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LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

The Picture and the Story.

E. R. Whiteside, sorrowing over the painter's lack of proper appreciation in the Bookman, asks why the painter should be expected to paint a story, saying that although the painter depends upon the writer for his widest publicity, the writer discusses the idea, the meaning of the picture, to the exclusion of the qualities that to the painter are reason for its existence. "When the painter writes about a picture," says Mr. Whiteside, "he speaks of the qualities he sees in it, qualities of selection, form, color and composition, but has little to say about the subject. The average layman frankly admits that he knows nothing about pictures; but he generally qualifies his remark with, 'I know what I like.' And usually that is some picture that he has read about, or that appeals to him through its story-telling qualities. If his interest goes deeper—instead of securing his knowledge at first hand from pictures themselves, he gets a book on 'How to Study Pictures,' written by a man untrained in the painter's art, unfamiliar with his aims, and out of sympathy with his point of view. A writer would be amply justified in vigorously objecting to a painter as a reviewer of his book; a musician would naturally protest against a sculptor as musical critic. The position of the painter is identical."

Congress of Bootblacks.

A German magazine, the Studdeutschen Monatsheften, has just printed a delightful "special account" of the meeting of the first international congress of bootblacks, which it gravely represents as having occurred in Paris on the 14th and 15th of June, with delegates from all over the world. We have not space to reproduce the speech of the minister of public works, who opened the congress, in place of the suddenly indisposed president of France, beyond reporting that he described the modern boot as the basis upon which all civilized peoples took their stand. He was followed by M. Grelier of Paris, who in a speech lasting only three hours, laid down the demands which the bootblack fraternity is prepared to make to the nations of the world, and for which he asked the approval of the congress. They are as follows: (1) Going barefoot in rented apartments and in rooms not wholly enclosed must be rigorously forbidden; (2) wooden shoes are to be permitted between the hours of seven a. m. to seven p. m. only in cities of 5,000 or more inhabitants; (3) walking about in very dirty shoes in larger cities is forbidden under very heavy penalties, and (4) household servants are forbidden to clean shoes under any circumstances, this work being restricted to regularly examined public bootblacks.

Considerable attention has lately been attracted to what is called "the madman's will." The testator, described as "Charles Lounsbury, an insane pauper in an Illinois hospital," gives to boys "jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played, and all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may skate, to have and to hold the same for the period of their boyhood; and all meadows with the clover blooms, and the butterflies thereof; and all woods with their appurtenances of squirrels and whirring birds and all echoes and strange noises," and so on for several more items. The "will" was written as a literary amusement by a young army officer, since changed into a lawyer, and was published as such in Harper's Weekly for September 3, 1898. But notwithstanding this, every boy, when he attains years of appreciation, enters into the enjoyment of the bequests.

It is estimated that the total registration in the Philippines will not exceed 54,000, or one voter to every 145 inhabitants. In Manila only 7,500 have registered, 800 of whom are Americans. These figures do not indicate an over-eager desire to exercise the voting privilege, and have greatly disappointed those who expected that the Filipinos would regard it as a precious boon. They also show with tolerable conclusiveness that our indulgent treatment has made no strong impression on the bulk of the islanders, and that they would be as glad to be rid of us as many Americans would be to get rid of them.

One hears so seldom from the once famous actress Lotta that it is quite surprising to learn that with her brother, Jack Crabtree, she owns one of the best strings of horses in training this season. If she is as successful in the races as she was on the stage she will win big money.

Lieut. Shackleton's dash for the south pole does not seem so absurd, considering the way things are heating up.

Illinois boasts of the only woman judge in America; but she is not as young as Portia was when she made that famous decision that let Antonio out of a bad scrape.

Prof. Starr says that China is the great nation of the future. Perhaps China can borrow money on Prof. Starr's good opinion.

It would be so much easier to send that fleet to the Pacific if the canal were built.

SHOOTING OF MISS CADENHEAD BY A SOLDIER AT THE SAULT.

THE ACTS ARE NO GOOD.

Matters of Fact and Fancy Gathered Here and There About the Two Peninsulas.

Conflict of Authority.

The coroner's jury in the inquest into the death of Miss Elizabeth Cadenhead, which occurred at Sault Ste. Marie, reached a verdict declaring that she came to her death by a bullet from the rifle of Private Cyrus Gillette, who is charged with involuntary manslaughter. Prosecuting Attorney George B. Holden at once issued a warrant for the arrest of Gillette, but it is not thought the authorities at Fort Brady will give him up, as he is to be tried by court martial. Speaking of the case, Holden says: "We will endeavor to secure Gillette from the military authorities, and if necessary will take the case to the secretary of war and the supreme court, unless he is punished by the military authorities.

"The decision of Justice Harlan, which is cited as proving that a man acquitted in court martial cannot be tried under civil laws, does not apply here. That was a Philippine case where the civil and military governments are under one head. Here they are separate and trial under one does not make a man immune from the other. The shooting of a person in the streets of the city is too serious to go unnoticed."

More Defective Laws.

Other acts of the last legislature beside the Mt. Pleasant Normal college appropriation bill, the binder twine plant bill and the juvenile court act, which have been declared unconstitutional, have been submitted to the attorney general for his opinion as to their legality, and it is not unlikely that several will be found fatally defective.

A class of bills making appropriations of state money for purposes not directly connected with state government are under scrutiny and there is a strong feeling that some of these will fall under the attorney general's objections.

One bill makes an appropriation of $500 to the "corn association." So far as can be learned no such association exists. It was intended to provide money to conduct excursions.

Sweetheart Was Loyal.

Herman Myers, the Montague boy horse thief who was captured after a thousand mile chase across the continent, was sentenced to the Michigan reformatory at Ionia for five years. Just before Judge Adsit received to plead guilty Sheriff Clinger received a letter from the warden of the Hutchinson, Ks., prison stating that Myers had broken a parole in that state and was sentenced to a prison term that would not have expired until 1910. His parents deserted him when he asked for help, but a sweetheart in Kansas remains loyal.

For Mrs. Custer.

Fr. Crowley, of Monroe, received from Gov. Warner the pen with which he signed the $25,000 Gen. Custer memorial bill. It is an ordinary steel pen instead of gold which might be used for a purpose of this kind, and the governor intimates that Custer had more use for steel than gold. Fr. Crowley will present the pen to the widow of Gen. Custer, who is expected back from abroad soon.

No Watered Stock.

Upon entirely new lines, an electric railway is being projected between Detroit and Adrian. There are to be no bonds, the money paid for the stock to be used to build and equip the road, when construction is not to start until the cash to pay for it has been secured. Thus there will be no water to squeeze out through foreclosure for default of interest on the bonds.

Reserves' New Ship.

The old Spanish cruiser, now the United States training ship San Juan de Austria, sailed from Portsmouth Sunday for Boston, where she will take on ammunition before starting on her long voyage through the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes to Detroit.

The ship was formally turned over by the navy department early last week to Commander F. D. Standish, who accepted it in behalf of the state of Michigan. The Michigan Naval brigade arrived in Portsmouth Friday night and spent Saturday and Sunday in getting acquainted with the unfamiliar vessel. The Austria has been repaired at a cost of over $10,000, and is now in such first-class shape that for a time it was thought that Canada might be asked to allow such a first-class vessel of war on the lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Larned, of Lansing, jumped from a coach while riding near Twin Falls, Ida., just before the horses and rig went over an 800 foot precipice.

Detroit now boasts an electric sign on a church, a feature which caused comment when introduced at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church, in New York, by Rev. Charles Aked. It is on Central Methodist Episcopal church, and stretches clear across the center door, the letters being nearly a foot high.

Mrs. Frances O. Lewis, married at 78 to a husband of 69, has been granted a divorce in the Ingham county circuit court. She asserted that her husband compelled her to keep a boarding house to provide for the family support, after having made a pre-nuptial agreement that he would attend to the supporting business.

Joseph W. Stockwell, who was convicted of conspiracy to blackmail at the January term of the circuit court for Genesee county in 1896, and was sentenced to the state prison at Jackson for a term of eight years, was released from that institution Thursday on parole. His trial was for an attempt to extort money from a Saginaw brewer.

Mrs. P. P. Wright, wife of the former superintendent of the L. S. & M. S. R. R., died Wednesday morning in Cleveland at the age of 73 years. She was the first white child born in Cleveland and was the daughter of the late Judge Hervey Warner.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

The peach crop will be heavy. Buyers are paying $1.25 per bushel.

The M. & N. E. railroad depot in Traverse City was destroyed by fire.

The cornerstone of the new $40,000 Swedish Baptist church, in Cadillac, has been laid.

John Smith, a coachman, took poison and died. He brooded over the death of his wife.

Mrs. J. H. Ehler, a tourist of Mount Sterling, Ill., was drowned in the Batchawana river.

Followers of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus in the upper peninsula leave behind them a trail of robberies.

Eight Dowagiac telephone girls struck because they did not like the discipline of a new chief operator.

The receivers of the Toledo, Ann Arbor & Detroit electric line have been ordered to sell the road in September.

The Pontiac club has lost its quarters in the Odd Fellows' temple and faces dissolution unless it can find new ones.

While preparing breakfast Wednesday morning Mrs. Lois A. Bright, of Flint, suddenly collapsed and passed away in a few minutes.

John and Henry Pamptoppe, of Athens, two Indians, refused to tell Justice Batdorf who sold them liquor, and were fined $5 apiece.

Maj.-Gen. Julius P. King, inspector of Michigan's Patriarchs Militant and prominent Odd Fellow, died in Battle Creek after years of suffering.

Ben. F. Powell, aged 22, who left his home in Carson City more than a week ago, saying he would be gone a few minutes, has not returned.

Dr. J. P. Bosworth, arrested at the instance of the Calhoun County Medical society for practicing without a license, pleaded guilty and was fined $100.

Frank Castor, brother of Fred. Castor, who was convicted at Columbus, O., is in jail in Flint for an assault upon Frank Campbell, a B. C. R. conductor.

Samuel J. Jones, visiting in Menominee, jumped into the river after a quarrel with his wife. She followed him, and with the help of fishermen pulled him out of the water.

Reports from the different Detroit hospitals say that the people injured in the wreck near Salem are making good progress toward recovery and will soon be able to go home.

Pauline Raymond, of Cincinnati, 5 years old, jumped off a dock into Gull lake and rescued her 18 months' old brother, who had fallen off, holding him above water till help came.

The equipment for constructing the proposed Lansing-Jackson electric railway has been shipped. The road to Mason is to be completed this fall and extended to Jackson next year.

By nearly all the upper peninsula roads, the new passenger rate will go into effect promptly on their lines. Lower peninsula railway officials have not responded promptly, but many of the managers are said to be absent from the state.

John Carroll, a bridge worker, dropped dead on the street in Jackson Wednesday. Carroll had recently returned from an extended trip in Ireland. His death was caused by heart disease brought on by the excessive heat.

Joseph Cain died in the Petoskey hospital from injuries received at Pellston. A Grand Rapids & Indiana train cut his leg off, his body was bruised and he sustained internal injuries. He was 48 years old and leaves a widow and son.

Ray Winebreeme, a Sturgis blacksmith, aged 21, struck Fred Reicher, an aged man, in the face with brass knuckles, inflicting serious wounds. He was arrested, fined $50 and 60 days in the house of correction and on the way to Detroit inside of three hours.

Samuel M. Stephenson, former congressman from Menominee, and brother of United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Marinette, Wis., is in a critical condition as the result of an accident Saturday in which he fell and broke his hip bone. He is 70 years old.

James Cannon, of Port Huron, at different times in his life, made David Cannon, William Cannon, Mrs. Catherine Allan and Abigail Smiley beneficiaries in his $1,000 policy in the Knights of the Modern Maccabees. The women have been asked to solve the riddle.

Howard L. Clark, son of County Treasurer Clark and one of the prominent young men of Charlotte, died at the University hospital in Ann Arbor, following an operation. Clark was a Spanish war veteran, being a member of Co. E, of Lansing. He leaves a widow, a daughter of Editor F. A. Ellis of the Charlotte Leader.

Despondent because of ill success in business life, Henry C. Leighton, aged 35, clerk of a Battle Creek hotel, shot himself in front of a mirror yesterday morning. He was alone except by his wife, who rushed into the room. A hustily scrawled note told where his insurance papers could be found. Besides his widow Leighton leaves two young children.

Another college romance culminated Wednesday when Miss Violet McLaren became the bride of Howard F. Withey, of Reed City. Miss McLaren was graduated with the '07 literary class. The groom was graduated in the law department at the same time and entered partnership with his father, a prominent lawyer of Reed City. Withey was a pole vaulter and sub on the foot ball team.

Four fires broke out in houses in the village of Whitehall, four miles across the lake between midnight and 3 o'clock Sunday morning, and the residents are greatly excited. Burglars are believed to have started the fires, hoping to burglarize others during the excitement.

A man, representing himself as a Chicago toilet dealer, has been swindling women merchants of Sturgis in a wholesale way. He offered to put in a stock of toilet goods in a handsome showcase, without advance charges except for the shipping. In this way he obtained nearly $100, but the merchandise never came.

A crisis has been reached between Bay City and the Wenona Hotel Co., which demands a positive guarantee that a new park, near its site will be laid out before it begins construction of a $250,000 hotel. If the city does not lay out the park, the company will erect an ordinary $125,000 hotel.

Mrs. Bardwell, whose husband, Dr. Henry H. Bardwell, was long a well known physician of Flint, died Thursday, having practically lived without nourishment since last April. She was 84 years old and was the fourth member of her family to die under similar circumstances.

AMERICAN REGINE: "GIVE ME THE LEAVINS."

W. D. HAYWOOD ACQUITTED OF STEUNENBERG MURDER

JURY IN THE GREAT CONSPIRACY TRIAL AT BOISE FINDS LEADER OF WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS NOT GUILTY—MOYER OUT ON BAIL.

Boise, Idaho.—Into the bright sunlight of a beautiful Sabbath morning William D. Haywood, defendant in one of the most noted trials involving conspiracy and murder that the country has ever known, walked Sunday a free man, acquitted of the murder of the former Gov. Frank Steunenberg.

The jury was decisively for Haywood from the first. The result of the initial ballot was eight to three in favor of acquittal, one juror being so much in doubt that he refused to vote. On the next ballot he voted for acquittal. The other three were gradually won over. The seventh ballot, taken at 6:45 Sunday morning, freed Haywood and an hour and a quarter later the court heard the verdict.

"I Told the Truth," Says Orchard.

Not the least interesting of the comments made upon the verdict was that of Harry Orchard, the self-confessed murderer of Gov. Steunenberg and the witness upon whom the state

WILLIAM D. HAYWOOD.

chiefly relied to prove its claim of a sinister conspiracy against the Western Federation of Miners. When told at the state penitentiary that Haywood had been acquitted, Orchard said:

"Well, I have done my duty. I have told the truth. I could do no more. I am ready to take any punishment that may be meted out to me for my crime, and the sooner it comes the better."

Statement by Haywood.

Sunday night Haywood issued the following statement: "I appreciate the support of the working class expended to us by workingmen throughout the country.

"I have no feeling nor ill-will toward any person; I am charitable toward all. My intention is to go back to Denver and take up my work where I left off when I was placed under arrest.

"I do appreciate the kindness and consideration with which my family has been treated by the people of Idaho.

"I do appreciate, and in so stating, express the sentiments of my companions in jail, the courtesies extended to us by Sheriff Hodgins, former Sheriff Moseley and his deputies.

"As to the outcome of the trial, I have never had any fear, and would have expressed Saturday the same belief I expressed when first arrested, that is, with a fair trial and an impartial jury the verdict would be such as has been given to the country.

"Senator Borah treated me most fairly, and I appreciate it.

"Judge Wood was eminently fair to me, and I have extended to him my thanks for his treatment of me during the ordeal of this trial.

"I do not in any way blame Gov. Gooding for the position he took.

"In closing, I wish to express appreciation of the wonderful support given me by the presence in the court room during the trial of the representatives of labor, industrial and political organizations."

Moyer Out on Bail.

Boise, Idaho.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, and co-defendant with William D. Haywood, acquitted Sunday of the murder of former Gov. Steunenberg, was ordered released on $25,000 bail Monday by Judge Wood, who presided at the Haywood trial.

No application for bail was made in the case of George A. Pettibone the third of the alleged conspirators, but a motion was made for a speedy trial, and his case was ordered set for Tuesday, October 1. Counsel intimated that they might apply for bond for Pettibone later, but it is not believed that the state's attorneys will consent. It has been generally claimed that the state has more incriminating evidence against Pettibone than any of the others, while it has been generally conceded that the case against Moyer is the weakest of the three.

Bond for Moyer is to be given in a unique way, suggested by Attorney Peter Breen, of Butte, Mont., who has been associated with the defense. The Butte local of the Western Federation of Miners is the richest in the organization, and, Mr. Breen said, carries a deposit of from $100,000 to $140,000 constantly in the bank. Arrangements were made by wire by Mr. Breen to have the Butte union make $25,000 subject to draft by the First National bank of Boise. Some officer of the Boise bank will sign the bail bond as surety.

Jealousy Causes Tragedies.

Ardmore, I. T.—At Wapanucka, I. T., Edgar Ball, a railroad employe, shot and fatally wounded his young wife, shot his sister-in-law, Miss Maggie Dobson, through the thigh, then shot himself through the heart. Jealousy is supposed to be the motive of the crime.

Tulsa, I. T.—In a fit of jealous anger, J. D. Stackhouse, proprietor of a restaurant, Monday shot and killed his wife, then committed suicide.

Magills Now in Clinton.

Clinton, Ill.—Sheriff Campbell and wife arrived at 2:10 Sunday morning over the Illinois Central from St. Louis, bringing Fred H. McGill and his bride, who are charged with the murder of his first wife, Mrs. Pet Magill. They were accompanied by R. A. Lemon, Magill's attorney, who had met them at St. Louis. Miss Marguerite Magill was not with them.

Cuban Outlaws Dispersed.

Havana.—Gen. Rodriguez, the commander of the rural guards, has reported to Gov. Magoon that a detachment of the guards encountered an armed band near San Luis, in Santiago province, Sunday, and exchanged shots. The band was dispersed.

Striking Pipemen Obtain Increase.

Springfield, Ill.—The striking pipemen at the Wabash shops returned to work Monday. The company granted them an increase of wages from 28 to 31 cents per hour.

Battle Endangers MacLean.

Tangier.—The Shereefian troops Saturday attacked villages belonging to the Kamara tribe, in whose territory the bandit Raisuli holds Caid Sir Harry MacLean prisoner. The troops burned and looted the village, killing many of the inhabitants and taking a large number of prisoners. As the battle was fought within six hours' journey of where Caid MacLean is believed to be located, his position is regarded as more precarious than ever. It is feared that Raisuli may kill his captive if he is hard pressed.

Mrs. Lucinda M. Morton Dies.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Mrs. Lucinda M. Morton, widow of Oliver P. Morton, Indiana's war governor, died late Sunday at her home in this city. She was 82 years old. She had been in feeble health for some time. The aged woman had many times expressed the wish that she might live until the monument the state of Indiana erected to the honor of her illustrious husband was unveiled. The statue was unveiled last Tuesday, but, while alive, she was unable to witness the exercises on account of sickness.

Wisconsin Educator Killed.

Oshkosh, Wis.—President Richard H. Halsey, of the Oshkosh Normal school, was accidentally shot and killed at Geogebie Lake, Wis. Mr. Halsey became president of the Oshkosh Normal school in 1899.

Tornado at Urbana, O.

Urbana, O.—A tornado swept this city early Friday, destroying the plant of the United States Paper & Box company. The loss is estimated at $50,000. Fortunately the men were off duty at the time.

CONEY ISLAND AFIRE

SEVEN BLOCKS OF NEW YORK'S PLAYGROUND DESTROYED.

LOSS ABOUT $1,000,000

Luna Park and Dreamland Are Saved—Armless and Legless Woman Rescued in a Basket.

New York.—Coney Island, the playground of New York's millions, was visited by a disastrous fire early Sunday, and seven blocks in the amusement zone were completely destroyed.

Tilyou's Steeplechase park, and nearly a score of small hotels were wiped out, and for a time the flames threatened destruction to Luna park and Dreamland, great homes of summer amusement, and the acres of smaller places which fringe the water's edge for a mile. A lucky shift of the wind to seaward aided the firemen and probably saved the whole picturesque area, but not until a million dollars damage had been done. Three persons were injured, one of them, Gottfried Messerli, a fireman, probably fatally.

The alarm of fire woke up doziing Coney Island with a start, and in a few minutes Surf avenue was jammed with excited freaks and frolickers, chorus girls, snake charmers, animal trainers, performers, amusement employes—all the miscellaneous population of the island, in fact. Clothed in a state of terror and little else, thousands fled through the streets.

Inside the burning park all was excitement and confusion among the two score employes who slept in a house near the entrance. Carrying grips and luggage they scurried to the street and while the exodus was in progress a cry went up that San Dora, the armless and legless man, who eats a dozen meals a day just to show that he can do it without the aid of arms and legs, was missing. Seizing a basket, two employes hurried back and found San Dora wriggling along the floor toward the door. "The wonder" was plied into the basket and though the flames and smoke threatened to engulf his rescuers, he was carried to a hotel, where he remarked that his escape had been effected "without the loss of life or limb."

LAWYER AND EX-MAYOR FORGER.

Thomas Black, of Kenton, O., Gives Himself Up to Sheriff.

Kenton, O.—Thomas Black, prominent lawyer, leading Republican politician and mayor for two terms, is in jail, on a charge of forgery. He gave himself up to the sheriff Monday and asked to be placed behind the bars.

Black acknowledges the forgery of papers involving the sum of $28,000. His operations extend, he says, over a period of nine years. Black was intrusted with the securities of many clients. One of his clients, and a trusting friend, was Dr. F. W. Sapp, a wealthy man of Columbus, who owns much property here. Black acted as the doctor's agent in Kenton and had executed a large number of mortgages for him dating from May 30, 1899, to July 3, of this year. It is said that the forgeries were committed in connection with these mortgages.

POLICE SEIZE RED BANNERS.

Socialist Parade at Hancock, Mich., Broken Up with Clubs.

Hancock, Mich.—A socialist parade was broken up by policemen Sunday because many of the marchers carried red flags, in defiance of a recently enacted city ordinance.

When the policemen attempted to arrest those who were carrying red flags, the color-bearers resisted, and were aided by many of the other marchers. Clubs were used freely and many fist fights occurred. No one was severely hurt. Thirteen marchers, including one woman, were arrested.

Fatal Fire in Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn.—In an early morning fire here Sunday, originating on the eleventh floor of the Memphis Cold Storage company's building, which was in the course of erection, one fireman lost his life and $600,000 damage was done.

Oldfield Sets Two New Records.

Fargo, N. D.—Barney Oldfield opened the Fargo Interstate fair Monday by breaking two world's automobile records on a half-mile track, going the first mile of a three-mile race in 1:15½ and the three miles in 3:51.

Dynamite in Trunk Explodes.

St. Louis.—A quantity of dynamite in a miner's trunk exploded while the trunk was being handled at Union station Monday, seriously injuring two men, slightly wounding six others, and creating a panic.

Woman is Found Strangled.

New York.—A woman, known only as Mrs. Davidson, was found strangled to death in a room in a boarding house in West Twenty-second street Monday night. About a week ago she went to the house with her husband and engaged a room. The man left late Sunday night.

Oskaloosa Has New Mayor.

Oskaloosa, Ia.—Charles H. Ralston was elected mayor Monday to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Cricket.

Authors Will Raise Poultry.

Albany, N. Y.—Gertrude E. Atherton, Katherine Glover and Poultney Bigelow, well-known authors, are directors in the Malden Poultry farm, of Malden, which filed articles of incorporation Friday.

Deere Made Canal Commissioner.

Springfield, Ill.—Gov. Deneen Friday appointed Charles H. Deere, of Moline, a member of the commission of the Illinois and Michigan canal to succeed William R. Newton, of Yorkville.

FUEL FAMINE NOT LIKELY

VAST AREAS OF COAL LAND ARE OPENED UP OR AVAILABLE.

Acting Secretary of Interior Woodruff Calls Attention of Geological Survey.

Washington.—There is absolutely no necessity and little danger of a coal famine in the west and northwest. So declares Acting Secretary Woodruff of the interior department in a statement issued Friday concerning the coal area as developed by the geological survey. He says:

"Not including great areas of lignite, which will be mined only after the more valuable coal deposits are exhausted, the geological survey has determined that there are townships in the states and territories west of South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, aggregating in all over 60,000,000 acres of land, each township of which contains, under its entire surface or part of it, workable deposits of coal. This work has been taken up with the utmost vigor during the present year and townships containing more than 28,000,000 acres in which workable coal exists have been examined and classified.

"When one remembers that these classified areas are most conveniently situated with reference to transportation and settled districts and that every acre of them is subject to purchase from the government under the coal land laws, and has been for several months; also that the Northern Pacific Railroad company alone is reputed to have in its own possession land containing over $300,000,000 worth of coal, and also that many hundred thousand acres of coal land scattered throughout the entire region containing coal have already passed into private holding and in many instances contain large mining plants, it is easy to see that if there is to be a coal famine next winter, such a famine will result only from failure to mine the coal which is easily accessible, either by grant to railroads, purchase in the past by individuals and companies, or entry at the present time under the laws.

"The geological survey has 16 parties of trained experts advantageously scattered over the entire region containing coal. These mining engineers are daily adding to the areas classified and opened to entry. It is believed that by November 1 all land in the public land states known to contain workable deposits of coal will be classified and subject to entry."

Mr. Woodruff expresses the hope that the next congress may enact a leasing law which will permit companies to acquire control of more than the 640 acres now allowed to be purchased.

Of the coal land still held by the government over 25,000,000 acres is held at the minimum prices of ten dollars and $20 per acre, over 220,000 at $50 and over 50,000 at $75. This is in accordance with the classification made by the survey.

MIRACLES AT KANKAKEE.

Several Persons Announce Themselves Healed at St. Anne's Shrine.

Kankakee, Ill.—Thousands of persons attending the ninth day session of the novena of the shrine of St. Anne Friday saw several persons arise in St. Joseph's church and announce that they had been healed of infirmities.

Miss Mary Pierce, 18 years old, of Delphi, Ind., said that she had been afflicted with paralysis for four years, during which time she had been unable to walk. She left the church without support. Miss Daisy Lamond, of Kankakee, almost blind for 32 years, said she was able to read without glasses at the close of the nine days of prayer.

George Neary, of Lost Nation, Ia., and Michael McCormick, of Kinsman, Ill., both said they had been cripples from childhood. They walked from the church and said it was the first time they had walked since infancy.

Eighteen Dead in New York Fire.

New York.—Eighteen persons are dead and at least 15 are seriously injured as the result of the fire early Monday in a tenement house on Christie street. All of the occupants of the house were Italians. It was at first reported that the fire was probably the result of a bomb exploded in a grocery store in the basement of the building, but the police said that there was no evidence to sustain this theory or to show that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Sibley Law is Upheld.

Omaha, Neb.—Judge W. H. Munger, in the federal court Friday handed down a decision holding that the Sibley law, passed by the last legislature, providing for a reduction of 25 per cent. in express rates, is constitutional and denying the application of the express companies for a temporary injunction restraining the Nebraska railway commission from enforcing the law.

Ecuador Plotters Executed.

Quayaquil, Ecuador.—A court-martial has sentenced 15 soldiers implicated in the recent political plot against the president of the republic, Gen. Alfaro, to death by shooting. Eight of the men were executed in this city Monday morning. Nine other soldiers have been sentenced to penal servitude for life on the same charges. The government has discovered a new conspiracy at Quito and the leaders of this movement, fleeing from the capital, have arrived here and are in hiding with friends.

Flood in North St. Louis.

St. Louis.—A heavy rain Sunday choked up the big Branch street sewer, the mouth of which was already flooded by back-water from the Mississippi, and the huge drainage artery burst in North St. Louis, flooding an area occupied by six city blocks. The rush of water was so sudden that people living on lower floors barely escaped with their lives. Mrs. Henry Pebbe and her infant were dragged from an upper window by her husband just as the rising water was about to engulf them.