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Though two in a canoe may be blisa, it often ends in blisters.

When money is tight, no one else has an opportunity to be.

The fishhook cactus is the compass of the desert, for it always points to the south.

The Merry Widow says she knows what it feels like when a wedding is "solemnized."

It's better to have loved and lost than never to have enjoyed her mother's good cooking.

The science of navigating the air is of slow growth. It is a century old and still in its infancy.

The colleges of the country turn out 14,000 new lawyers, every year, but then the trust demand is also big.

The Clyde shipbuilding yards produced 509 vessels during 1907, as compared with 372 the previous year.

Hudson bay is reported to be already almost frozen over. The hay fever season must be very short in that region.

King Edward is absolutely free from personal debt. This will seem almost unprofessional to a number of neighboring rulers.

If that Yellowstone park highwayman who held up 11 coaches has a head for business he will incorporate in New Jersey.

That report about flies carrying typhoid germs is true enough, though some revengeful baldheaded man may have started it.

New York slipper makers are about to go on strike, but the small boy will no doubt be happy so long as the slipper wearer doesn't.

If a man tells a woman she is pretty, she believes him. If he tells her the same thing about another woman, she thinks he's imaginative.

Chewing gum, it is said, will prevent seasickness. On the other hand, seasickness often serves the useful purpose of preventing gum chewing.

The government is going to conduct a sham battle for submarines, this being one set of maneuvers that won't interfere with the farmers' fences.

Speaking of Standard Oil politics, Bryan's campaign treasurer appears to be fairly well greased himself, from the days of Calvin S. Brice down to date.

Now comes a student of criminology who asserts that blonde criminals largely outnumber the criminal brunettes. This puts an entirely different face on the matter.

It would be interesting to know the feelings of the men who make battleships and big guns as they read of the horizon heaped upon the Wright brothers in the sacred name of peace.

Prussian women are to have better opportunities for higher education. The suspicion is spreading over there that the "three k's" are not of necessity quite all of woman's sphere.

The greatest heat is never found on the equator, but some ten degrees to the north, while more severe cold has been registered in northern Siberia than has been found near the pole.

Somebody has made the interesting discovery that the blonde criminals outnumber the brunettes who go wrong. It may be, however, that the brunettes who bleach are counted as blondes.

A 15-year-old bride in Washington, after a week of married life, wants a divorce. It is no wonder that marriage is a failure when children are allowed to make playthings of the obligations held most sacred by church and state. Needless to say, the marriage in question was a "romantic" one, the kind of romance which generally fails to outlive its novelty.

American flying machines have beaten records made in the air, and American submarines are surpassing the achievements of all others under the water. It turns out that a vessel of this type tested in Buzzards bay was maneuvered for an hour and a half at a depth which at no time was less than 107 feet, something which had not been done before.

German interests in Argentina and Brazil are so great that German capitalists have decided it is worth while investing $6,500,000 in a new telegraph cable connecting the fatherland with South America. The imperial government will protect the investors from loss. This is one of the ways by which the ties between the Germans abroad and those at home are preserved, as well as one of the methods adopted for fostering the expansion of German commerce.

A great deal of sympathy is going out to the scientist at the Moines, who was bitten by a rat which he had poisoned. Still, nobody has been narrow-minded enough to find much fault with the rat.

Burglars in a New Jersey town tried to steal a piano by taking it out of the window. The noise aroused the owner, and then there was music in the air, the harmonious burglars leading their pursuers a merry dance, getting away to the tune of some hundreds in household valuables.

Even a calamity like the August floods develops compensations, and one such is revealed in the heroism of a telephone operator, Mrs. S. F. Rooke, relates the Youths' Companion. Reasonably notified that rising waters threatened the little town of Folsom, New Mexico, she put aside her own opportunity to escape, and spent her last hour in life in warning and saving her subscribers. What they lost in property is comparatively immaterial. They gained, they and the world, the abiding inspiration of a deed of unselfish devotion.

NEWS OF A WEEK IN ITEMIZED FORM

Epitome of the Most Important Events Gathered From All Points of the Globe.

PERSONAL.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the liberal government won by a substantial though perhaps somewhat reduced plurality in the Canadian general and parliamentary elections.

President Roosevelt celebrated the 50th anniversary of his birth by working as usual.

William Montgomery, former cashier of the defunct Allegheny National bank, who was placed on trial on two indictments charging the embezzlement and abstraction of $469,000, was found guilty by a jury in the United States district court at Pittsburg.

Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, well known as an author, announced at Toledo that he would resign the rectorship of the Trinity Episcopal church, in that city and accept a call to Kansas City, because the Trinity church is incorporated under the state law and so places the rector in an unusual position.

Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst of New York has resigned the presidency of the Society for the Prevention of crime, an office which he has held for 17 years.

Miss Neeldo Garner, who sued Arthur B. Buzzell, a bank employe of Dixon, Ill., for $10,000, alleging breach of promise, was awarded a verdict for $900 by a jury.

Setting up the plea of the "unwritten law," Mrs. Nancy Murrill was acquitted of a charge of murdering Miss Mary Terry, in the circuit court at Jackson, Ky.

Richard 12 Gallienne, the journalist and author, is seriously ill in a private sanitarium at New York, suffering from double pneumonia and jaundice.

For bravery in rescuing two wounded comrades in Philippine service, Sergt. Seth T. Weld, now stationed at Camp Atascadero, Cal., has been appointed second lieutenant of the Philippine scouts.

Brougham Brandenburg, the alleged author of the Cleveland letter, in which the ex-president was made to favor the election of Taft in preference to Bryan, was arrested at Dayton, O., on charges of forgery and grand larceny.

BULGARIAN SITUATION.

The pope has decided on a special consistory for the nomination of three cardinals for the United States.

Four men were arrested at Laporte, Ind., for jury bribing in connection with the suit for alienation of affections brought by Stephen Janovitsch, a gypsy.

Fire at Salisbury Beach, Mass., destroyed the New Era hotel and many summer cottages.

The wholesale grocery house of R. A. Bartley in Toledo, O., was burned, the loss being $100,000.

As the result of failure of juries in Springfield, Ill., which have tried race riot cases to convict, a sweeping decision was rendered by Judge James A. Creighton in the Sangamon county circuit court, quashing the petit jury panel, purging the jury box and rendering the county juryless.

The supreme court of Illinois declared the new loan shark law invalid.

E. B. Knox, formerly of Knoxville, Ill., went insane at Phoenix, Ariz., killed his wife and attempted suicide. Foul play is suspected on the part of relatives of the couple.

Ethel Hart Jackson Zimmerman of New York, the well-known actress and singer, was married in Philadelphia to Benoni Lockwood, Jr., also of New York.

J. Edward Swanson, a mine owner of LaFayette, Col., was instantly killed in a coal mine at Buxton, by a fall of slate.

The reconstructed Zeppelin dirigible airship No. 1 made a triumphal reappearance and ascension with ten passengers.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance union began its thirty-fifth annual convention at the Auditorium at Denver.

Peter Marsoin, 18 years old, of Crawford, N. Y., who received $250 for walking half way across the continent recently, was struck by lightning and killed near Lawrence, Mass.

Train service and business in the northwest were demoralized by a severe snowstorm and blizzard.

The Italian cruiser Fieramosca has been ordered to await the duke of the Abruzzi at New York, whither the cruiser Etruria also will be dispatched. It is understood that the two warships will escort the duke and his bride to Italy. Mr. Elkins is to be given the title of chevalier of Annunciade.

Mayor Tom Johnson and the three-cent street car fare suffered a crushing blow, when the franchise under which the Municipal Traction Company is operating the local street railway lines on the low-fare basis, was defeated by a majority of 879 in the referendum.

The supreme court of Nebraska sustained the legality of the Nebraska blue laws forbidding all Sunday business transactions.

Benjamin Lindsey, aged 15 years, was found guilty at Norfolk, Va., of murder in the first degree for killing his sweetheart, Miss Amanda Morse.

The First State bank of Fallis, Okla., was robbed of $2,500 in currency and gold. George Schmake, the bookkeeper, was arrested on suspicion of knowing something about the robbery.

The supreme judicial court of Massachusetts, in making permanent an injunction against several labor unions, ruled that labor unions cannot impose fines on their members in order to force them to go out on a strike.

The Y. M. C. A. building at South Bend, Ind., erected by Studebaker Brothers' Manufacturing Company at a cost of $250,000, was dedicated, and formally given over to the association, Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks made the principal address.

The Atlantic fleet sailed from Yokohama, one squadron heading for Manila and the other for Amoy, where preparations for its entertainment were made.

Lon Seeley, a cowboy in a wild west show, and a policeman killed each other at Gulfport, Miss.

Albert V. Wesner, foreman in charge of rope fillers at the Standard Oil plant in Sugar Creek, Mo., was arrested on a capias for buying votes at the August primaries.

A dispatch to the London Daily Mail from Belgrade says the Servian government has called out all the first reserves and has ordered khaki for the troops, 300 Maxim guns and 400 military automobiles.

Hugo, Albert and Rudolph Donnerstag, alleged counterfeiters, broke jail at Madison, Wis.

Troops arrested more than 50 alleged night riders at Reelfoot Lake, Tenn., where Capt. Quentin Rankin was murdered.

George Robertson, in a 120-horse power automobile, an American-made machine, won the fourth Vanderbilt automobile cup race on the New Motor Parkway on Long Island and at the same time created a new American record for long distance automobile contests, covering the 258.6 miles in four hours, 48 1-5 seconds.

Silas C. McFarland of Iowa, consul-general-at-large for the European district, shot and killed himself on a railroad train in Germany because of ill health.

In a desperate fight near Ilagan, Island of Mindanao, nine Filipino laborers and their superintendent, also a native, were killed by marauders, and four other natives were wounded.

Miss Katherine C. Harley of the Fall River, (Mass.) Golf club won the woman's national golf championship at the Chevy Chase tournament.

Maj. Harry Benson has been appointed superintendent of Yellowstone park, to succeed Gen. S. M. Young.

Maj. Edward Murphy Robinson, prominent at the bar and in politics in Mobile, Ala., committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

Cracksmen raided the state bank at Heartwell, Kearney county, Nebraska, and secured $2,400.

Fires in Minneapolis, Ind., destroyed the grain elevators of Bartlett, Kuhn & Co. and the plant of the Empire Packer Company.

Two sisters, aged 12 and six years, are accused of a long series of robberies at Beverly, Mass.

Two men were killed and five injured, one fatally, in a wreck of a gasoline speeder on the Newton & Northwestern road near Gowrie, Ia.

Emperor William's fourth son, Prince August William of Prussia, and Princess Alexandra Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein were wedded in the chapel of the imperial palace at Berlin.

The series of orilliant functions which characterized Japan's reception of the American battleship fleet came to a close at Yokohama with a dinner on board the battleship Fuji.

A magnificent hospital, built by the Japanese government, was formally opened in Seoul, Korea. It is one of the finest institutions in the far east and includes a school of medicine.

A special dispatch to Paris from Constantinople says that negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Turkey have been definitely broken off, the latter refusing to accept the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina as an accomplished fact.

F. S. Beauve of Piaquemine, La., shot and killed Prof. Fred Van Ingen on a train in Louisiana and tried to shoot Mrs. Van Ingen. The Van Ingens were on their bridal tour and the murderer had been a suitor for the young woman's hand.

Charged with fomenting a revolution on United States soil against a friendly nation, Precilano G. Silva and Lecantio Trevino were found guilty by a jury in the United States court at El Paso, Tex.

Speaker Cannon was specifically condemned in a clause in the resolutions which were passed at the final day's session of the Illinois State Federation of Labor at Peo a.

After quarreling with his wife Charles Smith, an aged farmer of Forevville, Mich., shot and killed William Duchan, a neighbor, at whose home Mrs. Smith had taken refuge, and then committed suicide.

John W. Kern, Democratic vice-presidential candidate, was home from his campaign tour by the serious illness of his little son in Indianapolis.

A disastrous hurricane swept the coast of Nicaragua, destroying the town of Rio Grande and Prinzapulka, and doing considerable damage in the interior. There was much loss of life.

Secretary Root refused to issue a warrant of extradition sought for by Russia in the case of Jan Janoff Pouren, a political refugee.

Joe James, colored, was hanged at Springfield, Ill., for the murder of C. A. Ballard on July 3, last. The crime, to which James confessed, was largely the cause of the bloody race riots in Springfield.

Many thousands of citizens of Tokyo marched in a lantern parade in honor of the officers of the American fleet, the demonstration being one of the most remarkable ever witnessed in any country.

Mrs. Jacob Rosenholz, a New York jeweler, was robbed of two diamond earrings and fatally shot by the thief.

Seventeen of the women suffragists who were arrested in London during the recent disturbances were sentenced to terms of imprisonment varying from three weeks to three months.

PERISHED IN BURNED HOME

A MOTHER AND CHILDREN MEET DEATH IN THE EARLY MORNING.

A MOST PITIFUL CASE.

Bereft Husband and Father Returns From Work to Find Only Ruins of Home.

In a fire which destroyed the farm home of Edward Ryal near Oak Grove, early Tuesday, Mrs. Ryal and five children, Jennie, aged 12, and Alvira, 4 months old, were burned so badly that they died shortly afterward. Another child, Olive, aged 6, is in a serious condition.

Ryal had gone to a neighboring farm early in the morning to begin work. About 5 o'clock Olive awakened her mother with the cry: "Mamma, mamma, what makes it so light." The mother discovered that the flames were roaring through the house.

She rushed through the flames with the baby and placed it beside the house. Then she went back for another child and Olive followed her to safety. Believing the children were now safe, the mother started back into the house to save some of the household goods. Donna, however, toddled after her, but as they stepped into the door the floor gave way and both were precipitated into the flames. With her clothes burned from her body, Mrs. Ryal contrived to scramble out. The girl's body was later found, badly charred.

The two children outside had been burned by falling timbers. The baby was found dead not far from the house.

Olive and the mother were taken to a nearby farm house, where Mrs. Ryal died in the afternoon. The other child is not expected to survive.

When the father, came home he became frantic with grief and his mind was temporarily unbalanced.

Climax Hit.

Yeggman invaded Climax some time during the night and made an attempt to loot the Climax Exchange bank, but without success. The first knowledge of their having been active became known Thursday morning when Lew Walters, section foreman of the Grand Trunk railroad, discovering the car burned, but not entered, and heavy tools removed. At the rear of the tool house he found $11 scattered about and Walters immediately notified the marshal, who, while passing the bank building, came upon the tools and tools scattered about, while marks on the furniture and walls showed the safe had been attacked. Nitro-glycerine was used, but without effect other than to damage the combination of the safe.

Boys Fight Over Girl.

As a result of the rivalry between two 14-year-old boys for the favor of a girl slightly younger, Randall Groesser, aged 14, is lying at the point of death at his home in Traverse City suffering from the effects of seven knife wounds. The boy at first refused to tell how he had been injured, but when told that he could not live declared that he had been stabbed by John Fowle. Both are sons of well known and highly respected families.

Fowle when questioned by the police is said to have admitted stabbing Groesser. He said that he went to call on a girl to escort her to a moving picture show. While he was there Groesser called and was evidently much put out to learn that the girl had an engagement with his rival.

"I had just left the house with the girl," Fowle told the police, "when a whole gang of boys attacked me. The leader was a boy with a white handkerchief over his face. The other boys pounded him and he threw me down and commenced beating me. I didn't know who he was, and I was afraid that I was going to be killed. So I pulled out my knife and stabbed the fellow. I didn't know at the time that I would hurt him very badly, but I was scared and wanted him to let me alone. He kept right on pounding me so I struck him with the knife several times more. He tried to take my knife away from me and in the mix-up I was cut myself.

"Finally I threw the fellow off, and didn't have any idea who it was until I lifted the handkerchief from his face and saw it was Randall."

Fowle has not been arrested. He himself has a deep wound in the thigh.

Unreliable Reports.

Some most unreliable reports of the forest fires in the northern peninsula of Michigan have been printed. However, the Metz district on the Detroit & Mackinac line, is excepted. The horrors of the forest fires there hardly could be exaggerated. The losses in the Soo-Mackinaw district on timber are pretty heavy. They are more than heavy. A great amount of timber has been burned and while it is not cut within a year or so borers will get into it. But nobody has individually suffered a loss that will reach $5,000. This refers to the entire Chippewa-Mackinaw district.

The state Baptists have decided to hold their next convention at Alpena.

Mrs. Laura Givens, of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. S. E. Kidd, of Lansing, two sisters who have been parted for nine years and did not know each other's whereabouts, met under peculiar circumstances. Mrs. Givens came to Lansing with her husband, who is a traveling man, and went to visit a dressmaker's shop. Just as she entered by one door, her sister, Mrs. Kidd, came in by another.

While aiding Mrs. Albert McIntyre, a neighbor, in her housework, Mrs. Ethel Bauman, aged 32, declared she was "tired of life," as her husband did not seem to care for her any more. Later she was found dead of paris green in her bedroom.

The remains of a prehistoric animal 40 feet long and 22 feet in height have been found in the bad lands south of Glasgow, Mont., by Barnum Brown of New York, connected with the American Museum of Natural History.

Judge David B. Howell of Newark, N. J., committed suicide by shooting.

Four homesteaders were killed near Clayton, N. M., as the result of a stampede and subsequent fight. Other persons were injured and many buildings in the city were destroyed. Severe storms did much damage at Sharon Springs, Kan., and Lamar, Col.

Railroad Earnings.

Railroad Commissioner Glasgow, commenting upon the financial showing made by the Detroit & Mackinac railroad, said that it is not fair to attribute decreased earnings to this road. He has figures to show that the road passenger earnings during the first nine months of this year were $205,000 as against $201,000 during the same period last year. The Toledo, Oxford & Northern, another three-cent road, shows increased earnings.

As to the Pere Marquette, which was placed under the two-cent law, its reports show that its passenger earnings for nine months of 1908 were $2,726,016 as compared to $2,651,785 during the nine months of 1907, when it was permitted to charge a three-cent fare. The Wabash, Michigan Central and Lake Shore railroads all show increased passenger earnings this year, compared to last.

Hoffman Wants Pardon.

The prospects of being pardoned from the Detroit house of correction, to which institution he was sentenced for a term of not less than one year, appear to be very dubious for Fred Hoffmann, of Huronia beach fame, if the letter written by Circuit Judge Tappan to Gov. Warner has any weight on the state executive. In the letter the judge reviews the case, and finally tells why he imposed a prison sentence instead of a fine.

The judge closed by saying: "I am informed that a number of business men and our best citizens have signed a petition asking you to pardon Hoffman for this offense. I have no recommendation to make in the matter. I imposed a sentence that I believed to be just and would impose it again under like circumstances."

Lost on the Lake.

Patrick Hury and his wife and Peter Swanson and his son, fishermen living on North Manitou island, are believed to have lost their bearings in the pall of smoke which overhangs Lake Michigan and to have perished in the gale which raged over the lake Monday.

The four left their homes in a launch Monday afternoon to take up some nets. Up to this morning nothing has been heard from them. A gale was blowing from the east, and it is feared that their launch was carried out into the lake, in the heavy sea is is said that it would have been impossible for them to have reached the Wisconsin shore.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

E. C. Willis, Benton Harbor, has resigned as chief clerk of the railroad commission to return to his commission business.

Judge Kline allowed the Detroit Trust Co. $6,000 as receiver of the Glazier Stove Co. and awarded $7,000 in solicitor's fees.

Arthur Himebaugh, Matteson township farmer, pleaded guilty to keeping his 14-year-old son from school and went to jail for 10 days.

The Grand Valley Waterway association, which proposes a canal from Saginaw to Grand Haven, appointed a committee to lay out the projected route.

Following Judge Wiest's refusal to enjoin the state from interfering with the sale of Armour & Co.'s canned sausage, Pure Food Commissioner A. C. Bird will take steps to prevent their sale.

John Draper, one of the three young men who broke into the Lansing brewery and stole beer, was placed on probation for 15 years by Judge Wiest, during which time he must not drink liquor or enter a saloon.

"From my own personal knowledge I can say honestly, young man, keep out of politics. You can't save if you are honest," says City Clerk John L. Boer, of Grand Rapids, who has withdrawn as candidate for a fourth term.

W. W. Wedemeyer, receiver of the defunct Chelsea Savings bank, has paid the state $70,879.77 on the account of deposits. The bank never received $326,625.11, nearly half of its deposit in the bank when the institution failed.

The supreme court has ordered a new trial in the suit of Mrs. Jennie Webb, domestic, for $200 in wages against Mrs. Francis Depew, of Detroit, who has a summer home near Manitou. The case will be tried a third time.

Robert Brisbane, who escaped from Coldwater jail, was captured late Thursday night at the home of John Elligets, one mile west of Coldwater. A $50 bill which he had given Elliget to purchase beer led to his detection. Elliget has been arrested for concealing the prisoner.

Attorney General Bird has delivered an opinion to the effect that the United Christians, a political party which has nominated candidates in several counties, is not entitled to a place on the official ballot at the coming election unless it files a party vignette as required by law.

The grand lodge of Rebekahs closed its session in Lansing by electing the following officers: President—Mrs. Ida B. Baillargeon, Port Huron; vice-president, Emma Miermann, Bay City; warden, Lucy Jackson, Detroit; secretary, Ida M. Hamilton; treasurer, Clara Stover, Grandville.

Alpena, Presque Isle and Montmorency are not the only counties devastated by fire. There is not a county north of Bay City that has not suffered from a dozen to 40 farmers who have been burned out. In Gladwin county alone, it is said that there are 30 destitute families. Donations will be brought before the fire relief commission appointed by Gov. Warner.

A row has been started by the suggestion that the U. of M. freshmen coeds be compelled to wear a uniform headgear as are the men. The sophomore girls insist that the lower classmen wear green hats, and the freshmen strenuously object.

Boat crews report that they find many birds floating on the surface of Lake Superior. Many wild animals have also been driven into the lake by forest fires.

Some enemy of William Scarlett, a wealthy farmer four miles from Mason, placed an "infernal machine," designed to set fire to his barn, in the building, but it failed to work.

Dixie Burns, the Detroit woman arrested for smuggling whisky into the Oakland county jail, was arraigned, but waived examination and was bound over to the circuit court for trial.

J. F. Winkler, a farmer living three miles from Marquette city limits, killed three black bears on his farm Monday. They were purchased by a local butcher, who shipped them to Chicago.

Lonesome without his mother who still lives in Greece, George Konston, aged 15, employed in his uncle's Greek candy kitchen in Grand Rapids, drowned himself in Reed's lake.

Fighting Forest Fires.

"In many ways this year's forest fires have been the worst I have ever known," said Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau. "The whole northern half of the country has been attacked and the losses represent a great drain on our timber supply.

"Fires raging during the last few weeks in the east have caused an almost incalculable loss to watersheds of important streams supplying power for countless industries. In the Adirondacks the destruction has resulted in marring one of the most useful playgrounds.

"There is little or no difference between the fires of 1908 and those of other years, so far as causes are concerned. Unfortunately there is little difference in the way people have met them. In most states the fires have been allowed to run riot after they threatened valuable property and only then efforts were made to check them.

"The fire warden system has been fairly successful in places, but its fundamental weakness is that it is not a preventive system. To begin work after a fire has gained headway means that chances are against checking it after it has done serious damage.

"No fire fighting system has shown itself really effective that did not provide for ranger patrol."

Relief Work.

A state commission to take charge of the work, this winter, of relieving the northern fire sufferers was appointed by Gov. Warner Saturday.

The members of the commission are: James D. Hawks, of Detroit, president of the Detroit & Mackinac Railroad Co.; James A. Barbour, of Detroit, president of the Michigan Stove Co.; Frank H. Buell, of Bay City, lumber manufacturer; Ezra Rust, Saginaw lumberman and owner of extensive timber holdings; W. B. Roberts, Alpena, chairman of the local relief commission; J. A. Heath, secretary of the Richmond Elevator Co., of Lenox, extensive hay and grain buyer; B. M. Wynkoop, general manager of the Bay City Times; Emory W. Clark, Bay City, vice-president of the Security Trust Co., and treasurer of the Michigan branch of the American Red Cross society, and Otto Fowle, president of the First National bank of Sault Ste. Marie.

Stanton supervisors decided to submit the local option question in Montcalm county next spring.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Steers and heifers, 1,400 to 1,200, $3.25@4.25; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000, $2.25@3.25; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 1,000, $2.25@3.25; grass heifers and cows that are fat, 500 to 700, $3@3.40; choice fat cows, $3.50@3.85; fair to good cows, $2@2.50; canners, $1@1.75; choice heavy bulls, $2@3.25; fair to good bologna bulls, $2.75@3; stock bulls, $2@2.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3@3.50; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $3@3.25; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $3@3.25; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $2.50@3; stock heifers, $2.50@3; choice milkers, large, young, medium size, $40@50; common milkers, $20@30.

Veal calves—Market 15 to 25c lower than last Thursday; best, $7@7.50; others, $4@6.50; milch cows and springers, good steady, common dull.

Sheep and lambs—Market opened steady, but will close fully 25c lower; best lambs, $5 fair to good lambs, $4@$4.50; light to common lambs, $3.50@4; yearlings, $3.50; fair to good butcher sheep, $2@2.50; culls and common, $1.50 @2.

Hogs—Market, good grades steady; pigs and common grades 25c to 50c lower; roughs and stags 50c lower. Range of prices: Light to mixed, $5.25@5.45; pigs, $4.10@4.25; heavy, $4.60@5.25; roughs, $4@ 4.50; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Best export steers, $5.50@6.25; best, 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $5.25@5.75; best, 1,100 to 1,100-lb, $4@4.30; best fat cows, $3.25@3.75; fair to good, $2.50@3; trimmers, $1.50@2; best fat heifers, $2.75@ 4.75; butcher heifers, $3@3.25; light stock heifers, $2.50@2.75; best feeding steers, $3.60@3.80; best stockers, $3@ 3.25; common, $2.50@2.75; best bulls, $3.50@4; bolognas, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@2.75; fair to good cows, sold steady, but the medium and common kinds were some lower; best cows, $4.50@ 5; medium, $3.35@3.75; common, $2@2.50.

Hogs—Market 15@20c lower; mediums, $5.70@5.75; best yorkers, $5.70@ 5.75; light, $4.75@5.25; pigs, $4.50; a few at $4.75@5.25; roughs, $4.25@4.50; stags, $3@3.50.

Sheep—Market strong; best lambs, $6 @6.15; culls, $4@4.75; common, $3@ 3.25; wethers $4@4.75; common, $3@ 3.50; yearlings, $4@4.50. Calves steady at $4.50@7.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, $1.02½; December opened with an advance of 1c at $1.02½ and sold at that and declined to $1.02¾. May opened at $1.04½, advanced to $1.05 and declined to $1.04⅝. July opened at $1, gained ½c and sold at $1.00½. No. 3 red, 93½c. No. 1 white, 1 car at $1.01½; close, $1.01.

Corn—Cash, No. 3 c, No. 3 yellow, 79½c asked.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 5 cars at 50½c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 77½c.

Beans—Cash, $2.20. November, $2.20 asked; December, $2.20 asked.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 60 bags, at $7; March, 400 bags at $5.25, 200 at $5.30, 50 at $5.25, 45 bags at $5.30, 40 at $4.50, 35 at $4.25; sample lots, 40 at $4.50, 10 at $4.75, 10 at $4.25, 10 at $5.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 40 bags at $1.60.

Hay—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $24; coarse middlings, $25; fine middlings, $25; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $33; corn and oat chop, $29.50 per ton.

Flour—Michigan patent, best $5.50; others, patent, $5; straight, $4.90; clear, $4.70; in wood.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

Week Ending October 31.

TEMPLE THEATER—VAUDEVILLE Afternoons, 2:15; evenings, 8:15. 10c to 50c. The Novelia, Manuel Romaine & Co.

WHITNEY—Evenings, 10-20-30c. Mat., 10-15-25c. Matinees daily, except Wednesday. "Jack Sheppard, Bandit King."

LYCEUM—Every night, matinee Saturday. "The Private Secretary."

NEW LAFAYETTE—Actologue — Talking Pictures. First-Class Vaudeville. Continuous performances. Admission 10c and 15c.

Farmers in Mecosta county are dissatisfied with the price of potatoes, 45 cents a bushel. The various local unions of the Farmers' Society of Equity have united to form a state district for marketing the vegetables. The society already has one warehouse in this county and is preparing another.

Physicians in attendance on Winnifred Drake, the little 3-year-old Flint girl who was terribly burned while playing with a can of coal oil into a blazing coal stove, believe that her life can be saved. They will resort to skin grafting.

Safe blowers broke into W. W. Williams' store at Hope Tuesday morning and blew up his safe, wrecking the whole store. The robbers got about $3 in cash, besides some valuable papers. Mr. Williams heard the explosion and jumped up and yelled. The men ran away, leaving a pocketbook with $200 in it. There is no clue to who did the robbing.

The postoffice at Thorpe, Wexford county, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Mrs. Olive Lewis, the postmistress, lost all her possessions in the attempt to rescue the government property, but only succeeded in saving a few stamps.

MR. PILKINS, MARTYR

HE IS "INDUCED" TO STUDY THE ECLIPSE.

But Mrs. Pitkins' Uncontrollable Excitement Prevented the Observation from Being What Might Be Called a Success.

Pitkins was all excitement as he jumped from his chair and shouted to Mrs. Pitkins who was in the next room:

"Say, my dear, look here a minute. What are you doing, anyway? Reading? Well, of all the confounding interference! Listen to this, will you before, could it? I forgot myself until a minute ago that this is the morning for the sun to do its little disappearing act.

"Of course I'm not angry. No, I'm not scolding you. Is it too late? Let's see. No, not if we hurry.

"Hustle around and get a piece of smoked glass for me. I'm going to see this show if I never see another. The paper says it's the last chance to view this kind of an eclipse for a hundred years, and I don't care to wait as long as that.

"No, I don't want the opera glasses. I want a piece of window glass. Just common, ordinary window glass. Do you know what window glass is? You stare as if you didn't. Don't you know where to get any? Well, why don't you provide for the eclipse? You ought to have known at least three days ago that it was going to come along this morning.

"Listen! What was that?

"Say, we're all right now. Jimmy has just thrown an old shoe through the kitchen window.

"Hold on! Hold on there! You'll cut your fingers and then blame me for it. Let me do that. I'm the only one in the house that can.

"Ouch! Get me a rag, will you. I'm bleeding to death. Can't you see I am? I might have known I'd cut myself if I tried to get glass for your blamed old eclipse.

"There, now. If the eclipse would last all day maybe we should have a chance to get a glimpse of the last of it.

"Here, light the student lamp and smoke this piece of glass. Look out, there, don't let the baby stick her head through that broken pane.

"Why, cover the hole. Well, then, tie up the baby. Do something.

"Now, I've got soot enough on this glass to polish the kitchen range. I might as well try to look through a side of sole leather. Get me another piece.

"All right, now. I'll go out and take a look at this wonderful eclipse you talk so much about.

"Oh, of course a cloud has gone over the sun! Just what you're doing! You've knocked my arm and got this soot all over my nose. I look like a black-faced sheep.

"Ah! There's the sun.

"Well, great Jupiter Ammon! Is that all the eclipse there is to it? I could get the same effect any time taking a bite of a cooky. If the sun can't put up a better entertainment than that before it goes out of the show business for such a long time it might as well stay behind the clouds.

"You made all that fuss for nothing, Mrs. Pilkins. I hope you're satisfied at last. The next time I cut my fingers and then place myself before the rudely staring public as a black-faced monstrosity I have some pretty good evidence that I'm going to get my money's worth. The next time you want to break your neck and half kill me for the sake of a silly little hole in the sun you can do the labor yourself.

"Great Scott! You've left that lamp turned up and it's literally snowing soot all over the house!

"Well, I've certainly paid a big price for a mighty small show. I guess I can worry along now for a hundred years without the sun's putting itself out to entertain me.

"I'll take a walk while the house is being set to rights. If you hadn't got excited and made all this fuss you would have been a good deal better judgment than you did."

Live While You Live.

Age, in a majority of cases, never comes at all. Disease and sorrow make short work of even the most prosperous persons; death costs nothing, and the expense of a headstone is an inconsiderable trifle to the happy heir. To be suddenly snuffed out in the midst of ambitious schemes is tragical enough at best; but when a man has been grudging himself his own life in the meanwhile, and saving up everything for the festival that was never to be, it becomes that mysteriously mixed sort of tragedy which lies in the confines of comedy. The victim is dead—and he has cunningly over-reached himself; a combination of calamities none the less absurd for being grim. To husband a favorite claret until the bottle turns sour is not at all an artful stroke of policy; and how much more with a whole cellar—a whole bodily existence!—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Not Fully Equipped.

"I fear," said the observer of events, "that public sentiment is not with us as strongly as it used to be."

"Never mind," answered Senator Sorghum, "you can let that matter wait until after the campaign funds are collected. Public sentiment is valuable in its place, but it doesn't carry any check book."

An Exception.

"So you think they're not well-mated? I thought you always declared that matches are made in heaven."

"Yes, but in this case there seems to have been a mistake in delivering the goods."