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Europeans may soon develop into a race with eyes in the tops of their heads if Zeppelin keeps on flying around.

It is again denied in Berlin that Prince Eitel Friedrich is to come over to Marblehead this summer. We're sorry for the prince.

Explorer Ernest DeKoven Leffingwell will leave Seattle May 1 for arctic Alaska, thus cleverly escaping the perils of moving day.

A London man who started in life as a juggler died recently, worth $75,000,000. Evidently he turned out to be a juggler of finance.

Lumber is becoming so high priced that the man who discusses politics in the corner grocery store cannot afford to whittle while he talks.

No matter what the uncertainty concerning the advent of spring, there is none whatsoever about the advent of the spring season for fish lies.

They construct dwellings out of blocks of building glass in Silesia, but they seem solid enough so people who live in them can throw all the stones they wish.

That Cleveland woman who says her husband is the "biggest liar she ever knew" doubtless will have the assertion denied by other women who have husbands.

The blizzards of winter will no sooner have retired to their Arctic caves than the tornadoes and sunstrokes of summer will continue the work of populating graveyards.

Japan has 196 warships on her active list, but this number would be considerably and speedily lessened if that much-talked-of tilt with Uncle Sam ever should be pulled off.

London girls are shocking English society by wearing gaudy stockings, ruffles and false puffs. American society would be shocked to see its girls dress in any other manner.

"The people should forget kidnapers and kidnaping as soon as possible," says the chief of police of Jersey City. We have no doubt that the kidnapers will eagerly agree with him.

Why is it that a man can argue more pleasantly with any other woman than with his wife, and why is it that she can argue with other men more sweetly than with her husband?

The German emperor is very particular about the manner in which he is discussed in print. And yet he is just as sensitive as anybody about having his name left out of the paper.

It is reported that somebody is trying to consolidate Spain and Portugal under a republican form of government. We suspect that the job will keep him busy until fall, if not longer.

The custom which decrees the propriety of women removing their hats at a public entertainment is a good one if all would observe it. The exception is always the one in front of you.

A German scientist has discovered a means of making men tall by manipulating the legs and ankles. If there's anything to that, we may expect to see pretty tall statesmen in a decade or two.

"Gathering wool among the financial catacombs" is an expression of the New York Times. The editor must pasture his sheep in the cemetery where lie the shades of the mighty metaphor.

About the only word fit to characterize the state of mind in Great Britain upon the subject of naval supremacy is "panic." There is panic, or something closely resembling it, in both government and opposition.

A professor of the University of Chicago has discovered that baseball is a prehistoric game. He simply dreadful for modern enlightened humanity to think what happened to the umpires in those savage times.

It isn't so very long ago that people would have smiled at the very idea of Missouri's voting on statewide prohibition; but times have changed, and it is not now regarded as impossible that something may happen.

The weather bureau, which has to make known the significance of great atmospheric disturbances, should be notified of the date on which the presidents of the Central American republics will get together to talk over their troubles.

The philosopher of the Topeka Capital says: "If the wind blows your hat off do not chase it; let the spectators chase it for you." The trouble with the human race is that too many of them chase the other fellow's hat for him.

Russia contemplates another loan as soon as it can be made opportune. So do some of the people who have signed up for automobiles.

Who says the courage of Old England is deteriorating? Premier Asquith has met the suffragettes with a courage like Farinata's in the "Inferno"—begging the ladies' pardon). His "arms were pinioned to his sides," yet he gave no assurance of governmental aid and comfort. Kipling may yet have to revise some of his poetry and take the pessimism out of it.

To the merely practical-minded it would appear that Herr von Bohlen had made an extremely unfortunate mistake in not managing to get along amicably with Frau Bertha Krupp von Bohlen.

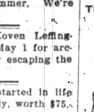
In the spring all New England and many other parts of the country turn to thoughts of maple syrup and sugar. More power to the efforts of the reformers who are seeking to get the good old thicker syrup like that of grandfather's days. It didn't run down the fork.

HURRYING TO CLOSE SESSION

PUSHING THE WORK TO CLEAR UP THE CALENDARS FOR ADJOURNMENT.

REVIEW OF THE RESULTS

There Seems to be More Snap to the Working Forces Just Now, and Rapid Action on Bills.



The new liquor regulation bill which has passed the house by a vote of 82 to 2 is so suspiciously like the Ormsbee bill in its provisions that it seems like an old familiar acquaintance under a new name. It provides a license fee instead of a flat sum so that it can be revoked for violation and the fee is left at $500 as at present.

In spite of all these restrictions the measure is said to be satisfactory to Chairman Waters of the Committee on liquor traffic and also to the Brewers' association and it is expected that the bill will pass the senate without dissention.

It curls the hair of the druggists by confining their sales to physicians' prescriptions which must be refilled. It permits only citizens of the United States to engage in the business and a license may be revoked for two violations of the liquor laws. It also prohibits issuance of a license to an ex-convict or to a woman.

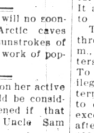
The general law for closing throughout the state is fixed at 9 p. m., but cities under home rule charters may extend the time to midnight. To the cities is also left the privilege of creating "dry" residential territory. Not more than one saloon to each 500 inhabitants shall not be exceeded and no licensee shall hereafter be granted for a saloon within 400 feet of a school or church. All signs advertising liquors shall be posted on any building occupied as a saloon.

Was Opposed to Salary Boosts.

Senator Shields, member of the Judiciary and Education Committees of the Senate has taken the lead in the effort to reduce the salary increases asked by the various officials of the state. He also introduced an amendment to make the banking commissionership an elective office and gave notice that he would introduce similar amendments relative to the railway commission members and the highway commissioner. It is his idea that all of these officers should be elected directly by the people and not be subject to appointment. He has also introduced a railway bill which is now in the hands of the railway committee which provides for the steel construction and of all day passenger coaches and smoking cars to make them comply with the steel construction of the Pullmans. His theory is that as nearly 90 per cent of the people travel in the day coaches that they are entitled to the same protection while traveling as is afforded to travelers on Pullman coaches. The bill provides that all new coaches after January 1, 1910 shall be of this steel construction and that all coaches whether new or old shall be of steel construction by January 1, 1918.

Mr. Shield's position during his initial term clearly indicates him a representative of the people with well defined ideas and the courage of his conviction. Personally he is clear cut and frank in manner and instantly gives the impression of sincerity and earnestness. He is generally regarded as a comer in the political arena, and many predict that his career will not be confined to the half-mile tracks.

A Live Worker.



One of the strong figures of the present house of representatives is H. F. Baker of Cheboygan. On the floor he is a leader and has the record of securing everything in the house he has set out for and seeks to shake the iron hold of Speaker Campbell on his many supporters that have backed his rulings. Mr. Baker himself is familiarly mentioned in connection with the gavel of next session but unless the personnel of the house changes he will probably have to defer his ambitions till later.

Probably no other man in the house could have introduced a measure so radical and advanced in its provisions as the Baker bill interchanging telephone bill, and even got it out of the committee. Baker not only did this, but he passed it in the house by the sheer force of his personality. It is still in the senate and probably will not get out unless Mr. Baker should become really mad and go after the senators in earnest.

Mr. Baker is interested in the Torrens system of land titles and as chairman of a select committee has furnished the legislature with a report of the system that is regarded as an important state document.

House Agrees to Boost.

Raises in salary for the banking commissioner, deputy commissioners and bank examiners were agreed to by the house, which passed the senate bill boosting the pay of the commissioner to $3,500, that of the deputy to $2,500 and the bank examiners to from $1,700 to $2,000, according to the length of their services.

Limited Service.

"When I reach New York and am settled for a few days in one of these swell hotels," said a southern traveling salesman, "I am loath to leave. We don't have hotels in my section where everything for man's comfort is provided. A conversation I heard in the only hotel in a small southern town will show you the difference. This town is not any too well blessed with railroad facilities and if you want to take a through train out in the morning you must leave at 3:30. On this occasion a guest advised Morgan, the proprietor, that he would go on that early train. Another man added that he might leave on the same train. Morgan paced to and fro in the apology for a lobby for some time. Finally he addressed the man who had said he might go:

"'Ah you all suah you goin' on the three thirty, Mistah Jacobs?'

"'I don't know at. Why?'

"'Wa'al, I thought if you all wasn't goin' I'd give the shahm clock to Mr. Smith.'—New York Press.

Stop the Pollution.

If the senate concurs in a bill passed by the house, the practice of polluting the streams of the state by sewage, garbage and the refuse from factories will be stopped. The bill does not affect sewer systems now in use in cities, but makes it mandatory on boards of health to prevent pollution of the streams in the future. The bill was introduced by Rep. Copley of Detroit and is regarded as a very important measure. Mr. Copley has made a splendid record the present session. In addition to several bills pertaining to legal procedure and matters connected with his profession of law, he is the author of the new automobile law which is regarded a fair and sound regulating measure. Probably the most important piece of work work to Mr. Copley's credit is an amendment to the tax laws which enables individual taxpayers to secure review by the state tax commission of assessments that are obviously unfair or where local boards show undue discrimination.

Equalization Board.

The Bolt bill to create a new state board of equalization has been amended by the committee of the whole, and as it now stands the only change in the present law is that the three members of the state tax commission are substituted on the board for the lieutenant-governor, auditor-general and land commissioner.

The Bal measure calling for the creation of a state warfare department to conduct investigations of fires and recommend ways to prevent fires, has passed the house. It was reported in the committee of the whole on the theory that the bill requiring insurance agents to pay a license will furnish the funds to pay the expenses of the department. It requires insurance agents to pay a license fee of $5 for first company and $1 for each additional company, and a renewal fee of 10 per cent.

The Primary Bill.

The senate has refused to concur in the amendments made by the house to the primary election bill, and upon the receipt of official information to that effect, the house directed the speaker to name a committee of conference. The committee, Speaker Campbell named "Representatives P. C. Miller, Chambers and Yaple, which is generally accepted as meaning the presiding officer proposed to have a part in framing the form of the law. The bill, as all three members are personal friends who will act as he advises in the matter.

Killed Woodruff Bill.

The Woodruff bill providing for the establishment of a uniform accounting department, was killed, as well as a resolution introduced by Representative Cranton, calling for the appointment of a committee to call on the supreme court and ascertain whether the members are drawing or being allowed to remain away from Lansing except when court is in session. The vote was 36 in favor to 17 against.

The Book Trust.

The school book agitation was terminated so far as the senate is concerned by the passage of the Atkin bill, after a wordy war between Senators Tuttle and Atkin and it is believed there is sentiment in the house to put it through there. Senator Atkin contends that in his own district the saving over the book trust prices will be over $50,000. An attempt to defer the bill going into effect till 1911 was lost by a vote of 15 to 7.

Want More Money.

Two years ago the legislature appropriated $76,000 for the erection of a heating and lighting plant at Jackson prison. Now the board of control wants $45,000 more to complete it. The house ways and means committee has allowed $19,000.

It is learned that $12,000 of the appropriation, two years ago, was used for the binding twine plant without the consent of the auditor general.

Prison Punishments.

The house has passed the Ogg bill, modifying punishments in the state prisons. It puts a stop to compelling convicts to their cells and prohibits paddling, where the offense is only failure to perform an assigned task.

The Ming Bill.

Senator Ming's liability bill has gone through the house. It is one of the important measures, for it abrogates the fellow servant doctrine so far as railways are concerned, and leaves the question of comparative negligence for the jury to determine.

House Bills Passed.

The house has passed the senate bill giving immediate effect to the state's appropriation of $230,000 for a term of three years.

With no opposition, the house adopted the senate resolution fixing May 15 as the date for ceasing work.

Weld—Authorizing act authorizing payment of specific tax by wire carrying companies, and placing them under the ad valorem system.

Steere—Authorizing state military board to appoint assistant national guardsmen for injuries received in the line of duty.

Morrice—Providing that 5 per cent highway tax shall be collected in townships and cities.

Bates—Prohibiting the adulteration of paris green.

Shields—Making it an offense to refuse entertainment to soldiers or sailors.

Sanders—Prescribing the fees to be paid circuit court clerks and registers in chancery.

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Abdul Hamid's Millions.

Up to the present the sum of $7,500,000 has been found in the treasury boxes of the imperial palace at Yildiz, occupied before his deposition by Abdul Hamid. Of this $2,500,000 is in cash, while $5,000,000 is in marketable securities equivalent to cash. Furthermore, papers were found indicating that Abdul Hamid has on deposit in Germany, England, France and the United States upwards of $15,000,000. It is understood that the cabinet takes the attitude that all these foreign deposits, as well as the treasure at Yildiz are the property of the state. Two courses are open to the government respecting these foreign deposits; one is to obtain them through legal process, and the other through satisfaction from Abdul Hamid himself. It is not believed that Abdul Hamid will refuse to direct his agents to pay over these sums for the reason that as a prisoner it is quite impossible for him to make use of the money, while by giving it up he may secure advantages during his captivity and possibly a share of the foreign deposits and investments for his family.

Patten and the Wheat Market.

James A. Patten passed through on Monday from his partner's New Mexico ranch to Chicago. Patten declared he had bought wheat because he had seen since last October that the supply would not equal the demand. Said he:

"At no time have I held more than 10,000,000 bushels. It just happened that for once in my life I was able to predict accurately. Anyone else following the market reports could have done the same thing and there is no doubt in my mind that if I had not followed up my advantage someone else would have done the same thing and the same conditions would prevail today in any case.

"I did not leave Chicago because I was afraid, but simply and solely to get away from the newspapers," said Mr. Patten when asked why he had left Chicago so suddenly. "There is not the least truth in the statement that my life was in danger."

WIRELETS.

While it is a well known fact that all of the hair displayed by the American woman in her hands-ome and stylish coiffure is not necessarily her own, it is not so generally known that much of it may have been "grown" in China. But Vice Consul General Fuller, Hong Kong, reports that 204,714 pounds of human hair were invoiced for shipment to the United States from that port last year. The year previous 566,032 pounds had been exported to this country and then came fashion's edict requiring massive headpieces. In consequence the sissiplain hair of the celestial kingdom's 400,000,000 at once became a marketable commodity.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle—Extra dry-fed steers and heifers, $6@6.25; best handy weights, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs, $5.50@6; mixed lots, $5@5.50; light to common, $4@5.25; grass steers and heifers that are fleshy, $4.50@5.25; best grass cows and steers, and heifers that are fat, 500 to 800 lbs, $4@4.50; canners, $3@3.50; cows, good fat cows, $4.50@4.75; common cows, $3.50@4; canners, $2@2.50; choice heavy bulls, $4.50@5; best handy weight bulls, $4@4.50; stock bulls, $3@3.25; feeders, 1,000 to 1,100 lbs, $4.50@5; fair feeding steers, 800 to 900 lbs, $4@4.25; best stockers, 500 to 700 lbs, $4.25@4.50; fair stockers, 500 to 600 lbs, $3.75@4; stock heifers, $3@3.50; milkers, large, $40@60; medium, $30@40; common milkers, $20@30.

Veal calves—Market strong at last week's prices; best, $8@8.25; others, $4@6.

Milch cows and springers—Steady.

Sheep and lambs—Market 15@25c higher than last week; best for spring lambs, $8.50@9; best for bucks, $7@7.25; fair to good lambs, $8.50@9; culls and common lambs, $6@8; spring lambs, $8; fair to good sheep, $4@5; best, $5@5.50; culls and common, $3@4.

Hogs—Market 10c lower than last week's prices. Light to good butchers, $7.20@7.35; pigs, $6.80@6.90; light yorkers, $6.90@7.20; stags, 1/3 off.

East Buffalo.—Cattle—The medium and common kinds were slow and a little lower than a week ago. Best export steers, $6.50@6.65; best 1,200 to 1,400-lb shipping steers, $6.25@6.40; best 1,000 to 1,100-lb shipping steers, $5.75@6; best fat cows, $5@5.25; fair to good, $4@4.50; trimmers, $3@3.50; best fat heifers, $5.75@6; light to fat heifers, $5@5.50; best feeding steers, $5@5.25; best stockers, $4.50@4.75; common stockers, $3.50@4. Fresh cows and springers sold strong at last week's prices. Best, $50@60; medium, $40@50; common, $20@35.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; heavy, $7.55@7.65; mixed, $7.50@7.55; best yorkers, $7.40@7.50; light yorkers, $7.20@7.40; pigs, $6.90@7; roughs, $6.40; stags, $5@5.50.

Sheep and lambs—Active and higher; best lambs, $8.10@8.15; fair to good, $7.50@8; culls and common, $6@7; best wethers, $6.25@6.50; ewes, $5.50@6.25.

Calves—Steady; best, $7.50@7.75; medium to good, $6@7.25; heavy, $4@5.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, $1.46; July opened with an advance of 1½c at $1.18, touched $1.18⅝ and declined to $1.17⅞; September opened at $1.09⅞ and declined to $1.08. December opened at $1.07⅛ and declined to $1.06⅞. No. 3 red, $1.42. No. 1 white, $1.45.

Corn—Cash No. 2, 58c. No. 3 yellow, 59c.

Oats—Cash No. 3 white, 59c bid. No. 4 white, 1 car at 57c, September, No. 3 white, 1 car at 37½c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 80c bid, 82c asked. Beans—Cash or September, $2.10 bid.

Clover seed—Prime spot, 25 bags at $5.75, October, 100 bags at $5.65. March, 50 bags at $5.50, sample, 15 bags at $5.25, sample alsike, 1 bag at $5.

Timothy seed—Prime spot, 30 bags at $4.

Feed—In 100-lb sacks, jobbing lots: Fine middlings, $26; coarse, $25; fine middlings, $30; cracked corn and coarse cornmeal, $29; corn and oat chop, $28 per ton.

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $6.50; ordinary kinds, $6.25; straight, $6.15; clear, $6; spring patent, $6.50; pure rye, $4.85 per bbl. in wood, jobbing lots.

Rudolph M. Swartz walked into a well known restaurant in Nassau street New York, and paid 30 cents for a meal he had eaten 12 years ago. At that time he was 14 years old and on his way to take a steamer to Germany. He stepped in the restaurant and after finishing his meal rushed out without thinking to pay his check. As he did not know the name of the restaurant he was unable to send the amount, but when he arrived back he went to the restaurant and paid what he owed.

The bravery of Margaret Corbin, the first woman to take a soldier's part in the war of Fort Tryon, one of the outworks of Fort Washington, will be commemorated by a large bronze tablet, to be unveiled on the site of the old fort during the Hobson-Fulton cerebration this fall. Margaret Corbin was the wife of a Pennsylvania private and during the attacks of the Hessians on the outworks of Fort Washington she reloaded one of the cannons in Fory Tryon many times. The battle was nearly over when both she and her husband were killed.

LOST THEIR LIVES IN BURNING HOME

AGED HUSBAND PERISHES IN AT-TEMPTING TO RESCUE CRIPPLED WIFE.

HUNTING A MISSING MAN

Interesting Facts and Reports Gathered From Various Parts of the State, Briefly Told.

Lying side by side near a door where the aged man had fallen exhausted after trying heroically to rescue his crippled wife the charred bodies of Emmert Schoolcraft, 89, and his wife Emily, 77, were found in the ruins of their burned home in Wayne Tuesday morning when the firemen arrived, too late to save anything but a trunk which contained several hundred dollars in coin and valuable papers.

The old couple were alone in the house when the flames broke out, evidently from a stove in Mrs. Schoolcraft's room. She was unable to get about without her husband's aid and it is believed that, after building the fire, he had left the room for a few moments.

Chauncey Newell, who was digging a ditch nearby, saw the house on fire and rushed to the rescue, but the flames drove him back, scorching his hands and face. Then he gave the alarm. He saw through the windows the old man trying to drag his wife to the door.

The fact that all the doors of the house were locked gave rise to some talk of a death pact, but neighbors say the aged pair were accustomed to keep the house locked up, fearing robbers.

Mr. Schoolcraft was a civil war veteran and retired farmer, in well-to-do circumstances. About ten years ago he sold a valuable farm and is said to have had considerable money in the bank. Besides, he drew a pension of $15 a month. He was sergeant of the Twenty-third Michigan infantry.

Mr. Schoolcraft had been twice married and two daughters by his first wife survive—Mrs. Charles Gnau, of Detroit, and Miss Caroline Schoolcraft, of Greenfield, Mich. They have been notified of the tragedy.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Schoolcraft have been taken to the village morgue.

Civil Engineer Missing.

Detroit detectives are trying to locate Fuller Hong Kong, a civil engineer of Cranford, N. J., who disappeared from the Wayne hotel in that city on the night of April 27. The matter was reported to the police by a sister of the wife of the engineer. Curtis was on his way to Mackinac and stopped off in Detroit. He said that he wanted to sleep for a few hours. A call was left for 5 p. m. but at 7 p. m. Curtis inquired at the hotel office and was told he could get no one to his wife. This was not finished. In it Curtis complained of terrible pains in his head. Curtis is about 55 years of age, has white hair and is about 5 feet 11 inches tall.

A Menominee Mystery.

The Menominee police believe they may be on the trail of solving a mystery involving a woman's death.

The body of a young woman, Minnie Sadowski, 21, who died in Peshtigo and whose demise had been attributed to black diphtheria, when she was buried in the potter's field last fall, has been dug up on a quiet "tip" and found to have been terribly slashed.

The thick sheet wrapped about the body was dyed crimson, and there were long deep slashes in the neck, breast, and arms, as well as bruises about the face while beneath the coffin was dug up it was sealed, and gave no evidences of being tampered with since the burial.

Detroit's Saloons.

It has been figured that Detroit can have no new saloons in less than 19 years. If the city grows at its present ratio during that time. The Webber-Cramton bill, which passed Friday, provides that there shall be no new saloons until there are 500 persons for each saloon. The present number of saloons is 1,637, and the population is estimated at 426,000. The population necessary to permit any more saloons will be 818,500. This will not be attained before 1928 at the present rate of increase.

Hold Up Graduates.

As a last resort for breaking up the fraternity and sorority element in the Jackson high school, over which a battle royal has been waged, the board of education Friday night voted not to give graduation certificates to students who are members of the offending organizations and to refuse credits for work done in the school. Some of the students' parents are threatening to take the matter up with the state authorities.

STATE BRIEFS.

P. L. Lavertu, the young manager of a Muskegon business house, has confessed to embezzling over $400 of the firm's money, and gambling it away. He will not be arrested, but will be given a position in another city and a chance to correct the error he has committed.

John Mannix, who is dead at his home in Genesee township, was buried in a grave which he himself dug two years ago. Mannix at that time was 78 years old, and was impressed with the fact that perhaps he did not have long to live. The grave was dug at the cemetery in Lapeer, and was made of unusual depth and width, and cemented.

Alice McClure, the woman who escaped from the asylum at Kalamazoo recently, was found in the barn of the home of her parents in Jackson, where she had made a bed and was preparing to sleep for the night. She will be returned to the institution.

Because Carl Rodgers, arrested for jumping a board bill in Sturgeon Bay, claims he was captured in Michigan waters, the officers are of the opinion that Green Bay will be made to be measured to locate the dividing line between this state and Wisconsin, before the prosecution can be taken up. Rodgers and two who alleges he was defrauded, followed Rodgers, who was escaping in a launch, in a steamer, and caught the fugitive somewhere near the center of the bay.

"Robert Gregory, a county game warden, and proprietor of a store at Clear Lake, was convicted of selling liquor illegally, and fined $100.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Owosso council has decided that in order to escape going to court through mandamus proceedings it would grant Amil Bellenbaum a saloon license.

Charles Spicer, of Pontiac, who was recently found guilty of assaulting his 13-year-old daughter, has been sentenced to from 1 to 15 years in Jackson prison.

Gov. Warner has appointed Probate Judge Fred. S. Lamb, of Cadillac, circuit judge for the twenty-eighth Michigan district to succeed Clyde C. Chattenden, resigned.

The body of Dan Smith, the young man drowned when the Grand Trunk trestle went out at Saginaw, taking with it the railroad wrecking train, has not been recovered.

On Monday, May 17, the tenth reunion of the Thirty-first Volunteer Infantry will be held in Jackson. The regiment has held a meeting each year since the close of the Spanish-American war.

In his report on the fires, Game Warden Pierce places the losses by the forest fires last fall at $2,570,446 and scoffs at the estimates of a federal official, who placed the losses at $40,000,000.

Representative Sheridan J. Colby, at Harper hospital, Detroit, is reported to be in a precarious condition. He has been gradually sinking for the past several days and no hope is held for his recovery.

The third pair of twins was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, of Saginaw, Wednesday night. The first pair was a boy and girl, the second two boys and the third twins also represent both sexes.

John O'Connor, of Muskegon, has broken all fishing records by landing a two pound muskalonge after a terrific battle in the Muskegon river. Before the fish was landed O'Connor's rowboat was half filled with water.

The coroner's jury in the Newburg wreck of April 18, returned a verdict stating that P. H. Dalton, who was instantly killed, came to his death through the excessive speed of the electric car. No blame is attached to the D. U. R.

Several Kentuckians employed in the woods near Alba went to headquarters Saturday night and started a free-for-all fight in which Charles Brock, a young lumberman, was shot. He may recover. The shooters fled and hid in a big swamp.

Charles Garland, aged 58, and a very prominent farmer of Grand Traverse county, was instantly killed when the wheel of his heavily loaded lumber wagon passed over his head. It is thought that Mr. Garland had fainted and fallen from the load.

As the result of an alleged joke, Norman Hagerman, a prominent farmer, is in Hastings jail, charged with resisting and assaulting an officer. It would be wags for the man that Constable Smith was on a hunt for him and he assaulted the officer when they met.

The trial of Charles Charlwood, charged with the killing of John Smith, of Buchanan, an April 9, is on in the circuit court at St. Joseph. George Smith, a brother of the dead man, testified that Charlwood struck the fatal blow, and then dragged the body to the railroad tracks.

The wife of Joseph M. Rose, jailed in Owosso on a charge of fleecing several people on a real estate deal is trying to get her husband's release. The women have written the officers to the effect that she is in South Bend, Ind., without funds and unable to care for her family of three small children.

The need of a census of all the civil war veterans in the state of Michigan is being agitated in the G. A. R. If it is desired to know the address of one of the ex-soldiers it is necessary, under the present system, or rather lack of system, to go over the entire records of 213 posts, comprising a Michigan membership of 10,000, in order to find it. That is the argument used in favor of the census.

Declaring that his father, Bert Russell, chloroformed his mother at their home in Alpena, Chamption Russell, boy, of his own throat, the father giving him $25 to come to Grand Rapids, just before the deed, Rowe Russell, a little boy, has arrived at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Lamb. He says his mother is recovering, but that his father died from the effects of the slash. The family once lived in Grand Rapids.

WIRELETS.

Beds and the furnishings of the Alton, Ill., pest house were stolen by burglars who broke into the unoccupied building. The city authorities now fear an epidemic of smallpox, as it is expected the beds and coverings will be sold.

John Fleming, 72, Eaton, O., once famous for his diamonds in dress, having substituted gold ornaments, for which has been made an inmate of the county poor farm. Fleming formerly possessed a fortune, which was dissipated largely in dress.

Because he was fat and was afraid that he could not get out of the building in time, should a fire break out, he was arraigned before Henry Eggert, 14 weighing 360 pounds, for failure to attend school, when brought into the children's court in Brooklyn. Eggert has appeared in his father's freak shows as the "champion fat boy," but as he is under age he was arrested by agents of the Children's society. He says he has never been sick in his life except with cold weather and knows what it is to be fat in summer time.

W. B. Barnhart is under arrest in Flint on the charge of cashing a check belonging to another man by the name of Frank Barnhart. The latter was married recently, and his mother, living in the northern part of the state, sent him a check for $100 for a present. The check was delivered to W. B. Barnhart, and it is alleged he cashed it and skipped. He was arrested in Toledo, and is in jail in default of bail.

Mike Burkhart, of Detroit, ex-prison guard, shot and killed Robert Barrows, whose wife he had flirted with and alienated her affections so that she left her home and children.

Though he receives an allowance of $30 per month from his father, and could be wealthy if he would settle down, Samuel J. Sullivan, who applied at the Port Huron police station, says he would rather tramp. He has traveled all over the United States, and reached the city Saturday, from Frankfort, Mich., having walked all the way.

The trial of James Boyle, charged with kidnaping Willie Whitla, was begun in Mercer, Pa.

The building of the Northwest Stove works at the Oregon state penitentiary, at Salem, were destroyed by fire. Loss, $20,000

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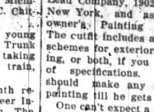

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Shiloh Church to Be Rebuilt.

An effort is being made to build a suitable memorial church on the site of the original Shiloh church, on Shiloh battlefield, now one of the most attractive of military parks. It was on this very spot the bloody battle of Shiloh was begun on the Sunday of April 6, 1862. It is the purpose to build a memorial church to cost not less than $10,000. The names of all contributors will be recorded in a permanent register and kept on exhibition in the church, which will be open to visitors and tourists.

Work of Fish Hatcheries.

As the result of special efforts in the hatchery work during the year the output of fish and eggs in 1908 was greater than ever before in the history of the national bureau, reaching a total of 2,871,466,280. Of this number 2,413,809,000 were young fish distributed for the stocking and restocking of public and private waters, and the remaining 457,647,055 were eggs delivered to state and foreign hatcheries. The output of young fish exceeds the greatest previous record for any one year by 376,000,000.

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