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Children's Library and the Home.
With the increased interest in the problem of children's reading, there arises a doubt which cannot very easily be dispelled. Despite the fact that the public library is the center of the state and is concentrating their efforts on the subject in a most commendable manner, their aims and purposes are as yet only half conceived; while the cultural value of reading for its own sake is being almost entirely ignored. We find the library doing school work and the teacher doing library work; and together it is looked upon as their regular duty to accomplish an amount of training which should be relegated to the regular province of the home. Let us not regard the matter in a sentimental fashion. The parent has a first indisputable right to mold the initial tastes of childhood, and it is because the parent has no larger voice in the matter that the situation that the library organization has been forced to step into the breach. In the school, reading has become stereotyped; it is necessarily prescribed, declares Montrose in the Outlook, and the child is not allowed to choose. It should remain unfettered, provided always that the open shelves are stocked in quality and not in quantity. But in order to reach any basis of personal influence, the library should have the cooperation of the home, which, unfortunately, it is not receiving.

New York city's board of education has ordered an investigation to determine whether or not it is advisable to return to the rule of corporal punishment. Since its abolition some time ago a majority of the principals report that they cannot maintain order and discipline without suspension proving entirely inadequate. Many members of the board believe a return to the old system which would permit a boy to be whipped is a dangerous retrogression, but they are not strong enough to prevent the board to inquire into the matter. It might be well to adopt the plan practiced by Judge Stubbs in the Indianapolis juvenile court, says the Star of that city, and give the parent an opportunity to pronounce his own verdict in the presence of the principal as an alternative to having the child dismissed from school. Most parents would probably prefer this method to a rule which would permit the teacher to whip a child, and discipline moral lessons in these days better than the fathers did, no doubt, but Solomon's wisdom has not all been proved unsound.

Chastity of Human Life.
The accomplishments of civilization are truly deadly. In a little less than three weeks, ending on August 31, 7,212,025 lines of Greater New York killed 42 persons and injured 5,500, of whom 147 were maimed for life or otherwise seriously injured. Out of this total 465 persons were injured in collisions with vehicles, 145 in collisions with street cars, 244 with street cars, 441 were injured in boarding cars, and no less than 1,263 injured in alighting from cars. It does not appear that the number for this period is all at unusual, as it comes to light through the fact that an official record by the city of such accidents has not been begun early in August. The astounding disclosures of the perils of daily life in the metropolis should certainly lead to a still further improvement of "modern improvements."

Phone to Every Six Persons.
In proportion to its size, Marquette has the largest telephone exchange in any other city in the state. One company has 1,400 instruments installed in residences, 2,000 in business places, and another has 400. This is a total of 1,800. The estimated population being 10,000, that means one telephone to every six persons in the community. With lighting rates the lowest in the state, the city of Marquette has a telephone exchange that hasn't its telephone and its electrical illumination. The lighting is carried by the water works, which is operated by water power.

Condema Divorce Laws.
The Michigan Baptists concluded their fourth day's session at Traverse City with the passing of resolutions condemning the divorce laws. A committee of Baptists were to marry divorced people unless they were restored to the church. The divorce law was passed in 1905. The demand for larger population and extended industries calling for steam. There was a retarded delivery of coal here last year, one of the excuses offered being that there was a shortage of coal. One evident lesson is that the coal miners should be kept busy all the time. It would mean a largely increased income for the coal-mining industry for a reasonably adequate supply for the consumer.

Banker Ingalls of Cincinnati foresees financial disaster growing out of the unusual extravagance of the people. There is no doubt about the extravagance, either. Look at the thousands of reckless persons who insist on having a fresh egg for breakfast several times a week.

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The new Siberian railroad is to cost an average of \$24,000 a mile. The Russians have not learned the American art of swelling the cost by capitalizing the expectation of future earnings.

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In parts of Missouri where frequent excavations have been made to rescue a mule team wagon, the driver and what he was "riding," the quantity of good roads is being suspiciously talked about.

THE CONSTITUTION TINKERS
ASSEMBLE AT THE
CAPITOL.

CARTON MADE PRESIDENT
The Organization Went Through as if Greased and the Body is Ready for Preliminary Work.

The constitutional convention assembled in Lansing Tuesday afternoon at 10 o'clock. The members of the assembly, all of whom were elected, were present. The convention opened, except for the election of the President, Secretary of State George A. Prescott was in the chair, and Charles S. Pierce, chairman of the house, took the first roll call.

Among those who saw the opening exercises were Mrs. Edward R. Merrill, field, of Lansing, and Mrs. Digby W. Boyd, of Detroit, who were present at the opening day of the convention fifty-seven years ago, when the present state constitution was created.

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Plans for taking the Pere Marquette railroad out of the hands of a receiver and allowing it to be operated by the state of Michigan were discussed at the meeting of the Michigan Baptists.

Minnie Lloyd, wife of Charles Lloyd, is under arrest in Lansing on a charge of assaulting her mother-in-law, who is 79 years old.

The U. of M. library is experimenting with fingerprint shelving, which may be used in the near future.

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MICHIGAN BRIEFS.
Fire of unknown origin damaged the "Hesperus" at Detroit, Mich., on Monday, August 10, 1908.

Joseph Stirling, aged 60, of Dorra, was run down and killed by a Lake Shore train while walking across the tracks.

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A. W. Burdick, driver for a creamery, was killed by a street car in Battle Creek, the highwayman overlooking a roll of bills.

Joe Bradshaw, of Cheboygan, a bricklayer, was struck by a freight train in the Scottville yards and lost his right leg below the knee.

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Legislature Adopts Amended Law Before Closing Special Session; Five Votes Against It.

ONE PRIMARY NEW FEATURE

Retains 40 Per Cent Clause and Provides Nomination of U. S. Senators' Upper House Abuses; Wanner, Returning Message.

WHAT THE SPECIAL SESSION HAS DONE.

PASSED THESE BILLS.

General primary bill, filed first Tuesday in September as general primary day.

Some Glaring Defects.

Primary Bill Fight.

Wayne Back to Caucus.

Found a Coal Mine.

Accused of Criminal Libel.

Girl Wins Typewriter Contest.

Harry Wood, aged 40, a prominent tailor, was killed, Carl S. Smith, teacher for the Welch Motor Car Co., got a broken leg while driving a motor car. Vaughn and Irving Welch were badly shaken up when their automobile overturned into a D. U. R. pole.

Grand Marlin, with a population of 500, is being situated on the northwestern shore of the northern peninsula, jutting into Lake Superior, on a point of land having a growth of timber.

Murder in Cadillac.

Girls Turn Back on Father.

THE MARKETS.

None of Cass's Funds.

Trouble on Lake Staters.

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Roosevelt Party Ats All the Game.
Cassie Chadwick's Mythical Hunt - Various Matters.

Plans for the tremendous effort that will be made by attorneys for the Standard Oil Co. to have the \$25,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis wiped out by the United States circuit court of appeals have been disclosed.

That the government attorneys failed to inform the defense of the Alford plea agreement.

That the Elkina act, under which the conviction was secured, was unconstitutional.

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