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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, SEPT. 3.

Sky pilots will soon be in demand for the airships.

Count Zeppelin's flights amount almost to migrations.

Evidently the people of Barcelona are satisfied with what their ancestors did to the Moors.

When an aeroplane breaks down, where are you? But when a submarine goes wrong, there you are!

Despite that not-forgotten wave of torridity earlier in the season, no one is tempted to deny that the weather man is still a man of ideals.

Both Germany and England will be represented by battleships at the Hudson-Fulton celebration, but there will be no test of naval strength between them.

Now a Parisian scientist claims to have discovered the germ of old age, and asserts that the ravages of time can be stopped by this germ's extinction.

How the liberty-loving Briton will take to the proposed compulsory military service law remains to be seen. Evidently the recent war scare has not had the desired effect of wholesale enlistments.

When the doctors tell you that the chances of long life are greatly improved by the removal of the large intestine, you should remember that it is with the proviso that you survive the operation.

Traveling at a terrific rate of speed on the wrong side of the street, another chauffeur has killed a woman and fled with all speed from his dead victim. Now let us have an enforcement of the law.

A force of cavalry has been engaged for some time in fighting a forest fire in Yosemite valley which originated from a camp fire that was neglected by careless fishermen. The damage was done by the fire in the gorge between Glacier Point cliff, Panoramic cliff, and Half Dome. If the truth could be established in the cases of forest fires in all parts of the country, carelessness would figure conspicuously as the primary cause.

A ship sailing from New York the other day carried $8,000,000 in gold to Buenos Ayres, Argentina. That makes a large addition to the sums sent previously, and the money is put to good use. Argentina is paying maturing obligations and expanding commercially, and much if not most of the gold sent from the United States will return directly or indirectly in the shape of investments that will be profitable all round.

The new liberal government in Persia is getting very busy with preparations for a general election, creating a police organization modeled after European systems and arranging to give the constitutional method a big boost. It looks as though the progressive Persians and their neighbors the Young Turks are engaged in a Marathon race to see which can bring about the most constitutional-ism within a given time.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the Monroe doctrine is working pretty well even though quietly. Does any one doubt that in the earlier days, before the United States had proclaimed the doctrine and had shown she meant it, a disturbed condition in South America, like that now existing, would have proved a strong temptation to some foreign powers to step in and get a nice slice of territory?

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is opposing in New York the annual sale of chameleons for ornaments, on the ground that most of the purchasers are ignorant as to the needs of the little creatures, and quickly cause death by starvation. Chameleons have been sold in many cities by street vendors, but admirers of the pretty creatures have in most instances been able to keep them alive only a short time, even with the greatest of care.

William Muldoon, the professional athlete and trainer, declares that college athletics are all wrong, and that it is a wonder more young college men do not succumb to the strain. He says this strain is as bad for the mind as it is for the heart, as it withdraws vitality from the brain to other parts of the body—that athletics should be second, not first, in a college course. This sounds sensible—so sensible that it is somewhat odd that it is a professional athlete, not the college professors themselves, who is championing the superior claims of intellect over football and rowing teams.

A man from the west went lately to New York and tried to sell a gold brick there. He failed, for the simple reason that it was a real gold brick, actually worth all the money he asked for it. Had it been the traditional kind, he could have disposed of it at a premium, and the moral thereof is too self-evident for formal statement.

Forgiving fathers and mothers are much in demand among the runaway brides and bridegrooms whom Cupid has convinced they cannot wait.

While Turkey and Persia are fighting for constitutional government, Russia is about to start sanitary reforms to kill off the epidemic of cholera. Civilization and orientalism seem to be reversing places.

A suit for divorce has been brought in New Jersey because in a married life of four years one of the parties has never talked. It is needless, perhaps, to add that the party suing is the wife. No husband would ever try to escape from such a domestic silence paradise.

THE STATE'S VALUABLE WATER POWERS

Have They Been Gobbled Up Before The New Law Becomes Operative To Prevent?

Next Is To Come A Holding Company, So Report Says, That Will Control This Vast Source of Wealth.

Eighteen new power companies have filed their articles of incorporation with the secretary of state Friday.

The companies intend to do a general power business in different parts of the state. The counties in which the plants will be located are mostly all situated in the northeastern part of the state, and are north of the Thumb. Plants will be located in Oakland and Genesee counties in the southern Michigan and Arenac, Iosco, Bay, Osceola and Alcona counties in the northern part of the state.

The constitutional ground on which the legislature was unsound, is that the act gives the commission certain rights over the building of transmission lines which are in conflict to the provisions of the constitution, which gives cities, villages and townships the right of supervision over pole lines, etc.

A NEW TRUST.

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Speakers at Recent Irrigation Congress Claimed That the Nation's Water Power Was Being Absorbed by a Gigantic Power Trust.

The incorporators are Edward F. Loud and H. Kimball Loud, of Au Sable; L. A. Wood, William M. Eaton, Jean C. Wadsworth, of New York city; George E. Hardy, of Englewood, N. J.; W. H. Clark and E. Clark and George A. Crawford, of Detroit.

The combined capital of the newly organized companies amounts to practically $3,500,000.

It has not yet been decided whether or not the offices of all the companies will be located at one central point. The Au Sable water powers represented by the various companies practically include all the available water power left in the state. Similar action was taken by the controlling factors in the water power situation in the western part of the state a week ago, when two companies were formed to take over the remaining water powers on the Muskegon and White rivers.

The interests which predominate in the new companies which have just filed articles are those which already control the power situation above Saginaw bay, and the western incorporators are the moving spirits in the Muskegon-Grand Rapids Power Co., which controls the Muskegon river.

The purpose of filing articles of association of these various companies at this time is supposed to be the turning over of power franchises to incorporated companies before the new law governing water power companies goes into effect on the 1st of September. It entails additional difficulty in the granting of franchises to build dams and by taking over all the available sites at this time the companies avoid the operation of the law, although its restrictions are really minor ones, as the constitution already gives boards of supervisors entire control in the granting of franchises.

In the matter of stringing wires and erecting stations and selling current, these new companies will be under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, the same as the companies already doing business.

The law was prepared by Representative D. Z. Curtiss, of Detroit, and submitted to many prominent constitutional attorneys who gave the opinion that it was all sound. The bill was passed by the legislature after an exhaustive investigation by joint committees of the house and senate.

It will be attacked on several points, particularly that it is unconstitutional throughout and technically because it is said that the title is not broad enough to cover the act.

A test case will probably be taken to the supreme court immediately after the law becomes operative on Sept. 1. The incorporation of these companies is claimed to be a forerunner of the formation of a great holding company that will take over not only these 18 companies but a number of still larger and more important ones in Michigan. It is said the promotion of these companies is preliminary to the merger of the Hodenpyl, Walbridge & Co. and E. W. Clarke & Co. interests in this state, a merger which was forecasted in The Detroit News Aug. 12, last. These interests (both the Hodenpyl-Walbridge and Clarke) include gas, electric and traction companies of Saginaw and Bay City; gas companies at Jackson, Kalamazoo, Flint and Flint; street railway of Grand Rapids; water and power companies of Big Rapids, and the Au Sable river power companies just incorporated.

This information is further strengthened by the disclosure that George E. Hardy, one of the power company incorporators is a member of Hodenpyl, Walbridge & Co., of New York, and W. M. Eaton, also an incorporator, is former manager of Jackson and later Grand Rapids gas companies.

W. H. Clarke, of Detroit, representing E. W. Clarke & Co., of Philadelphia, which company is already deeply interested in some of the companies that have just been incorporated.

Three more water power companies and a land company whose activities it is expected will be in much the same domain as that of the power companies, filed articles of incorporation Tuesday morning, making 22 of these new corporations, counting the 18 which filed articles Friday.

The new companies are the Little Muskegon Water Power Co., capital $125,000, headquarters Grand Rapids; the Montcalm Electrical Co., of Grand Rapids, capital $75,000; and the Western Hydro Electric Co., of Grand Rapids, capital $500,000.

The fourth concern is the Iosco Land Co., of Detroit, capital $80,000; Henry N., Edward F. and H. Kimball Loud, of Au Sable, are among the incorporators and Z. C. Eldred, of Jackson, appears as another, the latter acting as trustee.

A Detroit man, Bruce Goodfellow, is the heavy stockholder in the power companies acting as trustee. Other holders, each credited with one share, are Orrin Cook, of Muskegon; J. Peach, Grand Rapids, and Robert T. Hughes, Grand Rapids.

MICHIGAN ITEMS.

Port Huron "drys" are getting many signatures to a local option petition.

Nearly 12,000 people attended the annual Eaton county farmers' picnic.

Charles Wilson, Orion meat dealer, in Pontiac jail awaiting transfer to the asylum because of mental breakdown, died suddenly.

The name Waterford was the guiding star in the life of Mical McCann, who died at Waterford, a victim of the white plague. Born in Waterford, Ireland, he came to Waterford, N. Y., when 4 years of age. A year later he moved to Waterford, Mich. For the past 32 years he had lived with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Mc-Cann, of Waterford.

Howard Birchfield, recently released from Ionia on parole, was arrested in Charlotte charged with furnishing liquor to David Briggs, a "posted man," prohibited from buying intoxicants. Barney Keyes accompanied Birchfield and all three men were jailed.

The Butters' Salt & Lumber Co. plant at Buttersville, across the Pere Marquette river from Ludington, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. The property destroyed includes the sawmill, the shingle mill, the salt blocks, four million feet of lumber, the docks, the houses, 11,000 barrels of salt ready for shipment, 11,000 barrels of salt in bulk and 1,200,000 feet of shingles.

Trying to couple a switch engine to a string of freight cars in the Pere Marquette yards, in Flint, Engineer George Eagan and Fireman Harry Gibbs were caught between the bumpers and their arms crushed.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS.

An autopsy shows that Joseph Doherty, the Windsor ball player, died in Muskegon from natural causes Saturday.

Thomas Fogarty, a Flint railroad man, hunted up Philip Graham, retired grocer, and paid a $10 account that had run 32 years.

Bernard Clark, the 20-year-old Niles young man who is awaiting trial at the September term of the circuit court on a charge of assault with intent to murder, as a result of having shot at his sweetheart, Henrietta Starr, and her brother, a couple of months ago, quietly married the girl some days ago.

While picking berries near his father's farm in Harris township, Charles Prokasky, aged 8, was attacked by a large copperhead snake. The reptile bit the lad, who is not expected to live. This is the first case of the sort in Menominee county in 25 years.

Several weeks ago a niece from Eaton Rapids visited at the home of Edward Hill, near Owosso, and a few days later Mrs. Hill and her daughter were seized with a disease attributed to the heat. They both recovered and now Hill is ill with the same disease, which physicians pronounce smallpox. It is believed that the germs were brought from Eaton Rapids, were there are several cases of smallpox.

Saginaw merchants have promised to give the necessary credit to the state blind institution to enable it to open and run until its state appropriation becomes available.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

Hundreds of fish in Chippewa lake are dying from some mysterious cause.

The apple crop from Leelenau and Grand Traverse counties is estimated at $1,750,000.

Hubbardston is suffering severely from the drouth, gardens being a failure and no feed in sight for cattle.

The family of Dr. W. P. Mowry, of Saginaw, was made ill of ptomaine poisoning by eating cold storage chicken.

Ernest Beebe, of Mendon, fell under a train near Kalamazoo and had both feet crushed so badly that amputation was necessary.

An insane stranger, half clad and raving over religious matters, was lodged in Menominee after terrifying country folk for ten days.

William Bowes, one of the oldest residents of Arenac county, dropped dead while looking at land in the Jerseh mountains of New Mexico.

Saginaw county jail is empty for the first time in five years. Only seven prisoners are being held in any institution in the entire county.

The Twenty-third Michigan volunteer infantry veterans will hold their annual reunion in Flint Sept. 15. Its first was held on Lake Erie July 7, 1865.

The body of Sanford Silver, of Traverse City, marine cook, drowned by a fall from a steamer, was recovered on the birthday of his two small children.

Oscar Carlson, Swedish machinist of Detroit, fell from a freight train on which he was riding to Jackson to take a job. He will die from his injuries.

William Crandall, who cut his throat at Battle Creek Saturday night after killing his wife, followed a family precedent, his father and grandfather having both ended their lives in the same manner.

Even though Warren Hutton, 17-year-old newsboy on a Grand Trunk train, returned to a woman passenger $10 of the $40 he had stolen from her seat in his car, he was arrested and sentenced to 65 days in the Detroit house of correction.

One jackass of musical ambition and tireless energy but limited vocal range has so aroused the people of Charlotte that the city council has passed an ordinance for his exclusive benefit. It makes him a social outcast.

A family picnic at Lyon's lake was enlivened by a fight in which Will Ockeman stabbed his next-door neighbor, Fred Knickerbocker, in the neck with a knife. Ockerman is in jail, although the injured man has refused to prosecute.

Harold Miller, while riding on a load of rye near Marshall, tried to dodge the cucumbers which companions were throwing at him and fell from the wagon. The wheel passed over him and one leg was broken and the other badly bruised.

Worried over the threatened shortage in the water supply, the Eaton Rapids water board set men at work drilling a new well at the pumping station. At a depth of 175 feet a gusher was struck which for several hours defied all attempts to harness it.

Louis Jones, a Woodsman of Copemish, was killed in a peculiar accident Wednesday. A limb of the tree he was felling struck him in the back, and the force of the impact sent his nose on the edge of an ax. His face was split open and Jones died a few hours later.

After spending the entire summer in shooting and mounting the specimens of Michigan birds, Bernard Rogers and McCormick Jewett, of Chicago, were arrested in Traverse City and their specimens confiscated for failure to procure a state hunting license.

Arthur Watkins, a mulatto, 28, and Ethel Gale, a white girl, 17, were taken into custody in Boyne City Tuesday by Allegan county officers, who claim the pair ran away from Fennville several weeks ago. They have been scouring the country for them.

Michael Burkhart, convicted of manslaughter in connection with his killing Robert Barrows in Detroit on the night of July 4, was sentenced Wednesday morning to serve from 10 to 15 years in the Jackson prison, with a recommendation that he serve the maximum term.

In his address at the Indian camp meeting at Traverse City, Reg. T. W. Thomas, full blooded Chippewa whose Indian name is Nabanayash, prophesied a bitter war in the future between the white and colored races in the United States, followed by an Indian president.

The big cofferdam which a force of men have been building to repair the head gate of the Otsego power dam, was washed out by a heavy overflow of water from the west side of the Commonwealth Power Co. above. Two paper mills are shut down because of the accident.

According to a statement made by Rev. T. C. Thomas, a full blood Chippewa Indian, there was no "Hiawatha," the hero of Longfellow's poem, "Minnehaha," whom, according to the Indian belief, was the creator of the earth, and a very great man, was the person the poet had in mind. The name Hiawatha is a corruption of "Kit-he-wah-sah," which to the red man meant far off, and which was given as the residence of the great man.

Because he could not endure the scorn with which his former friends and customers treated him since his return from Marquette prison, where he had served a term for violations of the liquor laws, George Burgeon, a former Escanaba saloonist, ended his life a week ago by throwing himself in the bay. He was found floating near the docks Wednesday.

Carba Giovanni, an Italian, started to run when he saw officers near him in the Battle Creek railroad yards. He was arrested on suspicion and twice tried to kill himself in his cell. He cannot speak English to explain his terror.

The assault and battery case brought against Mrs. C. C. Coburn, wife of the prosecuting attorney of Van Buren county, by Mrs. Mary A. Boyce, of Paw Paw, who claimed that Mrs. Coburn turned the lawn hose on her as she stood in the window of her own house, has been dropped, as was expected. Because by law Mr. Coburn was not allowed to prosecute the charge against his wife, Attorney-General Bird was called and it was on his recommendation that the litigation was discontinued.

Dr. Simon S. French, oldest Odd Fellow of Michigan, celebrated his ninety-third birthday Tuesday.

CARELESS SPECTATOR'S CIGAR ASHES EXPLODED CHARGE PREMATURELY.

RESULT WAS HORRIBLE.

Paul Paulson Was Blown From the Cannon's Mouth and Terribly Mutilated by the Gun.

Standing in front of an old-fashioned brass cannon, ramming the wadding down, Paul Paulson, a member of the Escanaba division of the Michigan state naval reserves, was literally blown from the muzzle of the gun when the charge exploded prematurely.

The reserve had been called out to attend a celebration given in honor of the organization of the Grangers in the section and were about to fire an honorary salute to Mayor Rose, of Milwaukee, the principal speaker of the day, when the accident occurred.

Fully 10,000 people were in attendance when the tragedy took place and at least 2,000 of them were eye-witnesses to the death of young Paulson. So interested did the farmers become in the work of loading the old fashioned brass piece that they crowded in among the gun crew and hampered them in their work. Several times they were ordered back, but without avail. The work of inserting the fuse and priming powder brought many of them so close to the breech of the weapon that they crowded about the wheels and powder boxes.

Paulson was at the muzzle ramming home the charge when a careless spectator flicked the ashes from his cigar. There was a tiny puff of flame and smoke as the priming powder blazed, then a deafening explosion and the frightened hundreds saw the gunner fall beneath the cloud of dense white smoke.

Hundreds fought to escape from the scene and then as frantically fought to return. Only the blue clad reserves, standing over their fallen comrade with drawn knife bayonets, checked the mad rush.

Paulson was dead before a physician could be called from the crowd. His lower jaw was shot away, a ragged hole torn in his throat and his entire breast laid open. The force of the explosion tore his sailor blouse to ribbons and the wadding found its way into the flesh like a shower of bullets.

Fred Winchester, another member of the company, was badly burned about the face and head by the flash, but he will recover.

Smothered in a Trunk.

Playing hide and seek in her home with several companions during the absence of her parents, Viola, the five-year-old daughter of Edward Parks, who lives on Clark lake, 12 miles south of Jackson, met her death by suffocation in a trunk.

The child was missed by her playmates and a search was begun. In the attic they found an old trunk, and lifting the lid discovered the body. The girl had crawled into it, it is believed, and shut the lid, which locked.

She was five years old Thursday and the mother had come to the city to buy birthday presents. Her father conducted a restaurant on the lake shore.

STATE BRIEFS.

Stephen Draper, Civil war veteran and Washtenaw pioneer, is dead, aged 71.

Sixteen men were brought into the Flint police court Monday on charges of drunkenness.

The Michigan Central railroad will do its train dispatching by telephone on the Jackson-Niles division.

While he body of Mrs. Mary Rossell of Cadillac was being borne to the grave thieves robbed the house.

High prices of rent and cost of living caused 100 employes at the Buick factory to quit their jobs and leave Flint.

Samuel Crane, a Saginawian, now in Kentucky, is said to be the oldest Elk in the order. He is 90 and was a charter member of No. 1 lodge.

Hon. Charles D. Lawton, former regent of the University of Michigan and for nine years state commissioner of mineral statistics, died at his home in Lawton Tuesday night of heart failure, aged 74.

Separated 22 years, and living within a mile of each other for nearly this entire time, Mrs. Ida Ayers were reunited through the medium of a telephone directory in Flint, though each had for several years thought the other dead.

After eating turkey, clams, ice cream and blackberries, all within three hours, Louis T. Schmidt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a commercial traveler, was stricken with ptomaine poisoning in a Detroit hotel and died Tuesday night.

A few weeks ago Charles B. Haskell, a Flint grocer, received a post card from a friend in Owosso which bore the initials of Miss Irene Ellis, a teacher in the local schools. He sought an introduction and Thursday the romance ended in the marriage of the young people.

W. H. Barnard, the man charged with robbing the room of a fellow guest at a Grand Rapids hotel, has been held to the circuit court for trial. It is said that the man's Hortillon measurements tally with those of one Harry Schindler, who has served time in five state prisons.

Forest fires sweeping the country near Grawn destroyed the newly completed house of J. W. Stafford. Volunteers called from the village saved the house and farm buildings of S. Starbuck near by after a desperate fight. The other fires in the vicinity of Grawn are becoming worse, with no signs of relief as yet.

State Treasurer Sleeper announces that, acting for the state board of auditors, he has arranged for the state to borrow $250,000 authorized by the legislature from Detroit banks to aid the state during the present stringency in the state treasury. He adds that the banks have been very generous with the state, granting the low interest rate of 3 per cent on the loan.

That Flint has lost three big industries and is likely to lose more, is the claim of W. H. Little, of the Buick Motor Co. High prices charged for board, rooms and accommodations by the thrifty citizens did it, he says.

EPITOME OF A WEEK'S NEWS

Most Important Happenings Told in Brief.

PERSONAL.

Edward H. Harriman in a personal statement concerning his health said "I am all right."

Henry B. Hyde has been made librarian of the hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y.

Senator Carter of Montana declared at Seattle that charges of water power grabbing in his state were without foundation.

Glenn H. Curtiss won the international cup for the highest speed in the aviation events at Rheims, France, flying at the rate of 47.65 miles an hour.

Charles W. Morse, recently released from the Tombs prison, New York, on $125,000 bail, has begun his efforts to restore his fallen fortunes by attempting to regain control of the Metropolitan Steamship Company.

Henry Farman, the English aviator, made a flight of 111.78 miles at Rheims breaking all previous duration records and winning the Grand Prix de la Champagne.

Albert Newhouse, an inmate of the poor house at Bloomington, Ill., to whom an uncle at Indianapolis left $200,000, wants a wife to share the good fortune with him.

Frank X. Riedinger of Delafield, Wis., who was believed to have been one of the victims of Belle Gunness' death farm at Laporte, Ind., is alive at Fairfield, Neb.

Capt. J. T. Chase, civil war veteran, who invented a hoop skirt 40 years ago, is the inventor of an airship, for which he has obtained a patent.

George B. Moulder, chief gardener of the Illinois Central railroad, was elected president of the American Association of Railroad Gardeners, which held its third annual convention in Philadelphia.

GENERAL NEWS.

President Taft has decided that Beverly, Mass., shall be the summer capital again next year, and has leased the cottage he now is occuying for the season.

Latest reports from Monterey, Mexico, placed the number of dead in the floods at 2,000 and the property loss at $30,000,000.

Thirteen husbands, caught in a raid engineered by a society organized by their wives, were fined at Bayonne, N. J., for playing poker.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and 250 bigwigs from all last week's $6.75@7; fair to good lambs, $6.50; light to common lambs, $5@5.50; yearlings, $5.25@5.50; best wethers, $5.25@5.50; fair to good sheep, $4.50@5; culls and common, $2.50@3.25.

Hogs—Market active and steady, last week's prices. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $7.50@7.60; pigs, $7.25@7.50; light yorkers, $7.70@8; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle market, slow and 10@15c lower on best grades; common and medium dull and 25@50c lower; stockers sold steady; fresh cows and springers active at last week's prices; best export steers $6 50@6 75; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $6 75@6 90; best 1,100 to 1,200-lb shipping steers, $5 50@5 75; medium, 1,050 to 1,150-lb steers, $5@5 25; best heifers' steers, $4 40@4 65; best fat cows, $4 25@4 50; best fat bulls, $4 50@4 75; light cows, $2 75@3; trimmers, $1 50@2 75; best feeding steers, $5@5 25; best stockers $3 25@3 50; best bulls, $4@4 50; bologna bulls, $3 50@3 75; stock bulls, $2 75@3; best fresh cows and springers, $45@57; common, $20@40; common, $20@25.

Hogs—heavy, $8 40@8 50; mixed, $8 25@8 35; yorkers, $8 10@8 25; pigs, $7 75@7 90; roughs, $7 10.

Sheep—Lambs, best lambs, $7 25@7 35; fair to good, $6 50@7 15; culls, $5 25; yearlings, $5 50@6; wethers, $5 75@6; ewes, $5 25@5 50. Calves: Strong, best $9 50@10; heavy, $4@5.

Grain, Etc.

Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 2 cars at $1.06 1-2, closing at $1.07; September, opened with a loss of 1-2c at $1.06 and advanced to $1.06 3-4, declined and opened at $1.05, declined to $1.04 3-4, and advanced to $1.05 1-2, declined and at $1.08, declined 1-4c and advanced to $1.08 1-2; No. 1 white, $1.09.

Corn—Cash No. 2, 72c; No. 2 yellow, 73 1-2c.

Oats—Standard, 1 car at 38 1-2c standard, at the Duke shore, 2 cars at 38 1-2c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 37 1-2c; No. 4 white, 2 cars at 36c; No. 3, 2 cars at 36c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 1 car at 89c.

Beans—Cash, $2.30; October, $2; November, $1.95.

Clovereed—Prime spot, $7; October, $7.25; March, $7.50; alsike, prime alsike, 10 bags at $7.70; sample alsike, 5 bags at $7.50; timothy, prime, 30 bags at $3.75.

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

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $5.80; ordinary patent, $5.50; straight, $5.40; clear, $5.25; pure rye, $4.25; spring patent, $6.25 per bbl. in wood, jobbing lots.

SUITS KNOCKED OUT.

Demurrers in Eastern Oklahoma Tribe Cases Started by Indians Are Sustained.

Judge Ralph Campbell, of Oklahoma, has sustained the demurrers in the suits brought by the United States to set aside various deeds and leases made by citizen allottees in the five civilized tribes in Eastern Oklahoma and thus settled a legal controversy that had been the cause of considerable concern in that part of the state.

The court reviewed the relation of the United States to the five tribes since they became a nation, and found that no vestige of title to the lands allotted them now remains in the United States. The demurrers involved the question of the citizenship of these Indians and the court decided them to be citizens of the United States, and therefore entitled to the rights and privileges of citizenship. It is held that the United States cannot maintain these suits on the principle that it sustains to the individual Indian a trust relation, and citizenship being incompatible with citizenship, national and state.

Finally the bills were held bad because numerous separate causes are joined in each bill who were connected with many distinct transactions regarding as many distinct tracts of land.

MICHIGAN BREVITIES.

John Hopkins broke the Muskegon record of a bag-punching machine in the shooting gallery, and broke his neighbor's head doing it.

Harold and James Irish, of Imlay City, 14 and 16 years old, tried to sell their father's $350 horse and buggy in Flint for $100 to buy ice cream. They're in jail.

While he was crawling through a fence the rifle carried by 12-year-old Gerald Walker, of Marshall, was discharged and the bullet tore through his right arm from the elbow to the wrist.

Henry Schaur, repentant, brought back property he had stolen from the home of Otto DeYoung, in Grand Rapids, after he had apologized. DeYoung took him to jail, where he was locked up.

Nearly 100 people surrounded the Cowes farm house, north of Lansing, to search for the 12-foot snake which was reported as having been seen there. The police were called and dispersed the crowd.

The supreme court has sustained the decision of the lower court which allowed Mina Garnsey, of Battle Creek, $1,800 for the loss of two fingers which she caught in a laundry mangle. She sued for $5,000.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit — Cattle—Dry-fed steers, $5.50@6.65; best cows and heifers, $5@5.50; 1,200 lbs., $4.25@4.75; best cows and heifers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $3.75@4.25; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 800 to 900 to 1,000 lbs., $3.75@4.25; grass steers and heifers that are fat, 700 to 800 lbs., $3.25@3.50; choice fat cows, $3.75@4.50; good fat cows, $3.25@3.50; common cows, $2.50@3; canners, $1.50@2; choice heavy bulls, $3.50@3.75; fair to good bologna bulls, $3@3.25; stock bulls, $2.50@3; choice feeding steers, 900 to 1,000 lbs., $4@4.25; fair feeding steers, 800 to 1,000 lbs., $3.50@4; choice stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., $3.50@3.75; fair stockers, 500 to 700 lbs., $3@3.25; stock heifers, $3; milkers, large, young, medium age, $40@60; common milkers, $25@35.

Veal calves—Market good, calves, $1 and 50c higher than last week. Best, $9 to $10; others, $5@8.50.

Sheep and lambs—Market active and 25c higher than last week. Best lambs, $6.75@7; fair to good lambs, $6.50; light to common lambs, $5@5.50; yearlings, $5.25@5.50; best wethers, $5.25@5.50; fair to good sheep, $4.50@5; culls and common, $2.50@3.25.

Hogs—Market steady, last week's prices. Range of prices: Light to good butchers, $7.50@7.60; pigs, $7.25@7.50; light yorkers, $7.70@8; stags, 1-3 off.

East Buffalo—Cattle market, slow and 10@15c lower on best grades; common and medium dull and 25@50c lower; stockers sold steady; fresh cows and springers active at last week's prices; best export steers $6 50@6 75; best 1,200 to 1,300-lb shipping steers, $6 75@6 90; best 1,100 to 1,200-lb shipping steers, $5 50@5 75; medium, 1,050 to 1,150-lb steers, $5@5 25; best heifers' steers, $4 40@4 65; best fat cows, $4 25@4 50; best fat bulls, $4 50@4 75; light cows, $2 75@3; trimmers, $1 50@2 75; best feeding steers, $5@5 25; best stockers $3 25@3 50; best bulls, $4@4 50; bologna bulls, $3 50@3 75; stock bulls, $2 75@3; best fresh cows and springers, $45@57; common, $20@40; common, $20@25.

Hogs—heavy, $8 40@8 50; mixed, $8 25@8 35; yorkers, $8 10@8 25; pigs, $7 75@7 90; roughs, $7 10.

Sheep—Lambs, best lambs, $7 25@7 35; fair to good, $6 50@7 15; culls, $5 25; yearlings, $5 50@6; wethers, $5 75@6; ewes, $5 25@5 50. Calves: Strong, best $9 50@10; heavy, $4@5.

Grain, Etc.

Wheat—Cash No. 2 red, 2 cars at $1.06 1-2, closing at $1.07; September, opened with a loss of 1-2c at $1.06 and advanced to $1.06 3-4, declined and opened at $1.05, declined to $1.04 3-4, and advanced to $1.05 1-2, declined and at $1.08, declined 1-4c and advanced to $1.08 1-2; No. 1 white, $1.09.

Corn—Cash No. 2, 72c; No. 2 yellow, 73 1-2c.

Oats—Standard, 1 car at 38 1-2c standard, at the Duke shore, 2 cars at 38 1-2c; No. 3 white, 1 car at 37 1-2c; No. 4 white, 2 cars at 36c; No. 3, 2 cars at 36c.

Rye—Cash No. 2, 1 car at 89c.

Beans—Cash, $2.30; October, $2; November, $1.95.

Clovereed—Prime spot, $7; October, $7.25; March, $7.50; alsike, prime alsike, 10 bags at $7.70; sample alsike, 5 bags at $7.50; timothy, prime, 30 bags at $3.75.

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

Flour—Best Michigan patent, $5.80; ordinary patent, $5.50; straight, $5.40; clear, $5.25; pure rye, $4.25; spring patent, $6.25 per bbl. in wood, jobbing lots.

To save himself from a twenty-foot fall, Alfred A. Saginaw painter grabbed a window sash with part of a pane of glass intact. With the glass cutting deep into his hand he clung till help came. Fulton was the only one so badly cut that he was removed to a hospital.

A $100,000 rain fell Saturday morning in Grand Traverse county. The forest fires all over the region were drowned out and the air cooled and the benefit done the late potatoes and corn, which were drying up. The rain was very heavy, 1.45 inches falling in about three hours.

Chinwassee county officials are endeavoring to identify the persons who placed fence rails across the roads to intercept automobiles. Thursday night Lyman Fulton with two companions in a big touring car struck a rail and the car was ditched. All were thrown out and severely bruised. A number of complaints have been received from different victims.

The board of health has begun cleaning out Boardman river, which winds through Traverse City in a horseshoe curve. The accumulations of garbage and refuse which for years have lain along the banks will be carried far out in the bay.