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SIDE LIGHTS ON MICHIGAN

Marie Corelli says women are foolish to want to vote, but all women cannot keep busy writing novels.

"Men will go to hell for a woman," says Dr. Madison C. Peters. Foolish men—they can get better ones on earth.

The bishop of London says married men are braver than bachelors. Of course they are. There wouldn't be any bachelors if every man had a proper amount of grit.

A dog catcher's automobile is the latest civic improvement proposed for St. Louis. Imagine such a chase over the course usually taken by a canine fugitive.—St. Louis Republic.

A real sensational and scientific observation is that made by Chancellor Day of Syracuse, who has discovered that the reason people are poor is that they haven't made enough money.

President Roosevelt wants to make war on the opium trade, but Britain would prefer to get excited over the alleged cruelties in the Kongo or some other spot from which it is not drawing profit.

About $60,000,000 is at present invested in England in the manufacture of motor wagons. About 250,000 men are employed in them, or as chauffeurs, etc., and their wages aggregate $75,000,000 a year.

At Hoboken, N. J., a few days ago a German woman who cannot speak English was married to an Englishman who cannot speak German. It will be extremely discouraging if they don't get along well.

Prof. Shaffer Mathews declares that, contrary to general belief, marriage is no picnic. That, of course, depends on the meaning you inject into the word picnic when you offer it as a good description of the married state.

For over a thousand years and without perfuming the mosque of St. Sofia in Constantinople has retained its fragrant odor of musk. The reason for this is that when the mosque was built musk was mixed with the mortar.

It must be disconcerting to President Zelaya of Nicaragua that after he has hurled a violently worded proclamation at Honduras, Guatemala and Salvador, the three states quickly recover and go right on fighting his little army. This is almost impertinence.

Disappearing paper is a novelty for use by those whose correspondents forget to burn the letters after their utility has ceased. It is stored in sulphuric acid, dried and glazed, the acid being partly neutralized by ammonia vapor. It fails to pieces after a given time.

"Columbus," says a Chicago obituary in Chicago Journal, "got a salary of $320 a year—less than one dollar a day. His captains got $180 a year each. His crew got $2.25 a month. To equip the expedition that discovered America cost $2,800. The total cost of discovering America was $7,200."

In central Tennessee are large tracts of cedar, the berries of which serve to attain myriads of robins in the winter. One small hamlet in this region sends to market annually enough robins to realize from six at five cents per dozen, equal to 120,000 birds. They are killed at night by torchlight with sticks.

Emperor William did a neat thing when he carried a bouquet of roses and lilacs to Mrs. Tower, wife of the American ambassador, and called for the children, whom he engaged in friendly conversation. In fact, the emperor has a way of doing neat things occasionally. If he were an American he would probably shine in politics.

Great Britain and her colonies and the United States represent together the fabulous total of 111,000,000 English-speaking persons, figures which leave all competitors hopelessly in the rear. Germany and Russia occupy second place with 75,000,000 apiece, and France, Spain, Italy and Portugal follow, with 51,000,000, 43,000,000, 33,000,000 and 23,000,000 respectively.

Indications encourage the belief that the limitation of armaments will receive serious attention at the coming peace conference at The Hague. Though none of the great powers has expressed any desire to cut down its military equipment, there is reason to think the matter will be approached in the most friendly and liberal spirit. No doubt some of the countries now groaning under the almost intolerable burden of their war outfit would be glad of a good excuse to cut down expenses which are getting heavier all the time.

By experimenting with dying persons some Boston doctors have determined that the human soul weighs half an ounce or more. It ought to be easy, declares the St. Paul Dispatch, to rig up an apparatus to tell which direction the soul goes when it leaves.

The statement that Baroness Burdett-Coutts, after having held in life a fortune of $15,000,000, left at her death an estate of $393,000, shows that others besides Mr. Carnegie have determined to avoid the disgrace of dying rich.

Having set down mere man as a poor creature at best, Marie Corelli now states that mere woman lacks in intellectual sense. What is Miss Corelli's own status, anyhow?

The man who is advertising a reward for the return of a gold cigarette case he has lost would do better to let it go and quit the cigarette habit.

An ambassador from Europe to this country cannot be appealed to with the assurance that he will find living cheaper abroad.

FLYING ROLLERS OF DETROIT AND WINDSOR WERE DECEIVED.

MOTHER ELINOR'S FLIGHT

Claim That the Notorious Dies de Bar, Criminal on International Fame, Did It.

Couldn't Face the Charge.

"Mother" Elinor L. Mason and her private secretary, David Livingstone Mackay, of Windsor and Detroit, are supposed to have left Windsor about midnight Sunday, taking with them Alfred Studer, treasurer of the board of trustees, gave out a formal statement for the colony, renouncing the woman as the spiritual leader of the Flying Rollers and accepting Prince Michael's designation of her as an impostor.

"Mother" Elinor, cornered by publicity, insisted that she was as she represented herself and as the credentials, obtained from Prince Mike, represented her to be, but when the shoudown came she slipped away between two days. Mr. Mackay, who the other Flying Rollers charitably declare was her dupe, not her accomplice, also disappeared.

That she is Dies de Bar, Edith Loleta Jackson, Vera Ava, Edith Murray, one of the most notorious of women crooks, the Flying Rollers will not admit; they are reserving this for another formal statement, if they find it to be true.

"Mother" Elinor left Detroit and Windsor three weeks ago, immediately on receipt of a statement from Prince Michael, which was also mailed in duplicate to numerous members of the colony, declaring her to be a fraud and a crook. She did not go far away, as she did not have the money.

Meanwhile she was in daily communication with D. L. Mackay by wire, telephone and mail when the trustees put it up to her personal representative that she must meet and refute the charges in detail, she dropped into Windsor with a show of boldness.

Saturday night the seven trustees gathered about her.

"You must meet these serious charges and refute them or we shall renounce you as our leader," they declared to her.

The woman was not in the least abashed.

"I deny them all!" she shouted and rolled her eyes and invoked divine communications to show her authority to rule the Flying Rollers, but all her generalities and all her unanswered appeals to high heaven fell on deaf ears. She did not produce proofs, and proofs were not forthcoming.

"The meeting Saturday night was far from satisfactory, and now the question is: Where is 'Mother' Elinor? She had promised to meet the newspaper men Monday and refute the charges against her, but could not be found. Now she is repudiated by the Rollers.

POISONED.

Child's Death Caused by Belladonna Infusion.

Although a week has passed since the death of Marie Frazier, aged four years, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier, of Kalamazoo, it was not until Tuesday that the facts came to light that her death was due to the accidental administration of poison.

The foster mother was also taken so seriously ill from the same poison that she was unconscious until Saturday.

A week ago Sunday Mrs. Frazier took what she supposed was a package of herbs, known as balmony, purchased several months ago at a local drug store, and she brewed some tea from it. This she gave the little girl and she took some herself. The former drank a cup full of the tea and liking it so well that she also took part of her mother's cup.

A little later the child carrying her doll staggered into the dining room from the front part of the house, cry-"O, mamma, what's the matter. The house is whirling around and so are you."

Almost immediately she fell in convulsions. Mrs. Frazier only had time to gather her up and place her on a couch when the drug began to affect her also, and it was with the greatest effort that she managed to reach the telephone and call a physician.

Dr. Forrester, the attending physician, says that the herb, instead of being balmony, was belladonna. It appears that the leaves of the two herbs are somewhat similar.

The First Woman.

Muskegon county for the first time in the history of Western Michigan politics, elected a woman to the office of county school commissioner. Mrs. Nellie B. Chisholm, of Montague, the Republican candidate, about whose head much glamour has been heaped, won by at least 500 majority, over James H. Cogshall, the Democratic aspirant.

Mrs. Chisholm swept the county and came into the city with enough votes to offset a margain of 500 that Cogshall had piled up in the city.

Port Huron will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a city August 20, 21 and 22.

While at work on his farm near Coldwater, C. J. Bates plowed up a Spanish coin dated 1786. It was well worn, but the date was plainly visible.

Plainwell is to have a spring opening on Friday and Saturday of this week. This is an unique idea to bring visitors to town to show them the local industries. It is expected that there will be 8,000 visitors and prizes amounting to $1,000 will be divided among them.

John Brower, aged 81, of Big Rapids, and his sister, Mrs. Mary Bradley, aged 76, recently met after a separation of 55 years. Brower fought through the civil war, and after his discharge went west, and lost track of his relatives. He returned to Michigan several years ago.

Lightning struck a barn in which William Kimes, a Hesperia farmer, had driven a load of hay. The hay ignited, and but for Fred Mansfield, the owner of the barn, who drove Kimes' team from the building, the horses and Kimes would have perished. Kimes was stunned by the flash and didn't remember a thing.

BANK ROBBED.

Safe Blowers Work Hanover, Startling the Village.

A gang of safe-blowers robbed the Farmers' & Merchants' bank in Hanover at 2 o'clock Friday morning, getting away with about $1,600 and destroying $200 more. The robbers broke in the front door and went to work on the triple doors of the vault. Two explosions of nitro-glycerin wrecked the two outer doors, but they were unable to get into the inner vault, where there was a large sum of money. The explosion aroused nearly the entire village, but the robbers got away before anyone ventured upon the street, and it was not certain in which direction they escaped, although it was thought they walked to Spring Harbor and caught the Michigan Central train from Chicago. The authorities at Jackson were notified, and warrants sent to all the towns along the Michigan Central and Lake Shore roads. The bank building is a two-story brick, the upper floor being vacant. The building is so badly wrecked by the explosions that it will have to be practically rebuilt. The front door is blown out and the side walls are cracked and a portion of the safe door was blown through the ceiling into the rooms above.

Three men are in jail in Ann Arbor suspected of being the men who broke into the bank at Hanover, Jackson county. They were registered as Frank Murphy and Martin Vanrocken, each aged 21, of Battle Creek, and John Williamson, aged 26, colored, of Indiana. They will be held for the Jackson authorities.

When the two white men and the negro saw the officers they jumped off the train and ran. Officer Jack Kelsey called for them to stop, but they kept on running. Then he shot in the air as a warning and still they kept on running. Then the officer put a bullet between two of them. Vanrocken stopped and gave himself up. The colored man said after he was brought to jail: "Good-bye, officer, dat bullet brushed by my ear I couldn't do nuthin' but run."

Compton Arraigned.

Silas Compton, the aged blacksmith accused by John Butcher, who has served 14 years in Jackson prison, of the murder of Miser William Lampman, of Grand Ledge, in November, 1892, was arraigned immediately upon his arrival in Charlotte. He was taken before Justice J. C. Nichols and was bound over to the April term of circuit court, making the fourth murder trial on call for that term. The Tubbs brothers are out on bail. Mrs. Del Mc-Bride is in custody.

Compton proves to be an agreeable old fellow and at once became popular with the other prisoners. He was willing to talk of old times and said:

"I am not guilty and don't propose to let John Butcher fasten the crime on me and step out of prison himself, a free man. I cannot say as much about the matter now as I would like to, but before the trial of the case is finished, I am certain that every one will be convinced that I had nothing to do with the crime. I see Butcher says that we drove to the house together and that I did the killing while he was out in the yard watching a neighbor, at my suggestion."

Suicide Follows Funeral.

Owen Shaw, aged 20, a resident of Liberty township, killed himself Saturday afternoon after attending the funeral of his life-long friend, Arthur Cornwell, who during the week committed suicide by the shotgun route.

After the services Shaw drove to his own home and went to his room, laid on the bed and, after taking off a shoe, placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his breast and pulled the trigger with one of his toes, causing instant death.

Shaw lived with his mother, Mrs. Mary Shaw, a widow, and worked her farm for her. His father committed suicide a few years ago.

By the side of the bed a letter was found in which Shaw left full directions for his funeral and made the significant statement, "Death with friends is better than life without them."

Died From Slight Wound.

Rev. George A. Robson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Lansing, died Sunday evening at the city hospital after an illness of several weeks. Blood poisoning resulted from a slight wound he received on a rusty poker, and he submitted to the amputation of the finger. He recovered after that, but was taken with grip and had a relapse.

Mr. Robson was 36 years of age and came to Lansing only last fall from Bridgeport, Conn. He leaves a widow and two children.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

The Lapeer Business Men's association has been organized to boom Lapeer.

Death closed the election day services of John B. Hochrath as chairman of the first precinct board in the twelfth ward voting booth, Detroit, Monday night, while the strain of the all-night session of the counting board brought about the collapse of Patrick W. Keating, an election inspector from the eighth ward.

Mason may abandon its municipal lighting plant and get its power from the Commonwealth Power Co. of Jackson which sells electricity at one-fourth what it costs the city to produce it.

A horse which Marshall Hull, of Benton Harbor, was carrying, suddenly jumped toward his buggy, catching his hand between the carrycomb and the stall pinched one finger off.

Miss Edith Elding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elding, of Ann Arbor, has just announced that she was married at Windsor last June to Amos Shiere, son of the late Senator Henry Shiere.

Dan Stolliker, of Whitmore Lake, has been lodged in jail on suspicion of having robbed the postoffice at that place Wednesday night. A quantity of stamps and $30 in cash were taken.

James Legault, aged 69 years, who fought in three of the French wars of the past century, is dead. Legault had been employed in lumber camps near Little Lake. In his treasures was found his honorable discharge from the French army.

"Grandma" Sarah Kirk Austin, of Vermontville, is 104 years old. Her birthday, which has just passed, was observed by nearly the whole village. A big reception was given in her honor. She is not obliged to use glasses to read. Her father was a shipbuilder in New Barbadoes, N. J., where she was born. She was married 81 years ago.

From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing—Strong influences are at work creating sentiment against the passage of any bill that will compel the private banks of Michigan to come under the supervision of the state banking commissioner. In his inaugural message Gov. Warner insisted very emphatically that a bill governing private banks should be enacted by the legislature, and he said recently that just as soon as railroad matters are disposed of he would turn his attention to the private banks. As soon as the session had adjourned, for some reason Senator McKay, of Caro, who introduced the private banking bill last session, will not reintroduce the measure again. "So many private bankers do not want to come under the state law," said he in explanation, "and it would be a pretty hard matter to draft a bill that would satisfy them all. Speaking to the point, they should be, of course, but I understood that the governor wanted the Lord bill, and I do not know what I will do." Representative Lord tried to find a middle course by introducing a bill which reduces the capitalization required of state banks. At present the lowest amount is $20,000 and the Lord bill fixes $10,000 for villages under 1,000 population and $15,000 in villages of not over 1,500. His argument is that more state banks will be incorporated when less capital is required, and that therefore the private banks will have less reason for existence.

Commissioner Bird's Report.

A senate resolution calling for a report of the department of Dairy and Food Commissioner Bird was passed. Within ten minutes of the time that the resolution was read to Mr. Bird over the telephone, the report asked for was ready for delivery to the senate, with a financial statement, and it is asserted by Bird is not required to make a report on June 30. Mr. Bird's report shows receipts from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906, as follows:

Funds available July 1, 1905	$35,000 00
Fees for registration of creameries, cheese factories, etc.	2,205 00
License fees for concentrated commercial feeding stuffs	540 00
Butter sold	29 28
Test fees sold	31 71
Fees for milk dealers' licenses	1,650 00
License fees collected for concentrated commercial feeding stuffs	40 00
Fees collected for registration of creameries and cheese factories	860 00
Total	$40,665 99

This sum has all been expended except $1.45 on hand July 1. These disbursements were for salaries of office force and inspectors, with the exception of three items: General expense, $12,886.33; postage, $2,588; chemicals, laboratory supplies, etc., $1,239.53; total, $16,713.86. The item of "general expense" includes expenses of the commissioner, his deputies, chemists and 18 inspectors, with the exception of $859.05 for office expenses and incidentals. Mr. Bird says the senate can have as fully itemized reports as it desires. The receipts of the office are grounded by the system. There are records of applications for licenses. There are entries in a book. There are numbered stubs of certificates issued. Unlike most departments, Chief Commissioner Bird does not suggest a deficiency bill for his appropriation, but says the dairy and food department has money enough.

Talk Over Legislation.

Gov. Warner had a conference with Speaker Nichols and several other house members who are chairmen of committees to talk over legislative matters that are pending. The session is now three months old and practically no general legislation has been enacted. Most of the bills have been taken up in the house for discussion, and the governor, knowing that every effort is being made to delay matters by interested parties, is anxious that there should be no more delay. The proposition of organization of the farmers of the legislature did not quite materialize. Some of the farmers got together in the executive parlors and discussed the equality of taxation, the necessity of keeping down appropriations and the advantages of standing together like the "city fellers do." It is not likely that any formal organization will be effected, but the "tillers" of the soil will get together as occasion demands.

Substitute Railroads.

The railroads won the first round in their battle against two-cent passenger fares. The senate committee on railroads, by a vote of 3 to 2, decided to report out a substitute bill, which provides a two-cent rate on all roads carrying over $2,000 a mile; two and one-half cents on roads earning less than $2,000 and more than $1,000, and three cents a mile on roads earning less than $1,000. The substitute is a super penisula a flat rate of three cents is fixed.

Wants Watch Monopoly Ended.

Senator Edinborough introduced a bill requiring railroads to appoint watch inspectors and to permit competition in the purchasing of standard watches by employes. It is stated that some roads give certain firms a monopoly and the employes suffer in consequence.

Primary Bill for April 9.

The house will have the primary bill before it on special order April 9. There is much evidence of a working disposition in the houses now.

May Adjourn by June 10.

Hopes are now entertained that the legislature may be able to adjourn before June 10. It is said that local measures have now been disposed of and the big general measures of the session can be dealt with expeditiously.

Voting Hours in Traver's District.

Senator Traver wants his constituents to know that the governor has signed the bill permitting the election boards in Ecorse and Springwells townships to be open until 8:30 p. m.

New Primary Bill Not Likely.

No new primary bill will be enacted this session, at least no essential changes in the present law will be changed. The house committee on elections reported out a substitute bill, and while there are a large number of changes, they are all of minor importance. The committee stood 6 to 4 against including United States senator in the primary list, or any state officers other than governor and lieutenant governor. The effort to reduce the percentage required to insure a nomination for governor by the primary system from 40 to 30 per cent failed, as did also the proposition to reduce the petition percentage necessary to insure a submission of the primary system to a vote of the electors of any county from 20 to ten per cent. The majority of the committee consented to a clause providing that where a county now has the primary system the proposition need not again be submitted. At present there are two primary elections, one in June for state officers and another in July for county officers. The has been done away with and one primary day fixed for the second Tuesday in August.

Kill the Miller Bill.

Lansing—The house judiciary committee applied the embalming fluid to Representative Miller's bill amending the mechanics' lien law requiring contractors, sub-contractors and material men to file notice within 30 days after beginning work of their intention to file a lien.

It was strenuously opposed by Watts Humphrey, of Saginaw, who drafted the present law; Attorney McAllister, of Grand Rapids; Charles Joslyn, of Detroit, and Arthur L. Holmes, secretary of the Michigan Retail Lumber association. They insisted that the owner is now fully protected under the present law and that the amendment would have the effect of nullifying the law. The hint was also thrown out that the amendment was in the interests of the building and loan associations.

The committee was unanimous in its decision.

Important Brewery Decision.

A mandamus was issued by the supreme court to compel the Allegan circuit court judge to set aside an injunction restraining August Hardy, of Wayland village, from selling any other kind of beer except the brew of the Schlitz company. Hardy had been enjoined because he refused to carry out the terms of a mortgage on property in Wayland containing a clause that Schlitz beer was to be exclusively sold in the hotel. The supreme court says that the Schlitz company has an adequate remedy at law and should not have sought the aid of a court of equity. The other words it may sue to recover the money which it has been deprived by the breach of contract, but it cannot compel the sale of its special product by injunction.

Has Sold 782,721 Acres.

Land Commissioner Rose reports that during the five years the present tax homestead law has been in effect his department has sold 782,721 acres of tax homestead lands, from which $860,240 was realized. About three-quarters of this sum, says Mr. Rose, was returned to the counties for local taxes. The statement has been prepared in view of the proposed amendatory legislation, the commissioner favoring no important changes. He has consented to a provision that sales of tax homestead lands shall be held in the counties where the land is located, but believes it is better to have them in the land office, as at present.

Credit for Compromise Fare Bill.

The conservatives in the senate give credit first to Jenks, they to Fuller, and then to Kinnane, by turns, for reporting the compromise railroad fare bill instead of the two-cent fare compromise suggestion. Mr. Fuller was a supporter of it, but the deciding vote was cast by Senator Kinnane, who was not unfriendly to the governor in so voting, but declares he was moved by his idea of justice.

House Passes Two Bills.

The house passed the McCarthy bill, providing that there be two witnesses as to the quantitative evidence of a lost or destroyed will, and the Watt bill, providing that burglary with explosives shall be a separate crime punishable by from 15 to 30 years in prison. Probate lawyers will be deeply interested in the one and criminal lawyers and criminals in the other.

To Elect on April 27.

Gov. Warner has fixed April 27 as the date for the special congressional election in the Fifth district.

Bills Affecting Detroit.

A plan to make the term of mayor of Detroit four years, and the terms of his appointees conterminous, was broached in the Wayne delegation when Representative Jerome's conterminous bills came up for discussion.

The bill consolidating the receiver of taxes' office with the city treasurer's office will be introduced by Representative L'Esperance, and the bill bringing the water board under the financial supervision of the city financial officials will be introduced by Representative George Scott.

Lansing Y. M. C. A. Building.

Twenty-five men have for some time been at work on the Y. M. C. A. building, and it is believed that it will be finished and ready to be open by May 1. It is the intention of the board of directors to invite the public to visit the building. Up to the present time, it is stated, $76,000 has been paid on the subscriptions. A large amount of other subscriptions are now due, and it is thought they will be paid at an early date, in order to enable the building committee and the officers to meet

MICHIGAN EVENTS NOTED

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY IS SAID TO BE ON WRONG BASIS.

BABE BORN IN SNOWBANK

Horse Bit Off Man's Ear—Things That Have Happened During the Past Few Days.

A New Basis Asked.

The department of public instruction is urging the passage of a bill now before the legislature providing for a division according to the number of teachers employed instead of the number of pupils, as at present. A statement issued says:

"The present law limits the use of the school interest money to the payment of teachers' wages and there are 1,300 districts in the state which receive more money from this fund than is used for teachers' wages, and the balance tied up at the end of the year in the treasuries of these districts amounts to over $300,000.

"At the same time there are 1,000 districts in the state with less than 15 children, and 850 districts in the state unable to maintain a school for more than six months. If this surplus could be distributed to these small districts the state would be doing its full duty toward the education of all the children. The present system of apportionment makes it impossible to relieve the people in the sparsely settled and poorer portions of the state.

The following conclusions are drawn from statistics which are quoted in the statement:

"Nearly 1,300 districts receive more primary money than they need.

"That 2,600 districts received less than they need for teachers' wages.

"The cost of school does not depend upon the number of children, therefore, the number of children is an unfair basis for state aid."

A Pitiful Story.

Miss Britta Hautigarvi, aged 23, a Finn girl who has been in this country but three months and can speak no English, was arrested at Palmesdale of the charge of infanticide, it being alleged that she was the mother of the babe found dead in a pile of rubbish near the business part of Hancock. The girl confessed and told a most pitiful tale. She said she recently secured employment in the home of a Hancock family, but on the very night that she delivered of the child she had been turned out of the house into the cold and the babe was born in a snowbank. When the friendless mother became conscious of her circumstances she says the babe was dead from cold and exposure and she wrapped the body in some old clothes she found and, putting it in an old basket she picked up, she left it on the pile of debris where it was found.

Lost an Ear.

Luke Manning, of Grand Rapids, was the victim of a most peculiar and painful accident Saturday morning. He went out to his barn to take care of his horses, and when he entered the stall he found one lying down. As he passed between the two, one of them reached out and bit off his ear and dropped it on the ground. Manning quickly picked it up and rushed for the doctor, holding the severed member in his hand. The ear was taken off as cleanly as it would have been if an operation had been done with a surgeon's knife. An attempt is being made to graft it to his head again.

Missing Canoeists.

The probable drowning of two of Bay City's best known people has caused a search to be made for them, had not proved successful up to Sunday. Roger Cathcart, a young student, and Mrs. Maurice Wheeler went to the Saginaw Canoe club at Saginaw, and started in a canoe for Bay City. That was the last seen of them, and when they did not reach the home city that night a search was started their overturned canoe floating in the river. Every effort is being made to locate their bodies. Mrs. Wheeler is the wife of Maurice Wheeler, a bookkeeper for John Godkin, lumberman. Young Cathcart is a cousin of Mr. Wheeler.

Tea Pot Exploded.

Heating tea in an air-tight syrup can was disastrous to Herbert Mohart, of Greendale. Mohart was at work at the Lewis mill and carried his lunch. He set the syrup can on the stove to heat the tea. When he thought it was near the boiling point, he took a nail and pried on the cover. Imprisoned steam shot the cover into the air and a large quantity of the liquid struck Mohart in the face. Dr. Spooner fears the man's sight has been destroyed. Mohart's face is swollen beyond recognition. Mohart's mother, who lives with him, is almost helpless as the result of breaking her arm.

The University Tax.

The senate and house committees on the university will accord a hearing soon to a pleader of unusual ability, when President Angell, of the Ann Arbor, will come to ask that the university tax be doubled, that is, raised from the present one-quarter mill on each $1,000 of total valuation to one-half a mill, making a total per year of about $970,000.

Work on the hulls of two large river tugs at the plant of the Port Huron Construction Co. has been resumed, despite the fact that fire completely destroyed the buildings of the company.

Things were moving too slowly for George Hasse, brakeman on the Grand Trunk, and so for the mere excitement—he afterward explained—he jumped from the Military street bridge, Port Huron, into Black river. He was an expert swimmer, but the leap had winded him and he was going down for the third time when he was pulled out.

Ann Arbor university calendar shows an enrollment of 4,746, or 178 more students than last year. Every department shows an increase excepting the law and the homeopathic, the former having lost 134 and the latter 1. The figures are as follows: Lits, 1,691; engineers, 1,208; medics, 371; law, 768; pharmacy, 94; homeops, 81; dental, 177; summer school, 1,604.

Boyne City's new Presbyterian church was dedicated Easter Sunday free from debt. Rev. David Howell, of Lansing, preached the dedicatory sermon. Under Rev. George Leslie's six years' ministry the membership has grown from 24 to 120.

STATE ELECTION.

The Voters Indorse Teaching Trades to Convicts.

The Republican state ticket was elected Monday by large majorities, considering the size of the vote, probably from 40,000 to 50,000.

Monday's vote, as now viewed, was light, though there were local contests largely which brought out the voters in strength almost equal to that of a gubernatorial election. The winners are:

Justices of the supreme court—William L. Carpenter and Aaron V. McAlvay. (Both re-elected.)

Regents of the state university—Junius E. Beal and Frank B. Leland.

Member state board of education—Dr. W. A. Cotton.

The question of largest interest was that of the proposed amendment to the state constitution to wipe out the interdict against the employment of convicts in state prisons, an antiquated constitutional provision which was repeatedly nullified by the state supreme court in a fashion which threatened all future prison contracts for the employment of convicts. The voters of the state, as indicated by incomplete returns from all sections of the commonwealth, have emphatically disapproved of the situation created by this decision. The constitution will be amended to permit the teaching of trades to convicts.

Great interest was created throughout the state by congressional fights in the fifth district, comprising Kent, Ottawa and Ionia counties. State Senator Huntley Russell competed at the polls with Gerrit J. Diekema, Republican state chairman, for the nomination to the vacancy created by the election to the United States senate of William Alden Smith. Russell did better in Kent county, which, than most observers in other parts of the state appeared to think he would do, Diekema had carried Ottawa by upwards of 3,000, and the returns from Ionia, while slow in coming, gave him a lead there also. Diekema won the nomination, and the nomination is equivalent to an election.

Of the local fights in the state, that at Jackson was the warmest. Mayor W. W. Todd, Democrat, was defeated by Benjamin Glasgow, Republican, by 17 votes on the face of the returns. Glasgow is a dry goods merchant. A feature of the campaign against Todd was the work of Congressman Townsend, who took the stump for Glasgow.

May City voted to finance its big river front park scheme.

The Central Michigan Lake Co., of Chicago, has purchased 22,000 acres of pine stump land near Alpena and will manufacture turpentine.

Ald. James M. Skinner, of Lansing, came to grief in his new auto the first time he took it out—on Easter Sunday. It was struck by a street car, the body was smashed and the occupants were all injured—Mrs. Skinner the most seriously.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Choice steers, averaging from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds, at $4@$5; choice handy killers, $3.90@4; light good butchers' steers and heifers, $2.50@3.75; common and medium fat cows, $2.50@4; canners' cows, $1.25@2.25; common butcher cows, $2@2.50; bulls, $2@4.25; light butchers' and heavy sausage bulls, $2.50@3.50; stockers and feeders, $2.50@4 per cwt. Milch cows active at $15@50; veal calves active at $4.50@8 per cwt.

Sheep and lambs—Active and 10c higher; quality common; choice lambs, $7.90@8; light to fair, $6@7.50; common to good, $3.75@6.50; mixed sheep and lambs, $5.50@6.50; culls, $3@4.50; fair to good, $2.25@3.50; trimmers, $2@2.25; best heifers, $4.50@5; medium to good, $3.75@4.25; best feeders, $4.40@4.60; yearlings, $3.75@4; common stock yearlings, $3@3.25; export bulls, $4.25@4.50; bolognas, $3@3.75; stock bulls, $2.50@3; fresh cows highgrade, good to extra, $40@50; medium to good, $28@35; common, $18@23.

Hogs—Active and 5@10c higher, $7@7.05; pigs, $7.05@7.10; roughs, $6@6.10; stags, $4.75@5.

Sheep and lambs—Slow; top lambs, $8.30@8.40; culls, $7@8; wethers, $6.50@6.75; culls, $5@6; ewes, $6@6.25; culls, $3@5; mixed sheep and lambs, $7.75@8; canners, $2@2.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Dull and 25c lower; quality fair; prime mediums and fat yorkers, $6.30@6.35; light yorkers and pigs, $6.20@6.40; roughs, $5.75@6 per cwt.

East Buffalo—Market 15@25c higher; export steers, $5.50@6.10; best shipping steers, $5@5.50; best fat cows, $4.25@4.50; fair to good, $3.25@3.50; trimmers, $2@2.25; best heifers, $4.50@5; medium to good, $3.75@4.25; best feeders, $4.40@4.60; yearlings, $3.75@4; common stock yearlings, $3@3.25; export bulls, $4.25@4.50; bolognas, $3@3.75; stock bulls, $2.50@3; fresh cows highgrade, good to extra, $40@50; medium to good, $28@35; common, $18@23.

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Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Cash No. 2 red, 76¾c; May, 10,000 bu at 79c; 5,000 bu at 78¾c, 6,000 bu at 78⅝c; 15,000 bu at 78¾c; September, 10,000 bu at 79c; July, 10,000 bu at 79½c, 25,000 bu at 79¾c, 10,000 bu at 79¾c, 15,000 bu at 79⅞c; September, 10,000 bu at 80½c, 10,000 bu at 80¾c, 15,000 bu at 80⅞c, 25,000 bu at 80⅞c, 25,000 bu at 80⅞c, 20,000 bu at 81c, 5,000 bu at 81¼c; No. 3 red, 75c; No. 1 white, 75¼c.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 45¾c; No. 3 yellow, 4 cars at 47¼c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 45c; 1 at 45½c; rejected 1 car at 43c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 1 sample, 1 car at 42c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 71c nominal.

Beans—Cash, $1 26; April, $1 26 asked; May, $1 26 asked; June, $1 40 asked.

Cloverseed—Prime spot, 50 bags at $9.25; April, 50 bags at $8.75; October, 100 bags at $7; sample, 40 bags at $9, 40 at $8.75, 20 at $8.50; alsike, 10 bags at $7 35; sample alsike, 5 bags at $6.50.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 60 bags at $2.10.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT
Week Beginning April 8, 1906.

LAFAYETTE THEATRE—Matinee Daily at 2:10—10c, 15c, 20c, 25c; Every Evening at 8:10—10c, 20c, 30c, 50c. High Class Vaudeville.

WHITNEY—Evenings, 10c, 20c, 30c; Matinee, 10c, 15c, 25c. The Great Wallstreet Mystery!

LYCEUM—Prices as Usual, 10c, 20c, 30c. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Nat. C. Wills in A Lion's Heart.

TEMPLE THEATER AND WONDERLAND—Afternoons 2:15, 10c to 25c; Evenings 8:15, 10c to 50c. W. H. Thompson & Co., Kate Barry, Julian Eltinge.

Convinced that an officer's sense of duty would predominate over passionate love, Justice Batdorff turned Ros Madill over to his father, Deputy Sheriff Madill, of Port Huron, pending his trial for the larceny of a watch from George Swanson, a fellow railroad man.

Mrs. Joseph J. Perry, of Battle Creek, received a telegram that her brother, Andrew McCarthy, aged 40, was killed at Shawnee, Oklahoma, being crushed under his engine on the Oklahoma & Gulf railroad. McCarthy recently went west to secure a better position than he had here.

Joe Sweeney and Frank Jones, charged with blowing the postoffice safe in Morenci, March 31, have been bound over to the United States court in Toledo. Their undoing came as a result of the finding of a piece of cork in Sweeney's pocket which fitted in a bottle of nitro-glycerin in Sweeney's home.

Frederick Flower, a Casino farmer, has been taken to the insane asylum in Pontiac. His family attribute his insanity to an intemperate use of patent medicines.

Walter Fitch, of Salt Lake City, has been appointed superintendent of the Calumet & Hecla mine.