbanded last week and a new organization, followed by a resolution and loud cheers.