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Impure Air.

The importance of ventilation and of a constant supply of fresh air in living-rooms and wherever man abides, whether sleeping or waking, has often been mentioned in these columns. Without air life is impossible, and unless that air be moderately pure, health cannot be maintained, although it is astonishing, and a proof of the wonderful adaptation of living beings to their environment, to note how great an amount of impure air can be endured with seeming impunity. There are two forms of impurity in the air—gaseous and solid. The gases, those resulting from the exhalations from the lungs, and in city houses from the little, unnoticed leaks from the gas-pipes and from defective plumbing, are the most injurious. For the removal of these, says New York Weekly, free ventilation from open winodws and open fireplaces is most efficacious, but it is of little service in the removal of the other kind of impurity; that is to say, the solid particles of matter—dust—which are always floating in the air of houses as well as in that of the streets. A beam of sunlight entering through a half-closed shutter makes visible this dust, and as one looks with startled eyes on the beam, which lights up the floating particles, the wonder grows that the lungs are not made solid by this stream of dust inhaled with every breath. Fortunately, the nose and the moist lining of the air-tubes are designed to filter the air by arresting these particles before they can enter the delicate air-chambers of the lungs. They do their work well, but not perfectly, and the greater the amount of dust the more they fail in their functions.

Margin Between Success and Failure.

The forces that play upon business are too vast and complicated for any mortal to grasp. No doubt there is a law in them, but its arc sweeps far beyond merely human ken. When John W. Gates says that all he asks is to be right in 51 cases out of a hundred, he indicates the common experience. To succeed in business, says Will Payne in Everybody's, is not in the least to know what to-morrow's conditions are going to be. If it were, there would be no successes, for nobody can do that. It is to see the condition as it actually arises and to move with it courageously. Sometimes you can't move fast enough. Your foot is caught in the frog. Then the incident of failure occurs. In the case of a good business man that means simply that this particular one of the forty-odd times when he was wrong happened to be especially important. His actual business ability may be vastly superior to that of a host of men who never failed.

In the House of Commons.

There are five different forms of address used by members in speaking when referring to other members. A plain mister is an "honorable member;" a privy councilor is "the right honorable member;" a naval or military man is gallant as well as honorable; a lawyer is "learned and honorable," and the younger son of a peer, who bears a courtesy title but is a commoner, is "the noble lord." It is bad form not to use the precise mode of address, which is frequently embarrassing for the new member. A. Maurice Low tells in Appleton's of a former leader of the house, popularly supposed to have been the original of Gilbert's "Rulef of the Queen's Navee," W. H. Smith, who made a fortune selling books and newspapers and was a very simple and delightful old gentleman, who was once addressed as "the right honorable and learned." "Oh, no, not learned," he modestly interrupted.

The Poor Rich Boy.

Instead of sympathy for the chanceless poor boy, we should rather pity the rich boy. What opportunity has he to become more than an ornament or a mere owner? As Riley makes the old Hoosier say: "What's more pathetiker than just a-being rich?" Out of sheer humanity something ought to be done for the boy whose father has money. Genius is not confined to poor and humble birth, says the New York Globe. It should be possible for the chap whose mother wore a diamond sunburst really to rise in the world. The cottage and the cabin have become too arrogant—brown-stone fronts also have their rights. Fie on a civilization that opens the door of opportunity only to the fortunate poor!

The convict cobbler Voigt, whose exploit as a counterfeit captain at Koepenick set the world laughing, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment for his escapade. At the trial the courtroom was crowded with distinguished officials, army officers, jurists and fashionable women. Voigt conducted his own case with self-possession and skill. He declared that his raid on the town treasury was primarily for the purpose of securing a passport with which he could leave Germany.

Peary is willing to go after the North Pole again, and his chief backer is willing to help him. But if he gets there, what good will the discovery do the world? Now if it would only break up the ice trust we might be glad to hang our hat on the mysterious perch, says Boston Budget.

The national woman whist champion has renounced the championship by denouncing card playing as a sin. This is a notable example for all sinners who champion their own failings.

GENERAL ALGER'S FUNERAL

Simple Service at the Home, Monday, Followed by Burial With Military Honors, Closed an Honorable Career.

The body of the late Senator Alger arrived in Detroit from Washington Sunday morning and was escorted to the Detroit city hall. Headed by 16 mounted patrolmen, under command of Capt. Spillane, the funeral cortege left the depot shortly after 10 o'clock, marching to Chopin's funeral march played by Green's band, Detroit post No. 384, G. A. R., was followed by Farquhar post No. 162; Michigan post No. 393; O. M. Poe post No. 433; Military Order Loyal Legion, U. S. Grant command, United Veterans' association, R. A. Alger camp No. 11, National League of Veterans and Sons; H. S. Pingree camp No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans; Gen. H. M. Duffield camp No. 9, U. S. W. V.; Detroit camp, U. S. W. V.; Gilbert Wilkes camp, Army of the Philippines association; Michigan Association of Naval War Veterans, and Fairbanks post No. 17, G. A. R.

When the hearse with its escort arrived at the city hall the Bagley fountain was surrounded by several hundred people, while both the north and south sides of Fort street were lined with dense crowds.

As the cortege neared the south entrance to the city hall, Co. G, Seventh United States regular infantry, from Fort Wayne, under command of Capt. Thomas McA. Anderson, and Lieuts. J. Fulmer and J. C. Moore, presented arms while the company buglers sounded "The general." The bell in the city hall tower was slowly tolled as the committees from the United States senate and the house of representatives formed near the entrance, and the casket was borne to the bier that had been prepared in the main corridor.

Twenty thousand or more people passed before the bier while the body lay in state. In two long well-ordered lines, the throng moved through the crepe-draped corridor of the hall. There were seldom less than 80 persons a minute and often 100 a minute passing. This multitude included men and women from all ranks of life. The millionaire touched elbows with the laborer in humble industries. The workingman was there. So was the working girl, the fireman, the policeman, the well-to-do middle class, and, now and then, a group of newsboys.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, with brief services in the family mansion, 150 Fort street west, attended by all the federal, state, county, municipal, business and social friends and companions of Gen. Alger, the services conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. E. H. Pence, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. D. M. Cooper, one of the oldest Detroit friends of the dead man.

There was a general cessation of business throughout the city during the hours of the funeral, and the principal streets presented a Sunday aspect, with doors of stores closed and shades drawn, but with crowds thronging the streets. There were variations in the closing hours, some closing from 1:30 to 3:30, some from 2 to 4, and some for the entire afternoon, but all business places of importance were closed for some of the time. The banks could not lock their doors, as paper falling due had to be looked after, but the necessary business was conducted as quietly as possible to the regular 2:30 closing hour.

When the casket was brought down the steps from the home and placed in the hearse, thousands of people stood around the corner and down Fort street towards the Campus, and all along the line of march.

At the head of the funeral cortege marched the First regiment band discoursing the slow, mournful strains of a dead march. Behind, and mounted came Lieut.-Gov. Kelley and the governor's staff officers. Gov. Warner was still too ill to attend the funeral.

The First regiment, under the command of Col. John P. Kirk, of Ypsilanti, followed, the regulars of the Seventh U. S. infantry from Fort Wayne under command of Lieut.-Col. C. A. Booth coming next.

Immediately back of the soldiers came the honorary pallbearers. The clergy, Revs. E. H. Pence and D. M. Cooper, who officiated at the service at the house, were next and the active pallbearers from the Spanish War Veterans, Senior Vice Commander Henry M. Pusch, Department Quartermaster George A. Dick, Junior Department Commander Edwin B. Nall, Commander Louis H. Funks, of Hazen S. Pingree camp; Commander John Fehey, Gen. Duffield camp; Commander Thos. L. Cowherd, Detroit camp; Past Commander John Considine, Detroit camp; Charles F. Haverman, Gilbert Wilkes camp; were immediately ahead of the hearse.

The "led horse" with the empty saddle followed close behind the great hearse, and the family and close friends came next in carriages. The senate committee, Senators Scott Warren, Burrows and Dolliver, and the house committee of Reps. William Alden Smith, Denby, Gardner, McMorran, Loud, Fordney, Bishop and Sam Smith of Michigan, and Smyser of Ohio, and Burton of Delaware, followed.

The federal judiciary and officials headed by Judge Swan and Collector Whelan, came next, and the Wayne county judiciary, headed by Judges Rohnert, Donovan, Brooke, Murphy, Hosmer and Mandell, and Prosecutor Robison followed with the city officials behind. Mayor Thompson headed the civic delegation, which consisted of Police Commissioner Smith, Park Commissioner Breitmeyer, D. P. W. Commissioner Haarer, representatives from the light, poor and fire commissions and city departments and the aldermen.

Department Commander Griswold, of the G. A. R., and past commanders of the various posts, together with the commanders and past commanders of the Loyal Legion followed, the officers and members of Corinthian lodge No. 241, F. & A. M., and citizens in carriages.

Before the Alger vault Fairbanks post, No. 17, G. A. R., the oldest Detroit post, of which Gen. Alger was a charter member, were assembled under Commander R. E. Thayer and attended by Chaplain McWilliams. Maj. Elderkin, the veteran of three wars, was there, the bugler of Chapultepec. Drummer Deming was also present. Here another large crowd had gathered.

Chaplain McWilliams led in the responsive ritual of the G. A. R., passages of Scripture recited alternately by the chaplain, the commander, the senior and junior vice commanders. Then the commitment prayer was recited by Chaplain McWilliams, and then bugle and drum "taps" were sounded over the silent cemetery and the hushed crowd.

The flock of 400 sheep of Corwin Skidmore, in Tyrone township, is being devastated by some mysterious disease.

Willard Robb, pinioned under the wreck on the Lake Shore at Riga Sunday night, prevented a possible loss of life by deterring a passenger from striking a match. The coach was filled with gas, which would have exploded.

It is estimated that the loss in the collision between two Michigan Central freight trains at Tekonsha early Wednesday was $300,000. Fireman Edward Blackburn, who was killed, is survived by a widow and five children.

George Dwyer, of Muskegon, was removing some decorations from Arbeiter hall when he fell from a stepladder and broke his leg. It was more than three hours before help came, as he was at the top of a business block and his cries did not come to the ears of persons in the building.

The Michigan Co. produced 72,000,000 pounds of sugar in the campaign just closed. Its factories are located at Alma, Bay City, Carrollton, Caro, Sebewaing and Croswell. Last year's acreage and production was the largest in the history of the state, and an increased acreage is being contracted for.

The majority of men have no hesitation in assuming their ideas in politics to be absolutely correct.

Clarence Mendenhall, a negro, who was committed to the Kalamazoo asylum, when he became insane through the hallucination that he was wanted for a serious crime, will be returned to his home in Verbena, O.

Brig.-Gen. Carl A. Wagner has delivered to the war curio hall authorities at Washington the Hilltop trophy, won by the Michigan State Rifle team in a national competition in 1881 over a large field of competitors. Michigan never won another trophy for marksmanship.

Michael Jones, a well-known Ada farmer, after finishing his work Friday night, staggered into the house fell into a chair and before his wife and sons could remove him to bed died from heart failure. Jones leaves a widow and a large family of children.

"I've had a promotion. I'm dictating now insted of taking dictation," wrote Miss Myrtle Leonard, a 20-year-old stenographer, to her parents in Battle Creek. She was married without their knowledge in Chicago to Arden Leach. Bride and groom are 20 years of age.

MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

INDETERMINATE SENTENCE LAW DOES NOT SUIT PRISONERS.

RAISE FUND FOR REPEAL.

Likely to Enliven Interest in the Bill for Repeal—Italian's Story of Being Robbed in Kalamazoo.

Convicts Raise Money.

In one of the Michigan prisons there are a number of professional criminals who propose to attempt to secure the repeal of the indeterminate sentence law of the state. The bunch will not appear in person to present their objections to the legislature, but have raised a fund with which to conduct the fight. The amount of the lobby fund is no mean sum either, and it is probable, during the session, evidences of the attack will appear.

In view of the fact that a bill to repeal the law is now before the house, the convicts' plan is of much interest. The bill was introduced by Representative H. W. Newkirk, of Ann Arbor. He, of course, is not acting on behalf of the criminals, but because of his own and his friends' objections to the system which the law provides. Among some of the circuit judges of the state and others there is keen opposition to indeterminate sentences. There will undoubtedly be a sharp struggle for the repeal of the law and in view of the convicts joining in the move, the matter may take on sensational features later.

Was Robbed.

Joseph Corridano, an Italian, who says he is on his way to San Francisco to start an Italian newspaper, was found in the gutter in Kalamazoo late Saturday night in a dazed condition.

The man, who is well dressed and shows the polish of a gentleman, says that he has been robbed of 5,000 francs ($1,250 in American money), a valuable watch and chain, and some personal papers of value.

Corridano says that he was educated as a lawyer in Palermo, and practiced for several years in London. As he was about to take the train in New York for the west he says he met a man named Louis and they were joined by a third man. He confided to them his plans. Continuing he says:

"We were companions all the way here, and when we had become quite friendly he asked me to stop off at Chicago and spend a few days with him at his home. I declined, but he pressed me so hard that I finally consented. Taking a carriage the parties rode to some house where Louis knocked and a woman answered the door and he kissed her and introduced her as his wife.

"We turned to the right and went into a room, pleasant and well-lighted where we talked of Boston, New York and Italy.

"After we had talked a while, Louie and his wife left the room to get some wine. I was asked to have a glass and accepted.

"I do not remember anything after drinking the wine until I awoke in the gutter, feeling sick and weak. I still feel the effects of that 'wine.'"

Killed the Motorman.

Motorman Harry Rivers was instantly killed in Bay City Monday morning when his car was struck by a Detroit & Mackinac passenger train. The electric car was toppled over and fell upside down. Mrs. John Corver, wife of a miner, suffered a badly cut face. The only other passenger, Henry Brunner, who was in the vestibule with the motorman, escaped by jumping. Conductor Small says that when he ran ahead to scan the railroad track Motorman Rivers failed to stop his car.

Ground to Death.

Missing his footing as he attempted to swing upon a passenger coach, Joseph Pfau, aged 27, night yard conductor, fell and was cut to pieces in Kalamazoo Monday morning. His screams alarmed other trainmen. He breathed his last as he was dragged from beneath the cars. Edward Whitmore, a laborer, was killed at the same spot at almost the same hour exactly one month ago.

Wayne's Good Roads.

By a decision handed down by Judges Mandell, Brooke and Murphy in Detroit the county road tax law, in its application to Wayne county, has been declared unconstitutional and the tax itself illegal. The status of the measure in any county outside of Wayne is not disturbed, the features that make it unable to stand being lacking elsewhere.

Workman Electrocuted.

Charles N. Geddes, aged 42, was electrocuted Monday morning in a Battle Creek factory. He was engaged in inserting a fuse, and received a charge of 800 volts. He was unconscious, and probably dead when found, but was hurried to the office of a physician, who pronounced him dead. Geddes had no family.

Muskegon chamber of commerce is going to make a try for the trade of resorters this summer.

Offended at the odor of the limburger cheese which he was eating for his lunch, a number of inmates of the Marinette jail set upon a fellow prisoner and gave him a bad beating.

Edward Killian, a Lansing prohibitionist, is against the big cigar factory which Lansing is trying to land. He says it's a bad thing for the boys and girls who will work in it.

Miss Nettie Reese, of Port Huron, collapsed on her way home from a masquerade party and the three physicians who worked for nearly four hours to restore her to consciousness attribute her condition to over-exertion at the dance.

With no fire in his home for several days, Ben Streeter, aged 61, of Port Huron, was found dying. His condition is due to exhaustion from the cold.

The Grand Trunk has protested against the increased assessment of its branch lines, the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line and the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee.

William McCarty, stable keeper, was burned to death along with five horses in a fire that destroyed Steele & Potvin's livery barn in Muskegon. Five horses were literally dragged out of the barn. Loss, $1,500; fully insured.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Alfred Watkins voluntarily told the Lansing police that he had stolen a watch in Jackson, and the authorities there confirmed his story.

Machine shops and roundhouses are to be built in Benton Harbor, the Pere Marquette having removed its freight division from New Buffalo.

Port Huron ranks fifth in the amount of wages paid daily to its factory employes. This is the report of the state labor commissioner.

Standish sportsmen oppose the bill introduced by Rep. McCarthy to prohibit the killing of deer, partridge and quail in Arenac county for five years.

L. B. Carpenter, representative of the Standard Oil Co. in Standish, has gone to Ann Arbor to receive the Pasteur treatment. He was bitten by a dog.

To put Van Buren county officers on a salary basis is said to be favored by a committee of supervisors which is investigating the county offices. County expenses are too heavy.

A movement is on foot to form an association for the protection of fish in the lakes of Genesee county. Long lake, the mecca of many resorters, will be watched at once by a special deputy.

George Swisher, while operating an over-shot planer in the Buchanan cabinet works, had the iris of one eye cut by a splinter as clean as if it had been done by a knife. It cost him his sight.

The day of the big wind in Pontiac Luke Shattuck's buggy was swept up by the zephyr and placed on the back of his horse. Shattuck fell out of the carriage when it was elevated, but was not hurt.

A quiet but effective effort at forming unions for the American Society of Equity is progressing in Michigan. The "farm trust," as it is called hopes eventually to control the selling price of many farm products.

Eight Coldwater families have had cases of smallpox this month. There have been no deaths, but William Burch and Sam Ruff are in a critical condition, and have been removed to the city smallpox hospital.

"I want to die with an empty stomach," Bergan D. Christopher, a Summit township farmer, said when stricken with the illness which caused his death. For the week previous to his death he refused to eat anything.

A teacher famine is on at Lansing. The school board has been almost at its wits' end to keep a complete staff, and in case of sickness of regular teachers, has been forced to go out of the state for substitutes.

The Michigan Alkali Co., of Alpena will install a 250-ton crusher which will have a capacity of 3,000 tons of crushed stone a day. The company will also put up a new steel and cement building 52x52 feet.

Some Cleveland capitalists are considering building an electric line from Negaunee to Marquette. The disposition of the plan depends a good deal on the attitude of the owners of the property along the proposed right of way.

Mrs. Boutts, of Charlotte, whose husband was slain three years ago, has been granted an allowance of $1 a week by the superintendents of the poor. She has four children, one of whom was born after her husband's death.

Albert Henning and L. T. Hoover, of Whittaker, and two men from Detroit were hunting rabbits Sunday with a ferret. Someone tipped them off to Deputy Game Warden Rohn, of Rawsonville, and he came over and arrested them.

Electrocution, not apoplexy, was the cause of the death of F. W. Kane, a Port Huron molder who was found dead at his work. A postmortem revealed this. He was using an incandescent light. His arm was badly burned.

Although he is in his 81st year Elijah Clapp, of Battle Creek, works daily at the forge. He shoes horses and attends to other duties. At one time he employed 50 men in the wagon making trade, but was unsuccessful in business.

Rep. C. H. Waters will introduce in the legislature a bill to amend Saginaw's charter, "to prohibit absolutely the further mining or taking out of coal from under public streets, avenues, parks and public property of the city and state."

College students were not able to alight from a Lansing street car as promptly as they desired Friday night, and many went out through windows, breaking several. The vestibule of the car was badly damaged by students who were in a hurry to reach the theater.

Bert Desmond, a Port Huron bartender at the Hotel St. Cloud, and a friend were having an argument when the latter picked up a glass which he thought contained water and dashed the liquor into Desmond's face. It was carbolic acid and Desmond will probably lose his sight.

The Spalding Lumber Co. has transferred to the Oliver Mining Co. 75,000 acres of woodland, 60,000 acres of which are located in Menominee county. This is said to be the largest single transfer of land made in northern Michigan. The consideration in the deed is $129,000. The transfer will mean a boom for some of the smaller towns in the northern part of Menominee county.

Roy Campbell, who had been missing from his home in Detroit for a week, was arrested at a Sarnia hotel and held until the arrival of his father. Roy wrote a letter home that he had died from an operation and the news nearly prostrated his mother.

The officers who recently arrested Fred. Black, of Goodells, on a charge of counterfeiting, are not satisfied that they have broken up the gang, and other arrests are expected. It is said that Black and his friends have had no visible means of support for two years.

F. W. Pierce's three-story building in Owosso was unroofed Saturday night.

Harry N. Ferris, son of D. R. Ferris, of Marquette, has been drowned in the Philippines. He went to the islands last April and was employed in the American schools founded for the benefit of the natives. No particulars of the accident were revealed in the cable message.

Richard Block has been arrested in Freesoil township and has been held for trial in April on the charge of burning a barn in Grant township last August. Block ran a threshing machine outfit, and on the night the barn in question was burned the threshing outfit of a rival thresher was in the building and, with it, was destroyed.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

Sims Favors the President.

Representative Sims, of Tennessee, wants to get squarely on record in favor of the president for his action in dismissing three companies of the 25th infantry from the military service of the United States. He said in the lower branch of congress that by a unanimous vote of the Tennessee legislature the president's course was indorsed, and he had therefore introduced a joint resolution, commending the president in his position. He said the resolution had been referred to the military affairs committee which, he believed, would act upon the resolution. If not, he would ask that the committee be discharged, and he would bring the whole matter before the house for discussion.

"The action of the president was not taken," asserted Mr. Sims, "as a matter of punishment, but as a matter of discipline." He said he had no patience with the statement that ten guilty men should escape rather than one innocent man should suffer [illegible]

Need Food and Fuel.

Conditions arising from a shortage of fuel and of food supplies continue to be bad in portions of North Dakota, according to dispatches received at the interstate commerce commission. At the same time other dispatches show the railroads are bending their efforts to reach the places suffering from the want of these necessities of life.

Mayor James P. Dougherty, of Park River, N. D., complains that the Great Northern railroad is not making any effort to move trains over the lines reaching there. The city is entirely out of coal. There has been no mail for six days. The weather is fine. Prompt action, the mayor urges, should be taken to compel the delivery of fuel and mail.

A dispatch from Sherwood, N. D., dated January 25, says the place is entirely without fuel of any kind. Three cars of coal for Sherwood, it is asserted, were confiscated at Mohawk. There has been no train for a week. Provisions are low and the situation is reported to be alarming.

Illness of the Pope.

It developed that following the audience which his holiness granted to Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, the pontiff was stricken with a fainting spell which made it necessary for him to have medical attendance. The condition of his health is causing considerable worry to the Vatican attendants, but he declines to see a physician unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

The French clerical troubles have greatly preyed upon his mind, with the result that he refuses to eat at times and in fact, he confessed to his physician lately that he eats but one meal a day.

When the doctor remonstrated with him, he replied haughtily:

"I assure you if I ate once a week in every way I would be and feel as energetic a leader as the Roman Catholic church requires."

Starving China.

It is the unanimous opinion of both Chinese and foreign observers that the famine conditions in China have not yet reached their worst stage. The months of February and March will unquestionably see more suffering than exists at present. United States Consul-General Rodgers at Shanghai reports that inquiry made through private but reliable sources indicates that the famine, by March 1, will be as serious and perhaps more so than that of 1878, in which 10,000,000 are estimated to have perished.

Consul Haynes at Nankin declares that whatever aid may be extended by the United States in the present crisis will do much to dispel the ill-feeling aroused by the boycott, the exclusion act, etc.

Fears Speculation.

Premier Saionji, addressing a meeting of influential business men from several cities, repeated the warning recently given by Finance Minister Sakatani against the fever for speculation now prevailing in Japan.

The premier affirmed that beyond all question the country is at present on a high wave of prosperity on account of its great foreign trade, the excess of exports over imports and its general industrial activity, but he added that both he, himself, and his colleagues feel some anxiety and begged the business men to accept the responsibility of restoring and maintaining a wholesome tone in commerce and manufacturing.

Swettenham Apologizes.

The international phase of the Kingston incident has been finally closed by Swettenham formally withdrawing his letter to Rear Admiral Davis and expressing his regret for having written it. Secretary Taft has received the following cablegram from Gov. Swettenham, of Jamaica:

"Most grateful thanks for supply of tents just arrived from Cuba in charge of Capt. Battle, U. S. A. Service most highly appreciated."

These are the 100 tents offered Swettenham by Rear Admiral Davis, but refused.

There was a severe earthquake shock at Kingston Monday, but it seems to have done no damage.

The electric light service was cut off in Monroe Sunday night.

Miss Anna E. Lattin, 19 years of age, died at her home in Eureka, Cal., recently following an operation for appendicitis. A brother and sister of Miss Lattin reside in Battle Creek.

Hog cholera, which has been prevailing in Rockwood and vicinity, has apparently lost its hold. The farmers think the present cold weather is a big help toward checking the disease.

Port Huron bread dealers must take out licenses after March 1, and after that date the sealer of weights and measures tells that he will insist on loaves being up to the standard weight.

A. E. Stevenson, former state fair manager, has been elected president of the State Farmers' Institute for St. Clair county. He will have complete charge of next year's program.

Muskrat suppers are becoming so popular that they are bringing many buyers of the meat and hides to Rockwood. The marshes abound with them. One trapper caught 600 in November and December.

Broken-hearted over her son's awful deed, the mother of Edward F. Brassam, who resides at Saginaw, sent him a message that she is praying for him. The murderer broke down when he received it. He is despondent.

New Bills.

Rep. Murphy, of Missouri, introduced a bill in the house Saturday prohibiting any insurance company not chartered by the United States or some state of the Union from using the United States mails.

Senator Hale Saturday in the senate called up his resolution directing the secretary of the navy to investigate whether importunities of naval officers and friends in favor of the naval personnel bill is in violation of executive orders and regulations prohibiting such activity. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on naval affairs.

Rep. Coudrey, of Missouri, introduced a bill in the house Saturday which obviates the necessity of reapplication by a pensioner who is on the roll under the order of the president regarding disability and who is entitled to the increase by reason of reaching the age of 65 or 70, as the case may be. The bill makes this increase automatic.

The Thaw Case.

[illegible] a tiny note which Thaw is said to have intercepted while it was being passed by Stanford White to Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in the Cafe Martin four hours before the tragedy at Madison Square Garden.

Witnesses for the defense will state that Harry Thaw learned through this note that Stanford White was still seeking to renew relationship with Evelyn despite a pledge that he would not do so. It will be developed that Thaw had exacted a promise from White not to annoy her with his attentions and his counsel will endeavor to show that when Thaw had learned of White's alleged duplicity he became filled with an all-consuming desire to destroy the man who, in his opinion, was seeking to get his wife. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is taking the witness stand in her husband's defense, will testify to all of her acquaintance with White and of the events which led up to the shooting.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Light run of cattle and market active. There was quite a number of good prime steers on sale, and as high as $5.75 was paid for them. Good milch cows brought $50, but common grades were dull at from $18 to $25 per head. Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, $5@5.25; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $4@4.75; do. 800 to 1,000, $4@4.50; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200, $4@4.75; choice fat cows, $3.50@4; good fat cows, $3.25@3.50; common cows, $2.25@3; canners, $1.50@1.75; choice heavy bulls, $3.50@4; fair to good bologna bulls, $3@3.50; stock bulls, $2.50@3.15; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.75@4; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3.25@3.50; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $2.75@3; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2.50@3; stock heifers, $2.50@3; milkers, large, young, medium age, $35@[illegible]; common milkers, $18@25.

The veal calf trade was about the same as last week. Best grades, $7.50@8.50; mediums, $6.75@7; common and heavy, $4@6.

The sheep and lamb trade was active at last week's opening prices, $7.25 being paid for best lambs. Best lambs, $7.25@7.35; fair to good lambs, $6.75@7; light to common lambs, $5.75@6.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $4.75@5.25; culls and common, $3@4.25.

The hog trade was active and pigs were 15c higher and other grades 10c higher than last week. A few choice grades brought $6.70; bulk of sales were at $6.65. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $6.65@6.70; pigs, $6.70@6.75; light yorkers, $6.65@6.70; roughs, $5.75@6. Stags one-third off.

Chicago—Common to best steers, $4@7.30; cows, $2.70@4.75; heifers, $2.60@5; bulls, $2.75@4.50; calves, $3@8.50; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4.90.

Hogs—Market strong; choice heavy shipping, $6.65@6.67½; light butchers, $6.60@6.62½; light mixed, $6.57½@6.62½; choice light, $6.60@6.65; packing, $6.50@6.62½; pigs, $5@6.65.

Sheep—Market strong to lower; sheep, $3@5.75; yearlings, $4.60@6.40; lambs, $5@7.85.

East Buffalo.—Best export steers, $5.40@6.15; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb. shipping steers, $4.75@5.25; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb. $4.50@4.75; best fat cows, $4.40@4.65; fair to good, $3.25@3.75; trimmers, $1.75@2; best heifers, [illegible] good, $3.50@4.25; best feeding steers, $4@4.25; best yearlings [illegible]; common stock steers, $2.75@3; export bulls, $4.25@4.75; bologna bulls, $3.25@3.50; stock bulls, $2.50@3. The cow trade was from $3@5 lower than last week: good to extra, $35@45; medium to good, $23@33; common, $18@23.

Hogs—Market active and higher; mixed mediums and heavy, $7.10@7.15; yorkers, $7.10@7.20; pigs, $7.40; roughs, $6.15@6.20; stags, $4.50@5.50.

Sheep—Market dull and lower; native lambs, $7.70@7.75; western lambs, $7.50@7.60; culls, $6.50@7; wethers, $5.50@5.75; culls, $2.50@4; yearlings, $6.25@6.50; ewes, $5@5.25; closed dull and 25 cars unsold.

Calves—Steady; best, $9.50@9.75; medium to good, $5.50@9; heavy, $4@5.50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Cash No. 2 red, 77¼c; May, 10,000 bu at 82¼c, 7,000 bu at 82½c, 10,000 bu at 82c, 15,000 bu at 81¾c, 20,000 bu at 81¾c, 5,000 bu at 81¾c, 10,000 bu at 81½c; July, 3,000 bu at 80½c, 5,000 bu at 80½c, 5,000 bu at 80¾c, 10,000 bu at 80¾c, 20,000 bu at 80¾c, 5,000 bu at 80½c, 5,000 bu at 80½c; No. 3 red, 75½c; No. 1 white, 77c.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 45½c; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 46½c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 41c nominal.

Cloverseed—Prime spot, 50 bags at $8.45; February, $8.45; March, 400 bags at $8.55, 200 at $8.52½; prime alsike, $7.65; sample alsike, 5 bags at $7, 5 at $6.25.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 69c nominal.

Beans—Cash, $1.30; February, $1.33 nominal.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, $2 nominal.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending February 2, 1907.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c. Edwin Arden Co.

LYCEUM—Prices always 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday. The Irish Comedian, A. Grew Mack.

WHITNEY—Evenings, 10c, 20c, 30c; Matinees, 10c, 15c, 20c. [illegible] off the Turf.

LAFAYETTE THEATER—Bargain Matinees Sun., Mon., Wed. and Sat., Best Seats 25c. Night Prices, 15c, 25c, 35c. High Class Vaudeville.

Under the inheritance tax law there have been collected since September 23, 1899, when the law went into effect, $1,176,150.06. The David Whitney estate in Detroit paid the largest single item, $100,217.31, and the next largest tax was paid by the C. H. Hackley estate of Muskegon, $57,045.73.

It is claimed that the Pere Marquette dumps dead cattle, sheep and hogs out of stock cars at Port Huron and leaves the carcasses unburied for hours at a time. There is considerable indignation because of the stench arising from the decaying bodies, and the board of health will be asked to take a hand.

The love correspondence of a woman is digested and remembered no matter how foolish it may seem to others.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Postmasters' association will be held at Saginaw next September. It will be made one of the big events of the season, and 250 postmasters are expected.

Bessemer's proposed bond issue for $45,000 to erect a new high school was carried by a vote of 119 for to 43 against, only about one-third of the taxpayers of the city, who alone could vote in the matter, turning out at the polls.