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Defense of Honest Wealth.

I care not a straw for the rich as such. My interest and sympathy are solely with general society and the common man. And, speaking as a representative of the people at large, I urge that the pride, idleness and doubtful practices of a few rich are no just cause for putting all rich men in pillory. The possession of wealth, however great, furnishes by itself no presumption against the owner's probity, writes President E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, in Leslie's Weekly. If a man can fraudlessly become possessor of ten thousand, he can, if he works on with the same zeal, skill and power, not only as easily, but more easily, secure a hundred thousand, two hundred thousand, five hundred thousand, a million, a hundred million dollars. Just here financial geniuses find opportunity. Now and again arises up amid the common throng of business men one with the ability to utilize to the uttermost that semi-automatic power to set and keep this hundred million earning with the same precision governing his first investment. He combines industry with industry and effects saving. He takes advantage of rivals' errors and hesitancy. If he becomes a billionaire you have no right to denounce any part of his fortune, save upon proof of fraud. The mere fact of his being so rich is naught but proof of his genius and his industry.

When You Put Latchkey in Your Door.

When you put the latchkey in the door of your home, drop your business or profession; drop all the things which have vexed and worried and nagged you during the day; drop everything disagreeable. Just say to yourself, "I will not allow these shadows in my home. This is a shrine too sacred for discord." Resolve that peace, harmony, contentment shall reign there. If you insist on worrying during the daytime, do not drag your worries home at night. Do not bring the black fiends which have destroyed your peace in the office into your home. Leave your cares and your troubles behind when you enter its doors. The habit which many married people have of talking their troubles over at night, and especially at the dinner table, is a most vicious one, declares Orison Swett Marden in Success Magazine. The dinner bell should be a signal for the happiest time of the day. Every member of the family should go to the table with smiles—each one should bring his best, brightest and most cheerful disposition. No one should be allowed to complain or relate his unfortunate experiences there. The assembling round the dinner table should be an occasion for fun and laughter—the enemies of indigestion.

There is some compensation in not being a king if a man can be a captain of industry or a retired diamond mine owner. There is too much ceremony about the job of king to suit the average mortal. Does royalty never get a chance to relax? The king not only must be every inch a king, but he must be a king every minute. Somebody whom he has never met, but who must have had a grim sense of humor, has prescribed etiquette for him which he must follow every waking minute. We fancy there is some formula which he must snore by also. Even when he travels incognito he has to send ahead a description of his clothes and the way he spells his name to the chiefs of police of the cities in which he expects to stop. No wonder the king of Spain took off his coat and threw it away when out hunting. The only wonder is that he did not throw a brick at the person who reproved him for it.

Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction of Illinois, has an original idea. He thinks that courtship should be taught in the public schools, in the interest of a knowledge of the practical affairs of life. He thinks great progress could be made by Miles Standish performing the parts of Priscilla, Miles Standish and John Alden, or by investigating the loverlike qualities of Enoch Arden. It may be doubted, however, whether there is any practical need of this. Most people manage to get through the difficulties of courtship without much instruction. The Illinois schools would probably get more benefit if the boys were given instruction in the great problem of how to be a grandfather gracefully.

A fashion authority says that the turquoise should be worn by a bashful girl, for it gives self-possession. Most girls, however, would prdobably prefer to wear the solitaire diamond which gives possession to some desirable young man.

Plenty of immigrants now going home to the old country in the steerage could pony up in a crisis to relieve a financial strain more real money than could a bunch of the four-flushers traveling first-class.

Now and then some alleged critic comes forward and complains that Americans are lacking in artistic sensibility. But even persons of this class are not foolish enough to say the Americans are lacking in good common horse sense, whether it may be applied to art, literature, science or the pursuit of the mighty dollar.

A year on the planet Mercury is only 28 days long. Climbing on the water wagon there would not be so infrequent a ceremony as it is on earth.

LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mrs. Joseph Bindle, aged 41, dropped dead of heart failure while shopping in a Jackson store.

Louis Solean, of South Rockwood, who was struck by a freight train, died of his injuries.

Postmaster A. R. McKinnon, of Shelby, was stricken with apoplexy in his office and is seriously ill.

Miss Sally Stuart, of Muskegon, has gone to the Isle of Pines, where she will manage a pineapple plantation.

Due to a mistake in signals the engine and coaches of Pere Marquette train No. 3 ran off the derail at Peacock.

Despondent over illness, Mrs. Chas. Gilbert, aged 59, of Battle Creek, drank half a pint of wood alcohol and died.

State Factory Inspector Lurella M. Burton says the recent increase in child labor in the factories is enormous.

Jacob Dalm, aged 16, of Holland, who lost both hands in a paper cutter in the Bryant mills, got judgment for $7,831.25.

Arthur Herrick, Emil Laroux and Bert Bellmore were arrested in Bay City charged with entering a store in the night time.

The six children of Mrs. Mary A. Folkmire, of Battle Creek, were given a verdict of $6,000 for her death by an M. U. R. car.

Mrs. Sarah E. Conant, aged 82, a member of the Coldwater Presbyterian church for 50 years, died as the result of a fall out of bed.

State Oil Inspector Neal's department inspected 3,500,000 gallons of oil in November and turned over $2,676 net profits to the state.

Denver Bates, aged 7, living near Walloon Lake, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle in the hands of a brother. James.

Old notes of the proposed Detroit-Bay City traction line are being paid by Detroiters, and it is believed the project has been revived.

Lansing and Saginaw police have put a stop to shooting sparrows in the city limits, considering the danger to human anatomy too great.

The body of T. J. Murray, an engineer and former resident, was brought to Jackson for burial from Wichita, Kas. He died on his engine of heart failure.

Fire which originated in the fur store of E. S. George, Detroit, Saturday morning, caused losses aggregating about $200,000. Two firemen were seriously hurt.

John W. Blodgett, member of the Republican national committee, engaged rooms for the Michigan delegation at the Auditorium Annex, close to Taft's headquarters.

While shooting at a cat Henry Windt, of Muskegon, missed the cat and hit his brother, the bullet passing through his left arm and lodging just in front of the hip bone.

The state military board took action Wednesday to make it necessary for the candidates for the U. S. N. G. to have to pass examinations, the same as those of the regular army.

The youngest stenographer to any statesman at the capital at Washington is Miss Edith Clarke of Muskegon, who is private stenographer to Congressman James C. McLaughlin.

Thorpe Chamberlain, a U. of M. engineer employed on the Panama canal, came 3,000 miles to spend Christmas with his parents, Prosecutor and Mrs. Dan T. Chamberlain, of Muskegon.

Thomas Hume, a wealthy citizen, presented a $30,000 printing outfit to the Muskegon public schools, to be used for fundamental training in typesetting and general newspaper work.

The Pere Marquette railroad has made defendant in a $200,000 damage suit brought by Mrs. Anna E. Smith, whose husband was killed near St. Joseph January 1, 1905, by being hit by a train.

Earl Ordway, a naval cadet, obtained a divorce from his wife, formerly Miss Helen Pickett, of Battle Creek. They met in New York and were married on the impulse, but separated three weeks later.

Fearing the spread of prohibition sentiment, the Brewers' association of the upper peninsula agreed to sell beer only to law-abiding saloonkeepers and will try to eradicate the "dives." They also raised prices.

Thomas St. Clair, accused of having blown the Birmingham postoffice safe, pleaded not guilty and says he will prove an alibi. The testimony of Robert Kenyon will be used in an attempt to break down the alibi.

M. U. R. employes would have been without funds for Christmas owing to the refusal of Battle Creek banks to cash their checks because deposits are made in Detroit. The company got currency for them from a Detroit bank.

James G. Cross, who shot and killed Blanche Phelps, aged 19, in a Jackson saloon, was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. The Phelps woman supported Cross and the shooting was the climax to a quarrel which separated them.

Colored men who rob women on the streets of Detroit seem to evade the active despite all efforts of the police. Holdups have been very numerous during the past few weeks. Saturday night five women were stopped and their shopping bags and money forcibly taken.

The graduating class of the Lake Odessa high school has prepared the following lines as an apology to their Latin study:

"All are dead who wrote it,
All are dead who spoke it,
All die who learn it.
Blessed death, they earn it."

A rough count of the census of Cuba was cabled to the war department by Gov. Magoon, showing the total population of the island to be 2,025,282.

The Republican state committee of Missouri indorsed Taft for the presidency.

William R. Coyne, a St. Louis politician, was convicted of perjury and sentenced to two years in prison.

William Bayard, M. D., LL. D., one of the oldest practicing physicians in the world, and the oldest graduate of Edinburgh university, died at his home in St. John, N. B., aged 94.

Sailor Blown Into River.

Port Huron.—Edward Brown, aged 24, a sailor, attempted to take off his overcoat in a rowboat while crossing the St. Clair river, seven miles below here, and was thrown into the river by a gust of wind. He drowned.

Build $30,000 Bridge.

Menominee.—Construction work on the new $30,000 railroad bridge across the Menominee river was started by the C., M. & St. Paul railway. It is expected that within two months the bridge will be open to traffic.

EATON COUNTY FARMERS LOSE ON THEIR SUGAR BEET CROP.

A WANDERER IDENTIFIED

Farmers' Institutes to Be Held in January—Various Matters Gathered Here and There About the State.

Eaton county farmers like Secretary Taft for he—enemies he has made among the beet sugar interests of the eighth congressional district. Ex-Sheriff Hallady raised five acres of beets, and when he got his season's report he found he owed the concern $5.61 and was also out the loss on the land, which the year before raised 600 bushels of corn and at considerable less expense and manual labor. Many other farmers report the same condition of things and the beet sugar acreage contracted in this section next year will show a big falling off.

Found the Wanderer.

The body of William Smith, who died in Saginaw a wanderer and was buried in potter's field, was disinterred and identified by his daughter, Miss Arminta Smith, who lives near Summerville, as that of her father. Becoming a victim of drink, Smith left home 26 years ago to avoid bringing disgrace upon his family, and six years later the family heard that he was dead. They read a description of him in an account of his death and it corresponded in many ways to that of the father and husband. The body will be transferred to the family burying ground.

Farmers' Institutes.

The state board of agriculture will hold the following county institutes in co-operation with the institute societies of the respective counties:

Gladwin county, Gladwin, January 7-8; Presque Isle county, Millersburg, January 9-10; Alpena county, Long Rapids, January 10-11; Alcona county, Harrisville, January 13-14; Iosco county, Whittemore, January 14-15; Arenac county, Standish, January 15; Clinton county, Shwardsville, January 14-15; Eaton county, Charlotte, January 15-16; Gratiot county, Ithaca, January 15-16; Isabella county, Mt. Pleasant, January 16-17; Clare county, Clare, January 17-18; Muskegon county, Casnovia, January 17-18.

One-day institutes will be held during the same period in the following counties: Allegan, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Gratiot, Huron, Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Lapeer, Mecosta, Midland, Montcalm, Newaygo, Saginaw, St. Clair, Sanilac and Tuscola.

The state round-up institute will be held at the Agricultural college February 25-26.

Two Hundred Descendants.

William Menhennett, a pioneer resident of Saginaw, died yesterday. He was 93 years old and leaves a widow and 23 children. Menhennett, who was an Englishman by birth, was employed in a mine when 20 years old. In an explosion he was blinded. He was engaged to be married at the time and his sweetheart refused to regard his affliction as an obstacle to their marriage. Rather than lose the privilege of severing the engagement. Though skilled surgeons later tried to bring back his sight, he never recovered it and he never saw any of his children. Among this sons are several mining men of wide reputation. One son, Fred, is an official in the Marquette prison. There are also more than 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mack's Mixup.

Pleading guilty to the larceny of a violin, George Mack, who is said to have wooed and wed several working girls, was fined in Bay City $30 and $36 costs, or 90 days in the Detroit house of correction. He was unable to raise the money and will take the time. Meanwhile the police will investigate the many mixups in his marital career, and if it is found that he has more than one wife a complaint will be made against him as soon as he is released. Prosecutor Charles Hitchcock is conducting the investigation.

Charged With Rebating.

Deputy United States Marshal Edward O'Donnell, of Grand Rapids, arrived in Detroit Thursday to serve warrants on the traffic manager of the Pere Marquette, against whom and the railroad 111 indictments have been returned to the federal court in the western district of Michigan.

The railroad is charged with granting rebates to two big manufacturing companies in the western part of the state.

William Barber, who was sentenced to the state penitentiary in Jackson in 1906 from Tuscola county for a term of two years for a statutory offense and who was paroled last July, has been returned to the penitentiary. He broke the conditions of his parole.

Much anxiety is felt by the relatives of Carl Scholtz, a 16-year-old boy from Amberg, a small village near Menominee, who disappeared suddenly two weeks ago. The boy was a passionate hunter and his father believes that he met with an accident while hunting. He has organized a searching party to scour the wood.

A suit which started in the circuit court at Bay City over the estate of the late William Woodmancey, has brought to light the fact that the wealthy lumberman had several small families at the time of his death. He is said to have deserted a wife in Bierytown, N. Y., another in Michigan whose name is unknown, another in Michigan in 1870 and another in Bay City who committed suicide six weeks after his death.

Because the M. U. R. is sending its cash receipts to Detroit all Battle Creek banks, for revenge, have agreed not to cash the pay checks drawn on these Detroit banks.

Monroe Store Entered.

Monroe.—Burglars broke into Albert Vetter's pool and billiard parlor and helped themselves to a large number of cigars and smokers' supplies. This is the second time inside of six months that the store has been entered.

Struck by Freight.

Rockwood.—Louis Solo, of South Rockwood, was struck by a freight train while on his way to work in Rockwood. His legs were mangled and one foot cut off. He was taken to his home, dying.

From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing.—Several members of the state senate are involved in a story of attempted boodling which has come to the ears of Gov. Warner, and the governor has gone to Chicago in quest of some documentary evidence. The story hinges on the passage by the last legislature of a bill establishing a binder twine plant in the state's prison at Jackson. A certain senator, so the story runs, took an agent for the International Harvester company to an upper room in a Lansing hotel and introduced him to another senator. The last senator, it is said, told the agent about the bill that had been introduced to put a binder twine plant in Jackson prison, and remarked that it would in a great measure curtail the business and profit of the harvester combine in Michigan. He told the agent that it would be much cheaper to have the bill killed, even if it took a considerable amount of money. The agent allowed that all the senator said was true, but didn't see his way clear to make the deal. However, he was enough interested to ask about how much the senator thought it would take to fix things, and was told, it is said, that $10,000 was about the sum, there being ten senators who would have to be "fixed." Four senators, it is rumored, finally got in the deal. They became impatient about the matter, not hearing from the harvester company, and went so far as to wire the company, not only once, but several times. The agent has exhibited the carefully worded telegrams as evidence, but so far has refused to let them pass out of his possession. So hungry did one of the senators get before the end of the session, it is said, that he followed the agent to another town, more than once, and urged him to put the deal through. But it was not until after the company wired: "We will not buy senators on any terms" that the senators quit and the bill to establish the binder-twine plant became a law.

Road Commissioner in Speech.

Railroad Commissioner C. L. Glasgow, in an address before the State Farmers' club, spoke on transportation as a benefit to the farmers in part as follows: "An examination of the last government census covering the period from 1890 to 1900 reveals the following facts: That down to 1880, or somewhere between that date and 1890, agriculture was the principal source of the income of the United States, but in 1900 it was found that the value of manufactured products had exceeded the agricultural product by over $1,000,000,000. It appears, however, that the per cent. of gain between 1890 and 1900 was in favor of agriculture. The report shows that the value of agricultural products in Michigan in 1890 was about $83,500,000 and in 1900 $146,500,000, or a gain of nearly $63,000,000, or over 74 per cent. I have just finished a most thorough inspection of the physical condition of the railroads of this state and am advised by the chief inspecting engineer of the department that they are in the best condition ever known. If you will travel by rail in other states you will agree with me that there is much in the railroad systems in this state to be proud of. They are an indispensable factor in the accomplishment of the purposes of our people, and if we reach and retain that position of commercial supremacy to which we aspire and believe we are entitled, divorced from the railroad interests and corporations is impossible, as the basis for all our prosperity, advancement and ultimate success is intelligent, progressive and prosperous farming communities."

Michigan Salt in High Repute.

Greatest in the history of Michigan salt manufacture has been the fiscal year, greater by more than 500,000 barrels than in 1905, when it was predicted Michigan had reached her limit of salt production. It was then declared that the industry would decline rapidly because the lumber mills would shortly vanish, the waste steam from the mills being used to pump and evaporate the brine. State Salt Inspector Emory's annual report is completed, and it shows 6,291,049 barrels inspected. A small quantity of salt was on hand in bins at the beginning of the year, so that the actual output of salt manufactured will be slightly less, but still over 500,000 barrels over the banner year, when 5,871,000 barrels were produced. Last year 5,644,559 barrels were manufactured, the slight decline being pointed to as proof that the industry will gradually play out. The increase was largely in the three biggest producing districts—Wayne, St. Clair and Manistee.

Warner Goes North.

Gov. Warner goes to Houghton with Adjt. Gen. McGurrin and Inspector General Wagner next Saturday to review the three companies of state militia, naval reserves and engineers. However, the general opinion is that he is trying to strengthen himself in the north.

Gov. Warner denied that he had been in Chicago for the purpose of securing telegrams alleged to have been sent by a certain senator to the International Harverster company to defeat the binder twine bill.

To Inspect Road.

Members of the state tax commission will inspect the Wisconsin and Michigan railroad preliminary to making the annual assessment, which must be ready by January 15. This road is one of the enterprises of John R. Walsh, of Chicago, and was assessed on a statement made for stock brokerage purposes, which is claimed to be erroneous. Prof. F. E. Cooley and Attorney General Bird have been over the road and both believe the present assessment of $1,500,000 is too high.

Work of the Convention.

Delegate Henry M. Campbell's argument against the constitutionality of the initiative has had the effect of stirring up things here to concert pitch, with the result that the consideration of the 20 per cent. proposal, which was reported was made a special order for January 7.

The committee on miscellaneous provisions gave a public hearing on the proposal of Delegate Adams, of Kent, authorizing the state to engage in the business of life insurance and fire insurance; also on the proposal of Rowe, of Kent, for old age insurance.

As expected, there was a clash in the state constitutional convention when the initiative and referendum matter was reported out by the committee on amendment and revision.

Delegate Gore, of Berrien, spoke at some length in favor of his proposal to have the office of supreme court elected by the people, for terms of four years, salary to be fixed by the legislature, all fees collected by the clerk to be paid into the state treasury.

The matter of redistricting the state into senatorial and representative districts was settled by requiring the first new apportionment in 1913, and every tenth year thereafter, the basis to be the preceding United States census.

Among the petitions received is one from the Twentieth Century club of Detroit for the Barbour, proposal, to elect members of school boards by the electors of the city at large; eight petitions from citizens of Detroit for the taxation of churches, the proceeds to go to the primary school fund; several favoring prohibition, and also to eliminate the word "male" from the provisions regarding suffrage.

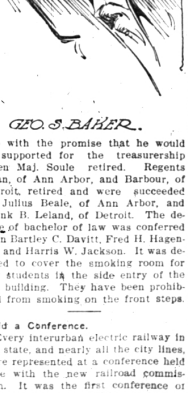
A communication signed by the entire membership of the convention was read, authorizing the secretary to apply five dollars from their salaries, to be divided among the clergy of Lansing assisting at the devotional exercises of the convention.

As passed by the committee of the whole the revised constitution will require that no bill shall be passed until it shall have been printed and in possession of each house setting there on for at least five days; nor shall any bill be so altered or amended on its passage through either house as to change its original purpose.

Among the important proposals on the special order is that regulating the liability of common carriers and public service corporations to employes.

Baker to Be Treasurer.

George S. Baker, formerly of Detroit, clerk in the office of the treasurer of the University of Michigan, was selected as treasurer by the board of regents to succeed Maj. Harrison Soule, who will retire February 1 after 23 years' service in the office. Regent Cary, of Manistee, was a candidate, but withdrew from the race for some reason. Baker came her four years



ago with the promise that he would be supported for the treasurership when Maj. Soule retired. Regents Dean, of Ann Arbor, and Barbour, of Detroit, retired and were succeeded by Julius Beale, of Ann Arbor, and Frank B. Leland, of Detroit. The degree of bachelor of law was conferred upon Bartley C. Davitt, Fred H. Hagenson and Harry Rickett. It was decided to cover the smoking room for law students in the side entry of the law building. They have been prohibited from smoking on the front steps.

A coroner's inquest was held in Cadillac over Melvin Thompson, the laborer and farmer, who died Tuesday. It was found that he met his death from injuries received at the hands of his stepdaughter, Pearl Harper, who struck her stepfather with a poker when the latter, alleged to have been under the influence of liquor, was found by the Harper girl beating her mother. Public sympathy there is with the girl, and Prosecutor Yearnel says that he is going to probe the matter and arrest of the girl will follow.

The first of nine locomotives built for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad Company by the Baldwin works of Philadelphia are of the latest type and are equipped with all modern devices. Six are designed especially for freight hauling. All of the engines are large and more powerful than any now in service on the system.

Three Grand Rapids boys were bitten by a dog last week, and although the officials are not certain as to whether the animal was suffering from hydrophobia, it is feared that rabies may result and the boys are being carefully watched by physicians.

GOLDFIELD.

Governor Predicts Bloodshed and "Urges That Troops Remain."

Gov. Sparks tells the people of Nevada that President Roosevelt has made a serious error in ordering the troops now at Goldfield to leave. He predicts that violence and bloodshed will follow closely upon their departure. The governor, who is sick in bed, says: "Throughout this whole controversy I have acted according to my best judgment. I believed from advices received from confidential agents in Goldfield that trouble was imminent in the mining camps. I know that dynamite had been stolen from the mines, that the miners were armed and prepared for trouble, and the picketing of mines and preventing men from working was damaging property. I was also advised that the sheriff and other civil authorities were unable to cope with the situation.

"I learned that there are over a thousand rifles in the possession of the miners and that the spirit of many of them is such as to warrant me in believing that these rifles would be used upon small pretext.

"While General Funston was there I conferred with him frequently. After he had made a thorough investigation, seeking information from all sources, he told me that it was his opinion that the troops had arrived none too soon."

SCRAP.

De Armond and John Sharp Williams Have An Encounter.

John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. de Armond, of Missouri, engaged in a fist fight over the passing of the lie on the floor of the house of representatives Thursday immediately after adjournment, at 2:21 p. m.

Williams struck the first blow and de Armond retaliated vigorously with clenched fists. When the combatants were separated blood was flowing down Williams' face from a small gash in the left cheek and his forehead was red and abraised. De Armond bore no mark of the fray.

The encounter was witnessed by more than 100 members of the house and by as many more persons in the galleries, among them a score of women.

The Dowagiac jail is crammed full of "professional tourists," nearly all the time. It is warm there. It has been proposed to buy a large supply of buckskaws and poles, and see if that won't lessen the number of homeless.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Extra dryfed steers and heifers, $4.75; steers and heifers, 900 to 1,200, $4@4.65; steers and heifers, 700 to 900, $3.50@4; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $3@3.50; choice fat cows, $3.25@3.50; good fat cows, $2.50@3; common cows, $2@2.50; canners, $1.50@2; choice heavy bulls, $3.25@3.50; fair to good bologna bulls, $2.75@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@2.75; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $2.50@2.75; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $2@2.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $2.50@3; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2.25@2.75; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@60; common milkers, $15@20.

Veal calves—Market steady at last week's prices; best, $7.25@7.75; others, $3.25@6.50; milch cows and springers, steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market, best lambs 15 to 25c higher at opening, other grades steady; best lambs, $6.25@6.50; fair to good lambs, $5.75@6; light to common lambs, $4@5; fair to good butcher sheep, $4@4.75; culls and common, $3@3.50.

Hogs—Market 50c lower than last week; range of prices, $4.40@4.50; butchers, $4.25@4.35; pigs, $4.25; light yorkers, $4.25; roughs, $3.75@4; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle—Best export steers, $5.20@5.50; best, 1,200 to 1,300-lb. steers, $4.85@5; best, 1,000 to 1,100-lb. $4@4.50; fat cows, $3.50@4.60; fair to good, $3@3.50; canners, $1.50@1.75; best fat heifers, $3.65@3.75; medium, $3.25@3.50; common, $2.40@2.60; best feeders, $3.75@4; best stockers, $2.50@2.75; export bulls, $4@4.25; bologna, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@3. Good fresh cows and forward springers sold steady; others dull; strictly choice, $45@50; good, $35@40; medium, $25@33; common, $20@23. Hogs—The market opened 15@20c lower and closed steady to strong with a fair clearance for all that got yarded in time. Pigs, $4.40; mixed and mediums, $4.60@4.65; yorkers, $4.60@4.65; pigs, $4.40@4.50; roughs, $4.10@4.25; stags, $3.25@3.50. Sheep—Market 25c lower; best lambs, $7.25; culls, $5; yearlings, $5.50@5.75; wethers, $5.75@6; ewes, $5@5.50; extra heavy, $5. Calves—Steady; best, $9@9.25; heavy, $4@4.50; grassers, $2.25@3.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—No 1 white, $1.02; No 2 red, spot, $1.02; December, opened at $1.02, sold up to $1.02, and closed where it started; January, opened and closed at $1.07, selling up meanwhile to $1.08 per bu.

Corn—No 3 mixed, 58c; No 3 yellow, 51¼c, by sample, 1 car at 54¼c per bu.

Oats—By sample, 1 car at 51½c, 1 car at 51c per bu.

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Rye—No 2, spot, 85c per bu.

Clover seed—Prime spot and December, $10; March, $10.15; by sample, 15 bags at $9.50, 24 at $9.25, 17 at $9, 7 at $8.25, and 1 at $8.50; Prime alsike, $9.50; by sample, 13 bags at $8.75, and 4 at $7.50 per bu.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, $2.10 per bu.

Beans—Spot, $2; December, $1.91; January, $1.91, all nominal.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending December 28, 1907.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c. Evenings, 25c, 15c, to 50c. CLAYTON WHITE & MARIE STUART, New Acts.

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—Matinees daily except Wednesday. 10c, 20c, 25c. McFADDEN'S FLATS.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Every Night. Mats. Sun., Wed., Sat. 15c, 25c, 50c. DREAM CITY.

LAFAYETTE—Matinees Sun., Tues., Thurs. and Sats. Prices 10c, 20c and 25c. All Matinees Except Sunday 25c. IN THE BISHOP'S CARRIAGE.

Hold a Conference.

Every interurban electric railway in the state, and nearly all the city lines, were represented at a conference held here with the new railroad commission. It was the first conference of the kind ever held and it was devoted to a discussion of rates, fares, signals, accidents, depot facilities and other matters of public concern. The electric managers on the subject of handling freight admitted that it costs more to haul freight by electricity than by steam and that they could not operate at the same rates.

Lifts Village Quarantine.

The isolation of Springport village on account of a smallpox epidemic as about all over. Adjoining townships had quarantined against the village and the situation was unpleasant when Secretary Shumway visited the place.

Will Meet in Lansing.

"Lansing in 1908." The threshermen of Michigan at their meeting in Masonic temple the other afternoon decided to hold the next annual convention in the capital city where the organization was launched.

STRAIGHTENING GLAZIER'S AFFAIRS

THREE MONTHS, OR MORE, BEFORE CHELSEA BANK CAN PAY DIVIDEND.

"LIKE HOUSE OF DEATH."

U. S. Marshal Serves Papers On Glazier, Who Is a Very Sick Man—The Receiver in Bankruptcy Files Bond.

It has been rumored that the Chelsea Savings bank would declare a dividend of 10 to 15 per cent within a few days. When asked regarding this rumor, Receiver W. W. Wedemeyer said:

"There is absolutely nothing to it. We cannot declare a dividend of any amount within three months, according to the laws of the state. Notice for the filing of creditors' claims must be published twelve successive weeks, which means thirteen weeks before any dividend can be declared. Even then we don't know that we will be able to declare one, as a large creditor may show up at the last minute. We are just as anxious to clear up the bank's affairs as the creditors, and everything will be done as speedily as possible.

"Henry Wickham, of Detroit, with the approval of the court, has been appointed by me as bookkeeper and accountant for the Chelsea Savings bank. He is to receive $100 a month. This will be paid out of the funds of the bank."

Asked as to whether Mr. Wickham was in the employ of the surety company, he said: "That I do not know, but he may be. His appointment was satisfactory to them and I am in accordance with the check that are paid. I am convinced that he is a capable man for the position and will prove satisfactory to those that have business with him."

It was a house of mourning which Deputy United States Marshal Casius P. Taylor entered at Chelsea when he served the papers on State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier in connection with the petition in involuntary bankruptcy filed in the United States court a few days ago. Service was not obtained on Mr. Glazier immediately, owing to the statement of Dr. Woods, Mr. Glazier's physician, that the state treasurer was not in condition to withstand the shock. Mr. Taylor made two trips to Chelsea before he secured service. The matter was arranged through the physician and Harold Glazier, son of Frank Glazier. The son informed his father of the nature of the deputy marshal's visit and the physician and Mr. Taylor entered the sick room. Mr. Taylor says Glazier plainly shows that he has been and is now very ill.

The Security Trust company has been appointed receiver in bankruptcy by Referee in Bankruptcy Davock and has filed a bond for $10,000.

Mr. Taylor said after his return from Chelsea, that he found the Glazier home like a house of death. Shades were down, the door bell muffled, the telephone disconnected and everyone in the house being a dazed state of the realization of a great calamity.

The bankruptcy petition was filed several days ago by Arthur E. Hall, Max H. Fitzsimmons and Aaron Gregg, each as assignee for one or more creditors. Fixel, as assignee for Timothy Hurley, of J. & P. Hurley, claims $263.96 for material delivered to the Glazier apartments on Jefferson avenue, and as assignee for Frank L. Davidson, of Chelsea, asks $16,20 for laying a cement sidewalk. Finkelston appears for Thomas M. Robinson, claiming $200 for cut stone work on an Ann Arbor building. Gregg, for Michael Dwyer, claims $69 for work done in October and November. The creditors refer to several alleged acts on the part of Glazier, chief among which was the transfering over of two pieces of property valued at $180,000 to the bank, evidently preferring the bank to other creditors.

Committee Positions.

House committees announced Thursday by Speaker Cannon places Michigan members as follows:

Denby, foreign affairs, militia, revision of laws; Diekema, judiciary, election of president, vice-president and representatives in congress; Fordney, ways and means, mines and mining; Gardner, appropriations, expenditures department commerce and labor; Darragh, postoffices and post roads; Hamilton, territories (chairman), insular affairs, library; Loud, naval affairs, education; McLaughlin, agriculture, expenditures on public buildings; McMorran, manufactures (chairman), banking and currency; Smith, District of Columbia (chairman), invalid pensions; Townsend, interstate and foreign commerce; Young, rivers and harbors and military affairs.

MICHIGAN BRIEFS.

Nine cattle were killed by a Michigan Central train near Ceresco Tuesday night.

Bay City and Carrolton sugar beet factories paid $500,000 to farmers for October deliveries.

Charles Snyder, aged 20, who broke jail four years ago, after being sentenced to Ionia for robbery, was brought back to Jackson. He robbed the postoffice of Aberdeen, S. D., and was caught by officers, who fired a bullet through his hat.

The Michigan Bee Keepers' association voted to affiliate with the national association and to hold the next meeting in Detroit. Officers elected were: President, L. A. Aspinwall, Jackson; vice-president, E. D. Townsend, Remus; secretary and treasurer, Elmer M. Hunt, Lansing.

The members of the Dowagiac fire department have handed in their resignations to take effect immediately unless conditions at the engine house are bettered.

Thirty-five prominent railroad men discussed freight traffic matters with the railroad commission. No important decisions were reached.

"Unfair" and "We Don't Patronize" lists used by the American Federation of Labor in its warfare against open shop employes were declared unlawful and their further publication enjoined so far as the Buck's Stove and Range company of St. Louis is concerned, by Justice Gould of the court of equity of the District of Columbia.

A decision was handed down in the St. Louis court of appeals against Miss Lillie Belle Pierce, who had claim to the $300,000 estate of the late Luther E. Imboden as his widow.

Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, died at Glasgow, aged 83 years.