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LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

Alaska Impossible to Autoists.

The New York to Paris automobilists have found speedy realization of the prediction that when they reached Alaska they would learn what bad going actually meant. At least, the only car which has yet gone that far has made the discovery. The American machine, which it was expected would push on through the Alaskan wastes to Nome, on the western side of the territory, there taking ship passage to Siberia, is halted at Valdez. A dispatch from that point to the newspaper which is behind the scheme says it will be impossible to go through Alaska. Experiments made under conditions there, one feature being a heavy snowstorm, shows there is nothing but narrow trails, which cannot be "negotiated" by the autos. So the whole outfit has been loaded on a steamer which will return to Seattle, and from that point a vessel will take the car and the party accompanying it to Vladivostok. The dispatch from Valdez says with refreshing frankness: "It is impossible for any man who has not seen the trail over which the mail is carried from Valdez to Fairbanks to realize the conditions that exist to-day. To consider making the trip across Alaska in the face of such conditions would be a dream of 'a egeechaco siyass,' in the Gilhook jargon, which means the Alaskan tenderfoot." In the opinion of the Troy (N. Y.) Times, this outcome is not surprising, for at the outset it was predicted in various quarters that no automobile could succeed in getting through the Alaskan wilderness. Even the much-berated highways of New York state must appear like first-class roads by comparison with the Alaskan trails. And parts of Siberia are likely to be not much better.

American Educational Methods.

Here is another tribute to the value of American educational methods. In a paper read by Sir William Henry Preece, formerly president of the Institution of Civil Engineers, before the Royal Society of Arts in London, the speaker mentioned the difficulty if not impossibility of making a comparison between English and American methods, owing to the fact that the American boy possesses "the energy and smartness of a new race; the European boy mentally is two years behind him." This explained the difference in curricula and examination papers. But it is American adaptation to these different conditions which accounts for the success of educational methods here. Still further testimony to the efficacy of American ideas is found in the proposition from Germany that the conversational style of teaching languages be put into practice by an exchange of American and German professors, the American professors instructing German students by this method, and vice versa. German educators are alive to the practical demands of the times, and appear to derive much inspiration from the United States.

The interest which Germany has shown in the matter of canal construction and the enterprise which is providing a great system of interior waterways have been mentioned repeatedly. Now comes the announcement that Paris is preparing to provide itself with deep canals that will enable it to have such communication with the larger bodies as will constitute a connecting link in traffic between the North sea and the Black sea. In a word, Bavaria is ambitious to become a maritime state. There is strong belief that such a canal system will bring enormous benefit to the agricultural and manufacturing industries of the kingdom, and the plans in contemplation involve the expenditure of $90,000,000. Fresh proof that this is a canal and deep-waterways age.

Enoch Arden cases in real life appear to turn out differently. The poet gave a pathetic finish to the story by having the hero perform an act of renunciation by giving his wife up to the other man. A husband who had been mourned as dead returned to his Tennessee home to find the lady who had supposed herself to be his widow married to another and with a new parcel of children in the house. He gallantly waived his legal rights and allowed the woman her choice between the old husband and the new, and she promptly took the first, and, No. 2 says he will accept the decision and move to have the second marriage set aside. This is not a bit romantic, but it seems to be a sensible way out of the matrimonial tangle.

It is stated that the heart of a vegetarian beats 58 times a minute, and that of a meat-eater 75 times. Thus the meat-eating young man with a vegetarian sweetheart can see how difficult it is at times for "two hearts to beat as one."

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the death of the Russian surgeon Pirogoff has been celebrated by conferring his name on a street and hospital at St. Petersburg and endowing an annual prize for works on surgery.

As a result of a series of investigations on carbon at high pressures and temperatures C. A. Parsons asserts that in none of his experiments designed to melt or vaporize carbon has more than a mere trace of black or transparent diamond been found in the residue.

It is hard to make a small boy believe that he can see just as good ball playing in the prairie league as he can behind the tall board fence where the price of admission is a quarter.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

Despondent over long illness, William Bracy, colored, of Mecosta, hanged himself.

The Escanaba shops of the North western railroad have been ordered closed, throwing 200 men out of work.

E. J. Millington, former "lumber jack" and pastor of the Congregational church, was ordained at Cadillac Thursday night.

W. R. Shelby, vice-president of the G. R. & I., fell from his wagon, the wheels passed over him; he broke two ribs and is badly bruised.

Chairman Glasgow, of the railroad commission, states that during the past two months the reductions have been 129 and the increases 25.

The Michigan State Telephone Co. has reported to the auditor general's department a total of $2,919,829.28 for 1907, and a tax of $87,494.89 will be levied.

Miss Pauline Westcott has returned to Durant for a year's furlough after an absence of six years doing mission work in the Hin Hua school in China.

The Volunteer mine, in the Cascade district of the Marquette iron range, has been sold by the Alger estate of Detroit to the new Volunteer Ore Co., of Delphi.

Charles Vanderlip, aged 86, of Traverse City, got up at 4:30 a. m. to attend to his wife, who had been ill all night. He walked a few steps toward her and fell to the floor, dead.

William Joseph Jackson pleaded guilty to being one of the men who blew the postoffice safe at Dansville, Ingham county, and was sentenced him to from 12 to 25 years in Marquette prison.

The Detroit Journal says it has received notice from Washington that $1,000,000 will be appropriated for the military maneuvers in July and the Michigan troops will go to Indianapolis.

The funeral ceremonies for "Uncle Dan" Whipple, 106 years of age, were held in the First Congregational church at Traverse City. A large number of civil war veterans were present.

Miss Julia Nicholson, a stenographic employe at Lansing, has received a check for $6,000, which is the proceeds from the sale of the property of a young man she was to have married soon.

Mrs. Sarah J. Bodine, an Oakland county pioneer, fell dead at her husband's feet. She was 67 and her husband was 76. He is feeble and many believe he will not withstand the shock of her death.

Max Peek, a medical student, was fined $5 and costs for shooting a black crowned night heron in an Ann Arbor cemetery. The bird was nesting and was the first of its species ever seen in this country.

Frank W. Lyle and Ira B. Gage, president and vice-president, respectively, of the defunct Dowagiac City bank, were tried in court Friday and bound over to the present term of the circuit court under bonds of $10,000.

Harry B. Smith was fined $150 in the United States court at Bay City for "fishing" with dynamite. Smith was arrested two years ago, but jumped his bail and got to Canada. He was lured back by the federal officers at Detroit.

Because his wife would not withdraw her charge against him, Henry Fisk, awaiting trial for assault and battery, tore up his clothes in his cell in the county bastile at Pontiac. Officials had considered putting his quiet, He now wears a barrel.

President Angell, of the U. of M., is in Washington attending the meeting of governors, called by President Roosevelt, to consider the problem of conserving national resources. Gov. Warner appointed President Angell to represent Michigan.

Members of the Chicago Commercial association will leave Chicago on a two weeks' trade booming expedition into Michigan and Ohio. The Michigan cities to be visited include Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Bay City, Saginaw, Flint, York and Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Davenport were arrested Saturday night charged with having murdered their infant, supposedly by strangulation about a month ago. The couple came to Kalamazoo from Cloverdale, where the alleged murder occurred a short time ago.

A Bradley band and a Bradley quartet are the latest organizations to come into active life at Kalamazoo. The members of both organizations are from among the business men of the town, and are a sort of side issue of the "Bradley for Governor" club that was organized last week.

Delegates elected at Calumet township Democratic caucuses to represent this section at the county convention were instructed for Judge Brooks. Delegates also instructed delegates for Bryan. Undoubtedly the delegates for this county to the state convention will be instructed for Bryan.

Charlotte is to have a school garden this year. Sufficient land for the experiment has been donated by the Catholic Church society. Dr. L. P. Weiss and Miss Hildreth, Miss Mary O. Collins, of Connecticut, who is doing special work in horticulture at the M. A. C., is the teacher, and will spend each Saturday in Charlotte during the remainder of the school year. The plan is the result of the interest in the home gardening committee of the Charlotte women clubs.

A committee of the Marshall Business Men's association recommends investing $30,000 in bonds for the building of a north and south railroad. The backers promise to begin work as soon as sufficient interest is shown by the business men. The road will connect with the Grand Trunk.

Mrs. Mary Paype of Almont celebrated the anniversary of her marriage Friday by becoming the bride of Elden Schenck. Both the contracting parties are 63 years of age and are both retired nurses. It was while nursing a man and wife in the same house for several weeks that Cupid got in his work.

When one of Dr. John H. Kellogg's famous herd of deer escaped from the doctor's private park in Battle Creek, Claude C. Haight's shepherd dog went after it. The dog grabbed the deer by the throat, whereupon the animal came down on the dog with its forefeet and pounded himself. A red-hot race followed between deer and dog, with Haight a close third. After vaulting fences for two miles, even the dog decided to quit. The deer is apparently still going, but the dog is too lame to walk.

Bay City is to have a $50,000 vaudeville theater, capable of seating 1,000 people.

THE INGHAM COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT WILL HAVE A LONG TERM.

MEETS HORRIBLE DEATH

Matters of Note and Comment Gathered Here and There About the State Briefly Told.

The various persons indicted by the Ingham county grand jury will be arraigned before Judge Wiest within the week. The May term of the circuit court convened on Monday, but a number of other criminal arraignments will be made first. Frank P. Glazier is still in Charleston, a change of venue, but he will have to come before the circuit court in Lansing and plead to the charges of malfeasance and misfeasance which were made against him in the indictments.

The other indicted men are C. S. Barnet of Bay City, charged with attempted bribery in Charleston, a bond bill in the last legislature. Judge Dunn of Arenac, charged with offering money for votes in the senatorial caucus in behalf of Arthur Hill of Saginaw, and Jeremiah Anderson of Grand Rapids, charged with falsifying his expense account as a legislator. Mr. Anderson is seriously ill and may not recover.

Prosecutor Foster says he expects to try all the cases at this term, which will continue until September.

Section Hand Killed.

Harry Byers, a section hand on the Ann Arbor road at Northfield, was cut to pieces by a train Saturday night, and his fellow workmen placed the track for a distance of 60 rods. Byers lived in the section house at the station, but when the foreman went to call him in the morning the place was empty. Seeing Byers' grip near the track, the foreman walked down the line a little way and found the remains. It is believed that Byers during the night had attempted to board a train to pay a visit somewhere, and had fallen under the wheels. He was 55 years of age and unmarried. His father, George Byers, is a farmer near Flint, and his nephew works on the Ann Arbor road at Cadillac.

Paying a Dividend.

Receiver W. W. Wedemeyer, of the Cheslea Savings bank, Thursday afternoon began the payment of the 30 per cent dividend to the depositors. Before the closing hour Saturday $40,000 had been paid out. Long before the time set for the payments, creditors gathered about the building and angry threats were heard on every hand as to what would happen should the receiver be prevented from paying the money. It was stated Thursday night that the Hydraulic Security Co., which has applied for an injunction restraining Receiver Wedemeyer from declaring the dividend, would present the necessary papers Friday morning. The bonding company contends that the state should receive its money first. Out of the assets the state treasury received $180,000.

Very Tired of Life.

Wm. Hintz, a youth of 20, with a long criminal record and a couple of terms in the house of correction, hanged himself in the Saginaw jail Friday night, after attempting to burn the building. He was unconscious when discovered, but was cut down and resuscitated by the doctors after great difficulty. The jail had a close shave from destruction. Hintz was angry when revived. He said he didn't mind the sensation of dying and hadn't suffered greatly in strangling. Within 10 minutes after being restored to consciousness he was sleeping peacefully. He says he is despondent and wants to die.

Tied Up the Town.

Because the council refused to confirm one of his appointments Mayor M. Pevoyne, of Escanaba, has discharged all the members of the police force with the exception of the chief, discharged all the employes of the street department and gave instructions to issue no more orders on the poor department. The city is now without police protection of any kind. All street building and cleaning work is suspended and the poor department exists in name only.

Hackley Fatally Hurt.

Charles Moore Hackley is dying, was the word that came to Muskegon from Ravenna.

Hackley is the young millionaire heir of Charles H. Hackley who was injured by a blast while engaged in blowing stumps on his model stock farm, over a week ago.

It proves that not only was his sight destroyed, but his brain was injured. He may live but a few hours, was the statement given out at noon.

School Funds.

Official announcement of the May apportionment of the primary school funds was made by the superintendent of public instruction Saturday. The amount apportioned is $4,816,882.50, and for the number of pupils of school age included in the apportionment, 741,059. The distribution of the fund will be at the rate of $6.50 per capita.

There is some talk of consolidating the Kent County Savings bank and the State Savings bank at Grand Rapids, and if the plan is carried out it will be the largest bank in this part of the state, having $6,000,000 as assets.

The reforesting of the 20,000 acre tract in Iosco county has been postponed a year because Attorney General Bird declared the state board of agriculture had no authority to use the college funds for the purpose. The legislature will be asked for an appropriation.

The postoffice at Wayne was burglarized between 2 and 3 o'clock Friday morning and the safe dynamited. The job was so badly done that the safe door jammed and the burglars could not get at the 2,000 stamps and money inside. All they got was $10 worth of stamps which had been left in the drawer. The burglary was not discovered until the postmaster came down to open the office.

A delegation of prominent men from Flint were in Toledo recently obtaining ideas for the construction of the new Masonic temple. Some time ago the Masons voted to erect a $100,000 building.

News Notes from Lansing

Interesting Happenings at the State Capital of Michigan.

Lansing—The Michigan State Humane society caused consternation among the shippers of veal. Through its attorney, James Hill, the organization secretary, Mrs. Angeline Fowler Brand of Manistee compiled data from letters of complaint from all over the state to start prosecutions of railroads, shippers and consignees who violate the state and federal laws requiring the resting, feeding and watering of calves while en route to slaughter houses. Thousands of "sucklings" calves, especially at this season, are being shipped through the state from all parts of the country. A great many cases are cited where the calves are not fed or watered for nearly a week. In most instances three days pass before the pens are reached. The northern part of the state these calves are allowed to suffer in cold and snow upwards of half a day before being loaded into the stock cars. The society will prosecute the offenders, whether they be railroaders, shippers or consignees. The state and federal laws require the feeding, resting and unloading of calves for five hours out of every 30 while in transit.

Counties Indorse W. J. Bryan.

Grand Traverse county's two delegates to the state Democratic convention were instructed for William Jennings Bryan. They were also instructed to vote for Daniel J. Campau for delegate-at-large to the national convention, this resolution causing some dissension and the endeavor to amend it by omitting Campau, but it finally carried unanimously. The Luce county Democratic convention resulted in a complete victory for Bryan and Campau. Chairman John Lobbington was applauded when he made a speech lauding Campau's devotion to the Democracy and denouncing those who are attacking him. All of the seven delegates elected themselves in favor of Campau for delegate-at-large and a resolution indorsing Bryan was adopted. Prominent Democrats from other counties in the Seventh district have been here for several days trying to work up sentiment against Bryan and against Campau, and a number of delegates tried in vain to induce the Bryan men to refrain from presenting a resolution.

Building Good Roads.

Work on the eight roads to be improved this summer by the good roads district formed last fall from Grand Rapids and the four adjoining townships was begun. Twenty thousand dollars will be spent this summer and about eight miles of road built. Gravel roads, for which the state pays $500, and the balance the district will not get back a reward for all it builds, and much of this year's contract is in Grand Rapids or on the boundary line, and the attorney general has ruled that rewards cannot be paid for such roads. The city pays about $18,000 of the $20,000 and the district was the first formed under the amended law of last year by which districts smaller than county districts were made possible.

Fire Protection a Theme.

Fire protection for school buildings was one of the important subjects discussed at the joint meeting of the Michigan Association of School Superintendents and the school board section of the State Teachers' association held here. The principal paper on the subject was read by John W. Rose of the state labor bureau, who has been making an extensive inspection of schools in the state. Hon. George B. Horton discussed the primary school apportionment and Prof. A. S. Whitney of Detroit briefly spoke on "Some Educational Problems."

State Issues Are Ignored.

Ignoring state issues and candidates, the Ingham county Republican convention at Mason chose 21 delegates to the state convention. The sentiment among the delegates appears to favor Warner, but it was evident that Dr. Bradley has a strong following. Taft was indorsed for president and R. E. Olds of Lansing for delegate to the Chicago convention from the Sixth district. The administration of President Roosevelt was strongly commended and also those of the Michigan senators and Representative S. W. Smith.

To Meet at Petoskey.

The Northern Michigan Press association completed its annual meeting at Kalkaska and decided to meet next time at Petoskey. C. E. Churchill of the Petoskey News was elected president, J. N. Tinklepaugh of the Kalkaska Leader, secretary, and J. W. Matlock of the Thompsonville News, treasurer.

Secretary King Refused Place.

Secretary Paul King of the constitutional convention was refused a place on the Taft delegation from his ward because it was alleged he forsook the candidacy of W. H. Porter for mayor in the city convention a few weeks ago and voted for the candidate of another ward.

Pays Chelsea Depositors.

W. W. Wedemeyer, as receiver for the Chelsea Savings bank, has declared a 30 per cent dividend and began paying the claims of depositors.

Rios May Practice Law.

E. S. Rose, the Kalamazoo lawyer disbarred by the supreme court for his conduct in connection with the military supplies scandal, nearly eight years ago, is to have another chance to pursue his profession, the supreme court having modified its former order so as to permit him to engage in practice after June 1. Rose was a stockholder in the Henderson-Ames company at Kalamazoo, which was a party to the fraud. It was shown that he had knowledge of the transaction and gave advice to the directors.

Fail to Secure Relief.

Attorneys Philip A. McHugh and Charles P. O'Neil of Detroit, who were found guilty of contempt of court and sentenced to pay a fine of $250 each, failed to obtain relief from the supreme court, to which they removed the proceedings, and the fines must be paid. In addition McHugh must go to jail for 30 days, according to the sentence of Judge Connolly of the recorder's court. The respondents were attorneys for Peter Schlaf, charged with wife murder. The alleged contempt occurred when the attorneys filed motions for a continuance of the case for a change of venue, and to disqualify Judge Conolly. The attorneys failed to appear to defend their client and Judge Aldrich was appointed by the court, but Schlaf refused to accept his services. Later the lawyers appeared and proceeded with the trial. For the failure to appear and try the case when ordered to do so they were found guilty of contempt.

Object to Boosted Rate.

Dairymen from all parts of the state attended an animated hearing in the senate chamber before the state railway commission here on the recent increase in the freight rate on butter fat. Formerly railroads carried both milk and cream at the same rate, but lately a higher rate on cream that has been separated for shipment was put into effect. This commodity was called "butter fat," but the railroad men admit it is not a proper designation, and it will be called butter cream. It is asserted that members of the big central plant for making butter are opposed to the higher rate, while the small creamery men throughout the state do not object to it. The railroad men strenuously contend that as the value of a commodity is always to be considered in fixing a rate, "butter cream" should pay a higher rate than milk.

Demurrers Are Filed.

Three surety companies on the bond of the Chelsea Savings bank to secure the deposit of state funds in that institution, have filed demurrers to the declaration of the attorney general, and will contest their liability. The bonds given originally amounted to $200,000. One company recently settled with the state by paying its bond of $50,000, but the others, failing to settle, were sued. In the demurrers filed the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company, the Federal Union Surety company and the Bankers' Surety company contend that no default has occurred on the part of the bank that would render them liable, and that the bank is valid, because at the time it was entered into, Glazier, as surety, was interested in the bank as well as being the party to whom the bond was given.

To Provide Gold Medals.

Michigan's grand encampment of Odd Fellows came to a close at Battle Creek. Before adjourning the encampment decided to provide solid gold medals for all living past chief patriarchs. There are now 20 in Michigan. Alpena was chosen for the next grand encampment. Officers were elected as follows: Grand patriarch, John J. Foster of Three Rivers; grand high priest, Peter Deering of Pontiac; grand senior warden, John L. Miller of Charlotte; grand scribe, John R. Penfield of Vicksburg; grand treasurer, Arthur Hatshaw of Detroit; grand representative, John Gerhard of Saginaw; grand junior warden, Israel Cohen of Detroit.

Automobile Law in Mixup.

A frightful mixup has resulted from the enactment of the automobile license law, and the effectiveness of the measure is seriously questioned. Not a new number has been issued by the secretary of state's office for several months and it is believed that a large proportion of auto owners are disregarded the statute. The numbers now being issued to autoists are those which have been cancelled because they have not been renewed as provided for by the law, but many of these numbers are duplicates in use by those to whom they were originally issued.

M. A. C. Postpones Work.

Owing to the opinion of Attorney General Bird that the state board of agriculture has no authority to use money from its funds away from the college, the work of reforestation of the 20,000-acre tract in Iosco county has been postponed for at least one year. When the legislature convenes a bill asking for authority to use part of the state board funds will be proposed and a special appropriation will probably be asked for.

Earnings Are $2,919,829.

The Michigan State Telephone company has reported to the auditor general its earnings for the year 1907, the total being $2,919,829.28. The company's tax to be paid in July, based on these earnings, will be $87,494.89.

Lands Are Put Up for Sale.

Lands in Oceana and Crawford counties were offered for sale at public auction by State Land Commissioner Rose. Considerable land suitable for agricultural purposes was included in the sale.

Risk Concern Is Attacked.

Attorney General Bird has filed in the Wayne circuit court a bill asking for a receiver for the American Health and Accident association of this city and for an annulment of its charter and an injunction to prevent the company from collecting any more money. Judge Hosmer ordered the company to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed. President Eyre of the company says he knows nothing of the action begun by the attorney general and declares that the company's affairs are in good condition.

BUSINESS NOTES.

With the opening of navigation Manistee is experiencing a renewal of business activities, and the season looks fairly encouraging. Wages are less than last year, but there seems to be no dearth of employment. The leading business men of the city show a spirit of confidence in the present and hopefulness for the near future.

Nearly all the lumber mills are running full time, stocks are about normal, and orders for the better grades of mill stuffs are coming in with great frequency every day. Much disagreement is shown as to the effects of the new dry laws, but the preponderence of opinion seems to be that general business will be improved by the diversion of money usually spent for liquor into the regular trade channels.

Muskegon's leading business men are of the firm belief that, with the exception of last year, they will experience the most prosperous year of their existence since the days when pine was king.

The financial stringency has affected the farmer but little to his disadvantage, and Clare county, which is a fine farming section, is prospering. Merchants say that collections are normal and cash plentiful.

The Boyne factories are all running, and the help is plentiful. Work is ample, there seems to be no great overplus. Wages of course are lower than last season, and as a result, trade has slacked off considerably.

Spring finds the majority of Alpena mills with large stocks on hand, and demand light. The belief is that the summer will be quiet, logging operations will be restricted and production will be considerably curtailed.

Admiral Evans Retires.

In a great naval and military parade at San Francisco Saturday morning to mark the arrival of the battleship fleet, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans made his last public appearance as an active naval officer. He will retire from the service in a few days.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 seamen, said to be the greatest number of U. S. sailors and marines ever to come ashore at one time to take part in a procession in any city, lined up in the parade, under command of Capt. Seaton Schroeder, Admiral Evans rode in a carriage ahead of them.

In all 15,000 soldiers and sailors made up the line, including 2,500 men of the regular army, under Gen. Funston, and the national guardsmen and naval reserves of California.

John Armstrong Chanler, the wealthy brother of Lieut. Gov. Lt. S. Chanler, of New York, has been granted permission to re-enter New York to testify in the suit he has brought against his guardian to forestall danger of being taken to Bloomingdale asylum. Chanler was adjudged insane in New York in 1897, escaped and was adjudged sane in Virginia, where he immediately brought the suit against his guardian to recover $1,000,000.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—Cattle—Dry-fed steers and heifers, $6.50; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $5@5.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $5@5.50; choice fat cows, $5@5.10; good cows, $4.25@4.75; common cows, $3@3.50; canners, $2@2.75; choice heavy bulls, $4@4.50; fair to good bologna bulls, $3.50@4; stock bulls, $3.25@3.50; feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $4.25@4.75; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $4@4.25; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., $4@4.25; fair stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., $3.50@4; stock heifers, $3.50@4; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@65; common milkers, $25@35.

Veal calves—Market 25@50c higher; best, $8@8.50; others, $6@7.75.

Milch cows and springers—Steady; best grades, $50@60; one or two steady, last week's prices; one bunch of extra good at $70; fair to good, $40@50; common, $25@30.

Sheep and lambs—Market 10@15c lower; light to common lambs, $4@5.50; spring lambs, $6@7.50; best handy weight butcher sheep, $4.50@5; culls and common, $3@3.50.

Hogs—Market 15@20c lower; nothing sold up to noon; heavy, $6.25@6.30; light to good butchers, $6.50@6.60; pigs, $6.50@6.60; light yorkers, $6.20@6.30; roughs, $4.75@5; stags, one-third off.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—Receipts, three cars; steady; export steers, $6.75@7; best fat heifers, $5@6.50; cows, $4@5.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 20 cars; active; heavy, $6.50@6.55; mixed, $6.50@6.55; yorkers, $6.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 15 cars; lower; best lambs, $7.15@7.25; yearlings, $6@6.50; wethers, $5.75@6; ewes, $5@5.50.

Calves, $4@7.25.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit.—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, 5 cars at $1.02½; No. 1 white, 1 car at $1.02½ bid. May, $1.02½ bid; July opened at 91¾@92, closed at 91¾@92 bid, and advanced to 91¾@92. September opened at 88@88¾, gained ¾c, dropped to 88¾@88½, declined to 88c. No. 3 red, 90½c; No. 1 white, $1.02½; No. 2 white, $1.02½; No. 2 yellow, $1.02½; No. 3 yellow, 1 car at 92½c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 90c.

Oats—Cash, No. 3 white, 54½c asked. May, 47½@48c bid at 47½. Standard, 1 car at 47½c. Mixed, 1 car at 47½c.

Rye—Cash, No. 2, 1 car at 87c.

Beans—Cash and May, $2.48 bid; June, $2.46 bid.

Clover seed—Prime spot, $12.50. October, 200 bags at $7.50; sample, 7 bags at $6.50.

Timothy seed—Prime, spot, 60 bags at $2.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Bran, $26; fine middlings, $29; fine middlings, $30; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $28; corn and oat chop, $26 per ton.

Flour—Michigan patent, best, 30c; ordinary patent, $4.80@4.90; straight, $4.80@4.90; clear, $4.50@4.60.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT

Week Ending May 16, 1908.

LYCEUM THEATRE—Every Night. Matinees Wed., Sat. and Sun. "Lost in the White Horse Tavern."

LAFAYETTE—Matinees Sun., Tues., Thurs. and Sat. Prices 20c, 30c, 50c and 75c. All Matinees Except Sunday, 25c. New Stock Company with Leonard Doyle and Rodney Hanoun in the leading roles. "The Clemenceau Case."

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE—Matinees Daily, except Wednesday. 10c, 20c, 30c. "The Odd Clothes Man."

TEMPLE THEATRE—VAUDEVILLE—Afternoons 25c, 50c and 75c. Evenings, 25c, 50c to 75c. RICE & COHEN, Etc.

While William Milne, the veteran crossing tender at Oak Creek, was celebrating his 79th birthday, his gift from the Grand Trunk railroad arrived in the form of a notice of his retirement under the pension ruling recently adopted. Milne did not like the gift, however, saying he was good for 10 years yet. For 14 years Milne never had a day off for pleasure or sickness, though he took an enforced vacation when struck by a locomotive and was in Nichols hospital for three weeks, eight years ago. He has been employed by the Grand Trunk 28 years in all.

The Prohibition party is planning to carry out a vigorous campaign in and about Ionia. The county committee is negotiating now with an active Congregational pastor in the county, with a view of having him give his entire time to the campaign.

The small butter dealers are protesting to the railway commission against the reduction of the transportation rate on butter fats. They say it will help the big dealers only.

Six hundred pickle growers of Burt and their families will enjoy the annual pickle dinner Thursday. The pickle crop is the mainstay of the farms about the town.

THE LAPORTE MURDERESS

EVIDENCE POINTS TO THE VIEW THAT THE GUNNESS FIEND IS ALIVE.

NO MORE BODIES FOUND

The Remains of Ten Victims She Has Buried in the Yard of Her Home May Not Be All.

There is no better way of indicating the demoniacal qualities now generally ascribed to Mrs. Belle Gunness than by saying that when it was announced Saturday night that no more bodies had been dug up in that garden of death on the Gunness place, everybody in Laporte was surprised. Yet that awful find of the remains of ten persons, three of whom were her own children, who were victims of her lust for blood and money is sufficiently appalling record of her awful life. A more disliked, suspected and feared of the woman has now become in the public mind a perfect paragon of blood, lust, craft and treachery. Apparently nobody would be surprised to learn that every square yard of her 50-acre farm is sown with the bodies of her victims.

Meantime where is Belle Gunness? Are those fragments of a female body that lie in the morgue charred past recognition really hers or are they the remains of still one more of her victims forced to throw dust in the eyes of the police until the multi-murderer makes good her escape? Certain things stand out as facts—hard and brutal facts that cannot be explained away, indicating that this unpunished female criminal is living and trying to escape detection and capture. Evidence has come to light that she had an accomplice in Chicago, who acted as the woman's agent in luring people to her "horror farm," outside of Laporte. The accomplice was a woman, whose attractiveness was used by Mrs. Gunness to lead her victims on until they fell a prey to her thirst for blood and money.

These facts were unearthed by an examination of the 82 letters written by the woman to Andrew Helgelein. The letters describe with certainty the woman's fellow-worker.

Helgelein said Saturday: "I shall have my brother Halvor, at Aal-Hallingdal, Norway, get the police of that country to search for Mrs. Gunness. I shall also write to the office of American cities. My duty to my friends is to see both Lamphere and Mrs. Gunness hanged.

"I don't like the way the bodies were found. They were thrown out on the ground and left in the rain. They would then left in a barn where rats might get them."

Before his departure Helgelein was allowed to talk with Lamphere in the jail.

Coroner Mack has changed his records which showed that "Mrs. Belle Gunness" and her three children died in the fire which destroyed their home. The record now reads: "An unknown woman and three Gunness children" perished in the fire. The coroner is convinced that Mrs. Gunness is alive.

Ray Lamphere continues to rave like a madman in his cell. He is in a state of hysteria.

Atlanta's Big Fire.

Two solid business blocks of Atlanta, Georgia, are in ruins today as the result of a fire which threatened for a time to destroy the entire business section of the city and perhaps wipe out the entire down-town district.

The fire loss may be conservatively estimated at $1,500,000. The Terminal hotel, one of the largest in the city, is a mass of bricks. It had on this account a panic when the fire started, a block away.

Nearly were several other financial colleges, but in these there was no loss of life as was there any in the Terminal hotel.

Porto Ricans Disgruntled.

Commissioner Larrinaga, the official representative of the Island of Porto Rico in Congress, stated in a speech made in the house Saturday that the people of that island were very much discontented with the government of the United States, which he said had added insult to injury. He denounced the original Foraker act as a leaden block which he said closed the sepulchre of the liberties of the Porto Rican people.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Mme. Anna Gould, her children and the Duke of Ponce de Leon de Hagan who still declares he is ready to renounce Catholicism to win the heiress have left Rome for Monte Carlo. They will go to Paris after a fortnight's stop at the resort.

While throwing crumbs to sparrows Robert Prendelbilt, aged 3, fell out of a window of his home on the third floor of an East Seventeenth street building, New York, and landed in a sitting position in a baby carriage on the sidewalk below. His mother rushed downstairs, expecting to see him dead or horribly mangled, but found him too frightened to cry. His only injury was a bruise on the arm caused by striking the rail of the carriage.

During a big circus parade in Cleveland Monday afternoon eight horses pulling the cage of the big hippopotamus ran away. As they dashed through the crowd the leaders broke loose and the two rear ones were overturned, the vehicle ran completely over them, crushing them to death. The enraged animal nearly broke out during the excitement.

A business men's party, to take a hand in the coming campaign, probably will be the result of the convention of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York. Its main effort will be to keep "demagogy" out of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Pittsburg, harder hit by the financial depression than any other city in the country, is rejoicing over a steady resumption of work in the big mills. Every week men are being put to work by the hundreds and this week nearly 10,000 were given employment.

President Roosevelt made his first public speech as a boy of 10 before the American Seaman's Friend society. This fact was recalled at the annual meeting of that organization, when an autograph photo was presented by the president to the society's new institute. The photograph will be framed by the institute and put on the wall of the building.