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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

The fireproof mine has not yet been dug.

If you have an enemy, persuade him to go deer hunting.

Nature smiled on football—and the undertakers—this year.

Snowbirds are crowding the quail pretty close in the northwest.

See that your horse is well blanketed and well shod during the winter.

Mars must have started a deep waterways movement thousand of years ago.

The football season is ended, and boxers are figuring up the dead and injured.

It will be new Turkey in fact, with telephones and telephone girls in Constantinople.

The high price of food has seriously reduced the income of many stomach specialists.

Ohio may be the greatest state up in the air, but Texas is pre-eminent on the ground.

Indian summer is always sure of getting the glad hand when it plays a return engagement.

With your five or six inch object glass telescope, you may easily see Mr. Hilyard's comet now.

If football would eliminate mass plays it would no longer be encumbered with a death list.

A Nebraska court has decided that kissing a girl does not constitute a proposal. So go ahead, fellers!

In Chicago are men who make bomb-throwing a profession. In Russia it is a habit, not a profession.

Lots of old-fashioned people will soon begin to tell us of the time when Christmas used to come in the winter.

Spots on the sun now may be seen with the naked eye, provided the eye is first modestly veiled with smoked glass.

Victor Hugo made himself rich writing books, but that doesn't say that every man should take to writing books.

One difference in current sports seems to be that in aviation necks are imperiled, while in football they are broken.

Lunar eclipses that hope to receive favorable mention in this column must show up at a respectably early hour in the evening.

An Indiana woman calls her husband a "nag" and a "scold." Doubtless the cruel creature has refused to button her gown in the back.

A big concern in New Jersey is to bring about a cut in ribbons. So there will be some comforting exceptions to the rise of the necessaries of life.

At last the Balkan states have formed some kind of union for the purpose of pushing the Balkan war cloud off the political weather map.

There recently died in Nebraska a man who saw the Chicago fire, the Galveston flood, the San Francisco disaster and spent four winters in Alaska.

The new Chinese minister to this country brings 67 servants with him. Astute man. Had he made it 57 he would have been in a pickle with the paragraphers.

It must be really awkward for a bride whose husband was careless about the staying qualities of his divorce to discover that she never was really married.

There is no wild enthusiasm over the successful efforts of a French scientist to make a dead dog howl. It is hardly necessary to start an investigation into the cause for this lack of appreciation.

Director Lowell of the observatory at Flagstaff, A. T., reports the discovery of the first Antarctic snowfall of the season on Mars. Is it not now up to the Director of some other observatory to demand at once samples of the snow before the report can be believed? Discoverers are not taking the words of other discoverers without proofs these days.

National budgets appear to be the chief source of worry to European governments. France is the latest to experience trouble in this direction. Her proposed budget this year is $40,000,000 greater than the preceding one, and provides for new taxes which make the taxpayers sit up and take notice. As the taxes were pretty heavy before, the additional burden will make the people any more contented.

Those so-called craters on the moon may be merely the marks of bumps received in collisions with other orbs, but that theory does not seem to explain the presence of a tall cone in the center of so many of them.

The top record of American building permits in October were: Seattle, 1,347; Brooklyn Borough, 1,325; Philadelphia, 1,253; Chicago, 986. In cost Brooklyn and Chicago were nearly alike, with New York county, which erects few buildings but big ones, far ahead of either.

French aeronauts have ascended in a monoplane to a height of 1,345 feet and in a biplane to 1,181 feet. While people generally are unacquainted with details they are satisfied that flying machines are vindicating their name.

A foreigner must be in China for 20 years before he is naturalized. This has the advantage of giving him time for reflection and prevents the government from absorbing him too hastily. But it is a very hard system on the colonization of a foreign vote.

PERSONAL.

Frederic Remington, the artist, died at his home in Ridgefield, Conn., following an attack of appendicitis complicated with aseptic peritonitis.

Samuel W. Williams, candidate for vice-president on the Populist ticket in 1908, was stricken with heart failure at his home in Vincennes, Ind. His condition is serious.

Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean Clemens, died from an attack of epilepsy while taking a bath at her father's home in Stormfield, Mass. She was about thirty years old and was a close companion to her father.

Threatened with pneumonia and in a weakened condition, William J. Gaynor was forced to confine himself to his cot at Jacksonville, Fla., and all north cars of physicians and nurses on his cousin, William Jennings, Florida member of the Democratic national committee.

Another young monarch was added to the reigning sovereigns of Europe when Albert I. ascended the throne of Belgium at Brussels. The official ceremony was brilliant and the popular acclaim genuine.

Commander Peary very strongly intimated, in a speech at the banquet of the New England society at New York that the expedition which he led successfully to the north pole might also try for the south pole.

United States Senator A. J. McLaurin expired suddenly from an attack of heart trouble at his home in Brandon, Miss., at the age of 61 years. Death came without the slightest warning.

Percy E. Rockefeller, son of William Rockefeller, is convalescing at Greenwich, Conn., after an operation for appendicitis performed a fortnight ago.

William A. Harris, former United States senator from Kansas and three years ago Democratic candidate for governor of that state, died at the home of Mrs. Lydia M. Mackey, Chicago, of heart disease.

Spencer F. Eddy, who landed at New York and is on his way west, says he resigned as minister to the Balkan states because he has become tired of living abroad.

Owen Kildare, the author and playwright, is critically ill at a hospital in New York. His physicians say that his death may be expected at any time.

Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry, criticised the constitution in an address at Washington because it leaves the government no jurisdiction over impure food unless it enters interstate commerce.

Dr. Jose Madriz, former judge of the Central American court of justice at Cartago, and Zelaya's candidate, was elected president of Nicaragua by the unanimous vote of congress. The session was a stormy one, but there seemed to be perfect unanimity with regard to the election of Madriz.

Baroness Vaughan, whom Leopold made his queen in fact, if not in name, quietly left Belgium for France, accepting the offer of the government that if she did not depart voluntarily she would be expelled from the country.

GENERAL NEWS.

Thomas Botham, a retired farmer, 72 years old, killed himself after a fruitless attempt to slay his wife at St. Joseph, Mich. Botham's little granddaughter was hurt slightly in jumping from a second-story window in escaping from her crazed grandfather. Policeman Delwin Fisher was knocked down by a bullet which grazed his temple.

Knocked down by a right-hand blow to the jaw, Bob Fitzsimmons, one time champion of the heavyweights, lost his fight to Bill Lang, champion of Australia, at Sydney, N. S. W.

Michael Malone, Michael McGraw and Fred Malone, miners, were burned to death near Harrison, Mineral county, Virginia. Patrick Malone and Frederick Dugan, who boarded at the same house, are missing. Officers are working on a clew indicating that the fire was started after the celebration by a man who had been ejected.

After a voyage of 2,100 miles up the Amazon river the little steamer Napo has returned to New York with 1,500 tons of raw rubber.

Six members of anarchistic groups have been arrested at Moscow, in connection with a plot against the czar and czarina of Russia.

William Murray, a miner 35 years old, shot and killed Elbert Cole, Mrs. Murray and the latter's mother, at Pittsburg, Ky., an adjoining village, and then turning the weapon upon himself, blew his brains out. Family estrangements was the cause for the crime.

Monsig. Falconio, papal delegate to the United States, is also annoyed over discussion of "the probable establishment of an embassy of the United States to the Vatican." The story, said the papal delegate, is a pure invention never even thought of in official circles.

The sixty-first meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science opened in Boston, with Dr. David Starr Jordan of Stanford university as president.

The National Commercial Teachers' federation began its annual meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Statistics compiled by Judge Ralph S. Latshaw of the criminal court at passage of the "anti-gun totin' law" homicides and felonious assaults with revolvers in Kansas City have decreased one-third. The law makes the carrying of concealed weapons a felony.

By the terms of a $70,000,000 traction deal all the surface traction lines in Chicago south of Madison street and a line extending beyond the city and state to Whiting, Ind., were merged into one ownership, that of a syndicate of local magnates and J. Pierpont Morgan was eliminated as a factor in Chicago transportation lines.

That Dr. Frederick A. Cook, arctic explorer, regarding whose strange disappearance there has been such mystery, fearing a plot to take his life, shaved his mustache and in disguise left for Europe under the assumed name of Frederick Hunter, was the gist of a statement issued by Charles Wake of New York, one of Cook's most intimate friends.

The new president of Nicaragua, Jose Madriz, is taking hold of affairs with a strong hand. Zelaya left him the legacy of an empty treasury, and soon after President Madriz had publicly announced, in effect, that the country was practically on the verge of bankruptcy, Joaquin Passos, Zelaya's minister of war, and Ernesto Martinez, Zelaya's last finance minister, were arrested and charged with misappropriating public funds.

Severest storm in many years swept the section from Ohio to the Atlantic coast, Eight lives were lost in New England and New York, property was damaged to the extent of millions, trains were badly delayed, telegraphic service was badly demoralized and those experienced a severe overload were wholly wrecked. A shipping strike was declared in Boston.

Fire that broke out at Des Moines in the old Grant tabernacle at East Fifth street and Grand avenue, used as a mill, soon communicated to destroy an entire block of buildings. The tabernacle and a few other buildings were burned, causing a loss of $60,000. Thirty men were in the tabernacle when fire broke out, but were rescued by companions.

After drinking a pint of pure alcohol in an attempt to commit suicide, Joseph Bowden, a wealthy merchant of Salmon, Ind., succeeded in dying by stabbing himself in the neck with a pair of scissors at Hot Springs, Ark. He was despondent over ill health.

The definition of the word "whisky" by the highest legal authority was given when President Taft rendered the final decision on the subject in connection with the construction of the pure food law with reference to labeling. The president held that whisky made of neutral spirits is whisky when reduced to potable strength.

Entering the chapel of St. Joseph's church, Lexington, Ky., where he was to officiate at early mass, Rev. Father Edward Wiesner, rector of the church, was attacked by a drunken negro, with whom he was compelled to fight in defense of his life. The priest was painfully wounded. The negro escaped.

Musicians from all over the country gathered at Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., for the meeting of the Music Teachers' National association. The Kansas State Music Teachers' association also met in Wichita.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook received another severe blow to his reputation when the board of governors of the Explorers' club at New York received a report from a special committee to the effect that Dr. Cook deliberately hoaxed the public when he claimed that he climbed Mount McKinley in 1906. The board thereupon announced his expulsion.

Charles Johnson and his wife, Minerva, were found guilty of murder in the circuit court at Harrisburg, Ill., and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary. Johnson shot and killed John Browder last September while the latter and Johnson's wife were engaged in a quarrel.

More than 2,000 persons were drowned in severe gales off Korea and Japan, according to word brought by the steamer Empress of India, which arrived at Victoria, B. C.

A hundred or more scantily clad lunatics roamed about the country after being liberated from imprisonment by fire which destroyed the north wing of the Northern Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville, Ill. Several firemen were injured by falling walls in the fight to prevent the blaze from spreading to the main part of the building. No one was killed.

Five persons were killed and 17 injured as the result of the explosion of an engine in the shops of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad at Shawnee, Okla. The explosion occurred during the noon hour, while most of the employes of the shops were at lunch.

The exploding of an oil lamp in the home of Santano Cierba at Hillsville, Pa., caused the death of at least eight persons and the serious injury of two others.

Gen. Estrada has begun his march toward Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, where President Madriz is reported to be attempting the organization of a cabinet composed of leaders of both factions. The death roll from the bloody battle at Rama, that has wiped out all present opposition to the progress of the revolutionists, is now placed at over 1,000.

An exposition will be held in New Orleans to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal and incidentally the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

A $50,000 monument to firemen of New York city who died at their posts of duty will be built in Union square next year.

Declared to have no equal afloat as a first-class fighting machine, the battleship Utah, the greatest warship ever built in the United States, was launched from the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J.

A codicil to the will of George Rhodius, filed for probate, leaves the residue of his estate, or about $500,000, to be applied for improvement of parks in Indianapolis. The original will gives only $50,000 to Elma Date, who has appealed to the Indiana supreme court for the annulment of her marriage to him.

Estrada forces at Tatumbla and Recreo, near Rama, routed and defeated the forces of Zelaya after desperate fighting of several hours. A great many were killed. One hundred were wounded and 150 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists.

ZELAYA A FUGITIVE.

Deposed Nicaraguan Dictator Flees to Corinto.

Jose Santos Zelaya, the ex-president of Nicaragua, has taken himself out of the country and is now aboard the Mexican gunboat General Guerrero bound for Salina Cruz.

Under the cover of darkness Thursday morning Zelaya, accompanied by a heavily armed guard, proceeded to Corinto, in which port the Mexican warship had been lying for several days, close to the United States protected cruiser Albany. Other American warships swung at anchor in the harbor, with marines aboard, lazily awaiting instructions.

Zelaya's coming was unheralded, but a guard from the Guerrero received him and soon he was safe under the protection of the Mexican flag. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon the warship weighed anchor and pointed out to sea.

A salute of 13 guns was fired from the shore, and hundreds of soldiers and citizens waved the former dictator a farewell from the beach.

WIRELETS.

Seven girl shirtwaist strikers who served five days on Blackwell's Island for strike picketing have been decorated with medals of bronze.

For the first time since Halley's comet reached this section of the heavens on its present visit it is visible to the naked eye in New York.

According to wireless reports from incoming liners a storm of great magnitude is prevailing on the Atlantic. The Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, the Minnetonka and the La Touraine are among the westbound liners who have found the weather very severe and will arrive behind time.

Fines to the amount of $14,000 was assessed by Judge George F. Robinson against self-confessed grafters of Youngstown, O., who are to remain in the custody of the sheriff until the fines are paid. Ten county officials and contractors are included. The sentence of the court was a fine of $500 for each indictment.

Work has been commenced in the Brownsville country, Texas, on what will be the largest sugar irrigation plantation in the world. It will comprise 177,000 acres and it is proposed to have 40,000 acres under cane planted in sugar cane before the end of next season. The company, capitalized at $2,000,000, is composed mainly of Louisiana planters and sugar growers from Cuba.

A committee appointed by the Isthmian canal commission has just estimated for official purposes that the cost and time of new ditch companies excavated 75,146,000 cubic yards toward the construction of the canal across the Panama isthmus. Of this amount 29,305,000 is regarded by the committee as useful in the construction of a canal under the plans of the United States.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit — Cattle — Market 10@15c higher than last week's close; run very light; best steers and heifers, $5.50@6; steers and heifers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs., $5@5.50; steers and heifers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $4@5.25; steers and heifers that are fat, 500 to 700, $2.75@3.75; butcher cattle, $4.50@4.65; good fat cows, $3.50@3.75; common cows, $3.50@3; canners, $1.50@2.25; choice heavy bulls, $4.50; fair to good bologna bulls, $3.50@4; stock bulls, $2.50@3.50; choice feeding steers, 800 to 1,000, $4.25@4.50; fair feeding steers, 600 to 800, $4; choice stockers, 500 to 700, $4; fair stockers, 500 to 700, $3.50@3.75; stock heifers, $3@3.25; milkers, $30@55; choice cows and milkers, $40@50; common milkers, $20@25. Veal calves receipts, 1,000; market steady with last week; best, $8.50@9.25; others, $4@7.50. Milch cows and springers, steady. Sheep and lambs. Market 10@15c lower than last week's close. Best lambs, $7.50@7.75; fair to good lambs, $7.25@7.75; light to common lambs, $6@7; yearlings, $6.50; fair to good sheep, $4.50@5; culls and common, $2.50@3.75. Hogs. Market 20@25c lower than last week; light to good butchers, $8.20@8.25; pigs, $8.25; light yorkers, $8.10@8.20; stags, one-third off.

East Buffalo—Cattle. Good grades shade higher; common kinds slow; common cows and stockers sold lower; bulls slower; fresh cows and springers, $2 per head lower; best export steers, $6.40@6.60; best shipping steers, $6.40@6.60; best 1,100 to 1,200-lb shipping steers, $6.30@6.40; best 1,050 to 1,150-lb steers, $6.25@6.50; plain 1,050-lb steers, $4.75@5; best fat cows, $4.50@5; trimmers, $3.50@4; best heifers, $5.50@6; fair to good, $4.25@4.50; common, $3@3.50; best feeding steady; stockers $3.25@4; bulls, $3.25@5; best fat calves, $8@8.50; fair to good, $7@8; common, $2@6; veals, $8@8.50; milkers and springers, $45@57; Hogs. Receipts, 20 cars; market active and higher; $8.50 for lights; $8.90; closed steady. Sheep and lambs. Receipts, 70 cars; active; best lambs, $8.65@8.75; fair to good, $8@8.60; yearlings, $6@6.50; wethers, $5.50@6; ewes, $5.25@5.75. Calves. Steady; best, $10@10.50; fair to good, $9@9; heavy, $4@4.50.

Garfs, Etc.

Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, $1.23 1-2; May opened with a decline of 1-2c at $1.21 1-2 and sold up to $1.24 1-4; July opened at $1.05 and declined to $1.04 1-2. No. 1 white, $1.23 1-2.

Corn—Cash No. 3, 62 1-2c; No. 2 yellow, 2 cars at 63 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 3 cars at 62 1-2c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 64c; No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 61 1-2c.

Oats—Standard, 1 car at 41 1-2c; 2 at 46 1-2; 1 at 46 3-4c; No. 3 white, 46c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 78c.

Beans—Cash, $2.05; January, $2.07.

Clover seed—Prime spot, $8.70; March, $8.70; sample, $8.50; sample bags, at $8.50; 25 at $8; at $7.75; prime alsike, $7.85; sample alsike, 15 bags at $7.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks; jobbing lots: Bran, $23; standard middlings, $23.50; fine middlings, $29.50; cracked corn and chop, $27.50; coarse corn and chop, $27.50 per ton.

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $6.25; ordinary patent, $5.75; straight, $5.45; clear, $5.00; pure rye, $4.85; spring patent, $6.15 per bbl; in wood jobbing lots at $5.

Albert Crowned King of Belgium.

Another young monarch was added to the reigning sovereigns of Europe when Albert I. ascended the throne of Belgium. The official scene was brilliant and the popular acclaim general.

The somber symbols of mourning had been replaced with the tricolored oriflamme. If the Belgians respected Leopold II., they love Albert I. Everywhere there was merry-making and joyous cries filled the air.

Canada Buys Cruiser to Start Navy.

Canada has purchased from the British government the cruiser Rainbow. This is the first vessel of the new Canadian navy. The government is negotiating for the purchase of a second and larger cruiser from the British admiralty.

The Rainbow is a second class twin screw cruiser. It belongs to the Apollo class. It will be used as a training ship for recruits for the Canadian navy.

ONE KILLED; 32 HURT IN D. U. R. WRECK

CAR JUMPS TRACK, KILLING ONE AND INJURING NEARLY TWO SCORE.

MOTORMAN WALKS HOME

Passengers Say Motorman Did Not Slow Up at Danger Point Four Miles North of Wayne on a Sharp Curve.

One killed, two perhaps fatally injured and 30 hurt more or less seriously—that is the toll taken by a D. U. R. interurban car on the Detroit, Plymouth & Northville railway at 7:30 Sunday evening when it jumped the rails at Cady's Corner, four miles north of Wayne, plowed 50 feet, careening through a fence, and finally hitting and breaking a telephone pole, turned on its side, jumbling its occupants in confused heaps among broken glass, iron and wood.

The car was occupied for the most part by jolly home-comers who had spent Christmas and the following day with friends and relatives in Northville and Plymouth, but half were from Detroit. The car left Plymouth 15 minutes late and according to the passengers was running at a high rate of speed.

Motorman Walked 14 Miles.

The D. U. R. obtained a statement from Motorman Collar.

Collar says he lives in Ypsilanti with his sister. He has run on the road, night and day, for two months and admits that he should be familiar with the route. He was aware that about 700 feet from the curve there is a sign warning motormen of the bend in the track. He says he does not know how he happened to miss the sign, but did not see it.

"We were on the curve before I knew it," he said. "I shut off the current and put on the air. Then we went off."

Collar picked himself up dazed and bruised. He says he helped carry the injured from the car. Then he disappeared, leaving his hat behind. He was unaccounted for till morning, when he arrived at Ypsilanti, barehanded. He had walked the 14 miles between that city and the scene of the wreck. He was still dazed when he left home.

The D. U. R. officials have accepted Collar's statement as to the cause of the wreck.

The car was crushed in such a way that most of the injuries had to be taken through the smoker.

Cooley Begins on Phone Revision.

Prof. M. E. Cooley and his assistants have commenced to work revising the figures made three years ago showing the valuation of telephone and telegraph companies' properties in this state. The computation is to be completed by Jan. 10, that Attorney General Bird may furnish the information to the state tax commission in time to be of use in completing the first tentative assessment of these corporations, which has to be completed on Jan. 15 by the commission.

To assist Prof. Cooley in the work he has brought with him H. E. Riggs, of Riggs, Sherman & Co., Toledo engineers; W. C. Polk, telephone consulting engineer of Toledo; F. C. Hinchman, of Detroit, and Prof. A. R. Parsons, assistant professor of telephone engineering at the university.

To Look into Trolley Rates.

The railroad commission has ordered a hearing in Detroit on the matter of the freight rate on milk charged by the D. U. R., and will do some investigating in other states to learn how the rate there as compared with those charged by steam roads. R. R. Darwin, of the commission's rate department, will make a tour to get the information. Meantime the D. U. R. is to continue charging the old rate.

Y. M. C. A. Gets Hill's Money.

Attorney F. E. Emerick has announced that the Saginaw-West Side Y. M. C. A., which was disbanded some time ago, had never legally gone out of existence, and therefore is entitled to the $25,000 bequeathed it by the late Arthur Hill. The three members of the organization asked the attorney to look the matter up, and now plans will be made for the revival of the association.

Succeeds Arthur Hill as Regent.

Gov. Warner has announced the appointment of John H. Grant, of Manistee county, to succeed the late Arthur Hill, as regent of the university for the unexpired term. The new regent is judge of probate for Manistee county.

Detroit Accountant Reappointed.

Norval A. Hawkins, of Detroit, has been reappointed by Gov. Warner as a member of the state board of accountants. The governor also reappointed Edzar A. Honey, of Kalamazoo, as a member of the state board of dental examiners.

The Arcade company, owners of the old Burdick house, Kalamazoo, announced that during the next year a new structure will be erected on the site of the old building.

Henry W. Curtis, 69 years old, a member of company C, of the Twenty-seventh regiment of Massachusetts, walked into police headquarters, at Port Huron, today and begged that he be sent to jail for 90 days. The aged man, who has been living in Dayton, O., says that he left that city 10 days ago with $400, but met a friend, with whom he dined and drank. As a result, the soldier said, his money was gone and he found a place to stay until March, when he will draw $26 pension. The authorities will try to find a place for the man until he receives his pension.

John Pohe, of Port Huron, has offered a reward of $15 for any information concerning the whereabouts of his wife, Margaret, who escaped from the Pontiac asylum on October 29. He fears that she may be wandering aimlessly and will perish. When the woman left the institution she wore a gray shawl and white slippers.

Yeggmen blew the safe in the Memphis postoffice last night and secured about $70 worth of stamps. The robbery was not discovered until morning, when Postmaster Frank Bryan opened the office and found the door blown off the strong box and the interior of the building partially wrecked.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

Forty Ferris institute students, in night shirts and pajamas, gave a parade through the downtown streets at Big Rapids.

Sheriff Wagensell, of St. Clair county, is contemplating the purchase of a pair of bloodhounds for running down criminals.

W. W. Cummer, millionaire philanthropist and manufacturer, who has been for years identified with Grand Rapids and Cadillac interests, is dead at his home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Several Detroit men have been in Vernon looking over the ground with a view of organizing and establishing a new bank here to replace the defunct Sargeant Exchange bank.

John S. Barrit, 71, a former prominent lumberman of Saginaw, and for 25 years a resident of Bay county, died last night after a long illness. He is survived by one daughter and one son.

With an eight-penny nail in his throat, point down, Charles Odette, a farmer near Clare, is recovering and it is believed the nail will not seriously affect his health. He swallowed the nail while talking to his son.

Mrs. Hanna Beal, 72, wife of Prof. Beal, professor of botany at the Michigan agricultural college, died Thursday morning. She came to Michigan in 1847 and had resided at the agricultural college for the past 40 years.

When local option petitions are presented to the board of supervisors of Van Buren county at the January session they will contain over 100 names, more than are necessary to have the question submitted. Advocates of local option are now making an effort to have a large number of the signers ask the county board to erase their names from petitions before they are presented to the board of supervisors and notices to this effect are being published.

Last year a meeting of the school officers of Ingham county was held in Mason which proved very beneficial to all in attendance. On January 7 a similar meeting will be held at the court house in Lansing. The speakers for the occasion will be L. L. French, superintendent of public instruction, his assistant, Fred L. Keeler, and Walter F. Lyon, prosecuting attorney, all of Lansing. School laws will be fully explained and perplexing questions discussed.

Because C. H. Borrett refused to accept $1,700 in settlement in the suit brought against H. N. Ainsworth, for an alleged violation of constract, Judge Judge Kelly Searl, who is filling Judge Miner's place in the circuit court at Owosso, this week, granted Ainsworth a new trial. The trouble began when C. H. Barrett, of Detroit, purchased a grain elevator some time ago from Ainsworth with the understanding that Ainsworth would not again engage in the grain business in this part of the country.

WIRELETS.

King Manuel, of Lisbon, who was visiting Oporto, started to inspect the readings which were so severely from the recent storm.

The public of the United States paid $61,381 taxes on playing cards during November last, an increase of $11,461 over the corresponding period of 1908.

An exposition will be held in New Orleans to celebrate the opening of the Panama canal and incidentally the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the city.

Attacked in some quarters and praised in others, the skeleton masts of United States war vessels are to be made the subject of investigation of another board of naval officers.

By decision of the court of common pleas of Paterson, N. J., a drunken man who utters offensive and indecent language commits no offense, whereas a sober man uttering the same language is guilty of a misdemeanor.

As one of the last official acts of his last week as mayor of New York, Augustus R. Macfarlan laid the cornerstone of the new municipal building near the Brooklyn bridge terminal. Boiling water was used to prevent the mortar from freezing.

With the departure from the navy department of Capt. Uriel Sebree, to take command of the new battleship Michigan, which is to go into commission Jan. 1, Capt. R. T. Mulligan succeeded him as assistant to the bureau of navigation.

Statistics announced by the state board of health of Mississippi show that 188 cases of pellagra were under treatment in Mississippi during the year just closing. The greatest mortality was in Lauderdale county, where out of 43 cases 26 deaths occurred.

About 4,500 employes of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad, which has headquarters in Harrisburg, Pa., have signed petitions to President James McCrea, of the company, asking that the corporation inaugurate a plan whereby employes may increase old age pensions by setting aside a percentage of their monthly earnings.

Charles LeVerrier, professor of philosophy and literature in the University of Paris, has arrived in New York to deliver a series of lectures before the Alliance Francaise in this country. M. LeVerrier is said to be the youngest university professor of philosophy in the world. He is 31. He will speak before the university audiences in New York, Boston, Cincinnati, Montreal and Chicago.

Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the naval bureau of equipment, has announced that wireless stations costing $100,000 apiece will be built at Iputch Harbor, Alaska, in Washington, on the western Unlaska, States coast, in the canal zone, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Nine persons were crushed and mangled when an interurban electric car, bound for Mount Pleasant, Pa., struck the rear end of another car on the same line while rounding a curve two miles from Mount Pleasant. The injured seven were foreigners. Four of the persons hurt will probably die.

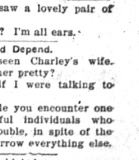
In compliance with an act of the last legislature Gov. Warner appointed a commission which will investigate the causes and effects of vagrancy, habitual drunkenness, disorderly conduct and similar offenses against the statutes and ordinances and will report at the next legislative session recommending changes in the state's laws. The members of the commitee are Tracy McGregor and Clarence A. Black, Detroit; Frank Turner, Muskegon; Prosecutor Walter S. Foster, Lansing, and Judge Riley T. Crane, Saginaw.

DEVELOPMENT OF CENTRAL CANADA

THE STORY OF BIG YIELDS OF GRAIN COMES FROM EVERY SECTION.

"Then the man in the States was told that he could get 160 acres of land in Central Canada—comprising the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—that under cultivation would produce from 20 to 30 bushels of wheat to the acre, or if seeded to oats the yield would be 40 to 60 bushels, he was skeptical. The same story was told the man who wished to get nearer to existing lines of railway, and was only asked to pay $10 to $12 an acre. But many tried it, some one plan and some another. The man who accepted the 160 acres as a free gift, as a homestead, and was willing to put in the required residence duties of three years has now a farm worth from fifteen to twenty dollars an acre. The man who chose to purchase, and did so, took up his residence just the same. He has land, that, in many cases, is worth twice the money he paid for it. Both have found that the story of splendid yields was verified. They have had crops exceeding that promised; they have seen oats that yielded 100 bushels to the acre, and have grown wheat that averaged 40 and as high as 50 bushels to the acre. Their wheat was not a 57 lb. to the bushel article but 62 and 63 lbs. They have seen within the past year or two trunk lines of railway constructed through their district, and throwing out branch lines to the gates of their farms. They have seen schools established in their neighbourhood and the Government contributing largely to their expense. Churches have been erected, villages have been established, towns have sprung into existence and cities are rapidly springing up, as if the magic hand of some unseen conjurer was at work. But it was not; it was the legitimate offering of the wealth of the field which made all these things come about, naturally, and easy. It is a simple that three years ago was merely prairie, a patch of brown, just waiting for the ploughman, is to-day dotted with tilled farms and splendid homes. The line of elevators with their glistening metalled fronted slats and red roofs, indicate the location of the town and the railroad. There is the glow of newness about it all, but the elevator, the splendid store buildings and the comfortable hostelries deposit wealth, beyond that of the dreams of the man who fashioned and built them but the wealth of the soil, which means that the newness will be followed by a steady growth. The writer recently was a passenger over the Grand Trunk Pacific, the latest factor in this great marvelous field of development. The rapidity with which towns were being built up, the farmsteads occupied, was something even his experienced eye had not looked for. Everywhere along the line of this new transcontinental was the distinguishing mark of progress. There was not a mile of the hundred of the road from Winnipeg to Edmonton and west that did not bear token of its ability to pay tribute to the revenues of the road. Experienced men of this line, not because it is the last in the field, but because it is one of the best built roads on the Continent and traverses one of the best districts of an excellent country. It is well operated, and already has gone into active service as another means of making it possible to secure more speedily transit from the grain fields to the shipping centres. It had been the intention in this article to have spoken of some of the yields of grain that have been made on the Central Canada contented this year, but space will not permit, so that delightful task will be taken up in another issue. In the meantime it would be well for the reader, if he is interested, to put himself in touch with some official of the Canadian Government and get information that might be useful in making a selection for a home in Central Canada, and become one of those who will be instrumental in building up a great country to the north. In doing so, you will be assisting the United States. In a few years' time the United States will be a wheat importer. Canada will supply the wheat and you will be one of the producers.

THE EARRINGS.



He—Lydia, I saw a lovely pair of earrings to-day.
She—O, where? I'm all ears.

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