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Economy in the household is now the slogan.

There is joy in the African jungles. The big hunt is over.

In this crisis America expects every hen to do her duty.

Cold storage is now trying to hold up 30,000,000 of people.

One rat still eat grow and not break the rules of the most honest.

Investigation of the high cost of living makes food for thought abundant.

Unfortunately there is never a preventively sale in the necessities of life.

Pretty soon you'll hear some man bragging that his hens laid all winter for him.

There is rather more water in the country now than the country really needs.

An Ohio man has been killed by a canary bird. Need we look for an epidemic?

The world is being flooded with gold, says a Yale professor. Perfectly dry out here, prof.

It is now known that the Atlantic ocean is 170,000,000 years old. It keeps its age remarkably well.

One of the surest aids to longevity, according to numerous correspondents, is to be born a daughter of the war of 1812.

A woman may carry a ton of false hair on her head, but a man who wears a wig is the joke of the neighborhood.

Cement manufacturers are slow if they do not offer a generous rebate for the gum on the back of postage stamps.

Divorce court proceedings show that wives who spank their husbands take risks of losing those useful articles of household furniture.

A New Jersey man named Wirth says he has not slept for 20 years. If that's true, he should be thankful that he still is a live wire.

"Twenty cents a day is enough to spend on food," says an expert. It may be enough to spend, but it is certain that you cannot keep eggs for it.

Now the men who keep eggs and meat for years at a time in New Jersey may be indicted with the meat packers. Truly, these are hot times for cold storage.

At the Chinese New Year, just past, every Chinaman paid all his debts. How can American civilization stand being brought into contact with such Mongolian superstitions?

St. Paul thugs have solved the high price problem. Two of them held up a cafe owner while his wife was following a diner who was receiving like treatment from mine boys.

A New York woman is advertising for her lost diamond-studded cigarette case. There may be some plain folk who are interested in the case, but at all sympathize with the lady in her loss.

In the case of the hog it is slightly different. People don't complain so much of the price of the cholee cuts, because the whole hog comes so high as to be out of reach. If not out of sight.

A woman in New Jersey, and not in a fairy tale, had a long lost brother who, the other day, came home rich. Notwithstanding these occasional bursts of verity, such occurrences still remain chimeric in the fairy tales.

Mrs. Cartwright, an astronomical expert, has just finished a new canal. It is a pity we cannot establish that communication with the Martians so as to engage a few gaurs and a choice lot of engineers to bury up the Panama job.

A news item from New Orleans tells how blood dripping from the ceiling disclosed the fact that a millionaire had committed suicide in a room on a store. It is not explained how they knew it was a millionaire. Probably the blood was blue.

An official in California says he is going to arrest bridge players, as society gamblers are no better than the professional kind. According to all accounts, some society bridge playing is much more of a business than pleasure and deserves to take rank in the profession.

A fatal duel has been fought by Austrian government officials, who had to stick to the hurtless kind.

Precoity is the mark of the base of the age, but its limit is reached in the action of a band of Connecticut boys of 12 and 14 who wreck a train on which were traveling a number of millionaires; the object of the youthful criminals being to loot the train wrecked. The nation can well spare this brilliant youth when it remembers that it flares to this fire of genius.

A Texas man is reported to have traded 100,000 acres of land for 100,000 gallons of whiskey. If the story is true he must have been the thirteenth man on record.

CHARGES AND COUNTER CHARGES FLY FAST IN THE CAMPAIGN.

COLONIZATION CHARGES IN KENT—VAN BUREN LIVES UP TO MEETINGS IN ST. JOE.

Fight is Not Against the Individual, But Against the Brewery and the Whiskey Trust.

As the date of the local option election approaches, the fight between the wets and dries throughout the western part of the state is warming up.

Dries asserted that 5,000 new voters were registered at the local primary at Grand Rapids two weeks ago and that many of them are not bona fide voters, but were "planted" to be ready to vote against prohibition.

The wets in answer to this declare that the wets in the other states are not planting voters, but are planting the Republican vote of Grand Rapids.

Anyhow, the fight is hot and both sides claim victory. As only parties can be secured from either side the unprejudiced observer has trouble in getting a definite line on what the outcome will be.

The recent fight of the entire state campaign is being waged in Van Buren county. Van Buren is the original local option county in the state.

At a point to raise \$100,000 for a new building for the county, the wets in forcing this resort to the courts, had little hope of winning.

But since the campaign has been badly staged, the dries who have gone to the defeat and loss are in favor of the wets.

The fight is also being waged in St. Joseph county. At Three Rivers Saturday night, Rev. Gallacher, a Presbyterian minister, who addressed a "chase" of 3,000, who was addressing a "chase" of 3,000, who was addressing a "chase" of 3,000.

One county, in which the wets are afraid of inhuman, in which the wets are afraid of inhuman, in which the wets are afraid of inhuman.

Backed with a campaign fund said to be \$20,000, they have put an organization into the field in the county and have labored incessantly for weeks.

Hammond Not Guilty.

After two hours of deliberation the jury rendered a verdict—not guilty.

Not guilty of stealing the \$17,000 from the R.M.F. Automobile Co. in the city of Hammond, Ind., on November 19 last.

The jury was taken by the juror, the foreman of which was E. C. Norman Bennett. The first ballot was taken seven for guilty, two for not guilty and three not voting.

On the second and third ballots the votes were four for guilty, one for not guilty and four not voting.

The fourth ballot showed a unanimous ballot in favor of acquittal.

The announcement of the verdict caused a sensation of joy and delight to seize the audience, the officers of the court having the duty of following a detour and an outbreak of applause.

Lost Ten Days in Frozen Woods.

Lost in the frozen woods for 10 days, crawling on his hands and knees with nothing to eat but three small squirrels, is the experience of William Kaskus, a Finlander, seeking employment in a lumber camp.

He left Sault Ste. Marie three weeks ago on a special train for the lumber camp in the woods, subsisting on three red squirrels, found in the traps of an Inuit.

Kaskus' hands and feet were frozen and he was emaciated when found by the Indian on the railway. He was carried eight miles to the railroad on the shoulders of three red squirrels and brought to the hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

Bank Creditors to Receive Dividend.

State Treasurer Martindale, who acts as custodian for the funds of the receiver of the defunct Chicago Bank, turned over \$79,477.63 to W. W. Wadsworth, the receiver.

The state will be distributed to the creditors of the institution. The state will receive \$1,063,250 as its share.

The failure of the bank. The total amount yet due the state is \$1,292,900.

Secretary Cartton, of the public domain commission, has received orders for 200,000 trees which were offered for sale on Monday.

Secretary Cartton believes that the orders are pouring in the supply will be ample.

Because, as he states, his legal process demands his full time, Thornton Dixon, Monroe, attorney, who received a pending motion on the Republican caucus for mayor of the city, has declined to run.

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Obscure Scrib Woman Gives Fortune.

Mrs. Maria Heydlauf, an obscure scrib woman of Grand Rapids, left a fortune of \$17,000 to the following institutions: to the Catholic school at Coldwater, \$12,500; to the D. A. Blodgett Home for Children at Grand Rapids, about \$5,000; to Christian Science churches at Grand Rapids, \$5,000; to the Christian Science Publishing society at Boston, \$3,000, and of this amount \$200 to be used for the purchase of Christian Science literature for poor people who cannot afford to buy it, and hesitate to ask for it.

When such persons are known the literature is to be sent them from the fund. To the Christian Science church at Farmington, Mich., she left \$1,200. The residue of the estate will be given to other smaller charities.

As these bequests indicate, Mrs. Heydlauf was a Christian Scientist. She was a widow with three children for more than 20 years, and was a member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist at Grand Rapids.

Lumber Men Hurrying in Timber.

Lumbermen importing at Sault Ste. Marie are hastening to secure a tariff war with Canada. Timber is being rushed across the international bridge with all possible haste.

A Cleveland concern will bring in 1,000,000 feet from the Canadian Soo. The lumbermen are hurrying in timber.

The pulp and paper Co. is shipping in large lots of pulp to cover the maximum rate can automatically go into effect. The first consignment has entered.

MICHIGAN IN BRIEF.

The 10-day campaign of the Y. M. C. A. at Point to raise \$100,000 for a new building for the county, the wets in forcing this resort to the courts, had little hope of winning.

All parts of spring farm work has been well advanced in Eaton county. The crops are looking well.

William Jennings Bryan will be one of the speakers at the national convention of farmers to be held in St. Louis, Mo., May 27, according to announcement of officials.

There will be two tickets in the field at Owosso this year, the Citizens ticket and the Farmers ticket. The Republicans have nominated Dr. B. Sutherland for mayor.

White placing buyers on a horse in the rear yard of her home, Mrs. Fredericka Seidt, 52 years old, of Grand Rapids, died in St. Joseph and was buried in St. Joseph.

It is announced that the state binder time plant, at Jackson, will resume operations in a few days. The plant has been idle for a week owing to a lack of suitable material.

Fire of unknown origin partially destroyed the plant of the Alabastine Co. in the city of Jackson, Mich. The loss is about \$20,000 and was partially covered by insurance.

Dependent over ill-health, Ward Voorman, of Jonesville, took his life by shooting himself through the right temple. He was 47 years old and was cited his motive Voorman was 60 years old and had suffered from rheumatism for several years.

The state board of auditors held a meeting Wednesday at which it was decided to pay the matter of the Michigan Central tax to the state attorney general, with the request that he render an opinion as to whether or not the board can legally settle the suits.

A gang of north-end Poles met at the hall in the city of Sault Ste. Marie and engaged in a free-for-all fight and as a result five of them are in jail, having been arrested by the police and sheriffs force. The wets in the police and three of the police are suffering from wounds.

William Krenner, 84, a resident of Buena Vista township, was struck by a train at the crossing of the Buena Vista road at the crossing of the Buena Vista road at the crossing of the Buena Vista road.

He was standing too near the track while waiting to board the car and he believed that it would stop.

Thomas Staruk, who was arrested for a charge of carrying a concealed pistol, is held in the city of Sault Ste. Marie in default of furnishing \$100 bail.

The specific charge is that he sold Peter Dink a quart of whiskey. The officers found four gallons of liquor when his house was searched.

The Michigan copper country is sending hundreds of its foreign and American residents in the agricultural districts of Montana, the Dakotas, Washington, Oregon, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and to Southern and Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and a large party of Polish miners was posted at the city of Sault Ste. Marie, in the copper country.

Chipewake county, northern Michigan, to join the Polish communities there.

While four men of the Federal Fish Commission, on returning from a fishing excursion on Little Traverse bay, near Petoskey, one of the number was posted at the city of Sault Ste. Marie, in the copper country.

It was found that the men were wandering about two of his companions went down. The remaining fish caught ropes and boards of the men were Rev. L. H. Manning, of the Methodist church; Rev. Archibald Macdonald, of the Presbyterian church; and George Gardner, a local business man.

A crusade for the abolition of cemeteries as unsanitary and ugly and for a pending motion on the Republican caucus for mayor of the city, has declined to run.

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ONE LAVA STREAM HAS STOPPED ALTOGETHER AND THE OTHER MOVES VERY SLOWLY.

HUNDREDS OF PEASANTS WHO LOST HOMES LIKELY TO EMIGRATE TO AMERICA.

Thousands See Homes Buried by Streams From Etna, As Activity of Volcano Rapidly Decreases.

The stream of lava from Etna made another diversion Saturday morning and again devastated Palermo, which was hastily abandoned by the inhabitants, who were in a state of extreme panic and believed that the end of the world was at hand.

Their religious frenzy verged on madness. This condition, however, gradually underwent a change and they took fresh hope when it was reported that the flow of lava was lessening in speed. The stream, however, entirely Saturday afternoon. The people greeted the spectacle with shouts of joy and indulged in loud thanksgivings.

The stream in the direction of Nicolosi is still moving, but for force is now almost imperceptible. For this reason it is hoped that the eruption has reached its last phase.

The activity of Mt. Etna is again lessening. The mayor of Nicolosi has telegraphed to the prefect, requesting that the evacuation of the village on the slope be suspended.

Unless a new eruption occurs, the lava further danger to be feared is from the unattended soldiers and freemen who are returning to their homes. They have already constructed a tunnel around the threatened side of Nicolosi.

Hundreds of peasants have lost their homes and worldly belongings, and it is said that many of them will emigrate to America.

One Speech Averts Strike.

An impassioned address by President-elect Walker, of the Illinois miners, in which he referred to the natural suffering which he was accomplishing a strike, changed the plans of the United Mine Workers of America, and they cast a vote almost unanimous to leave the settlement of their grievances to the committee headed by President Thomas.

"I know what a strike means," said Mr. Walker. "I've looked into the faces of starving women. I've seen their babes dying for the want of food. I've seen those brave miners stand out against the operators at the cost of their families and their lives. That's why I want you to vote in favor of suitable material."

you can look at those women and those little children of yours at home and say to them, 'I'm sorry for you, God knows, but I did it all for the good of the cause.'"

This speech of Walker's made the miners weep, and was the ax turning point in their deliberations. They were about to declare an industrial war of modern times, such against the bleedings of President-elect Walker. For the miners talked to them, telling them the truth straight from the shoulder, and they took it and made way for a peace agreement.

Tells How Drove Money Was Divided.

The pool of \$102,500, alleged to have been made up at Pittsburgh by six banks to obtain the deposits of city money, through the votes of councilmen, that are now on the district attorney's gridiron, is the basis of a romance and tragedy, the end of which is not yet in sight.

The presentations of the grand jury charge that the majority of the fund was done by five of the "Big Six" of the county, William Brand, John F. Klein, Joseph C. Stewart, John F. Klein, whose confession started the exposure; Hugh Ferguson, Joseph C. Wason, also in the minority; and former Selection Charles Stewart, who composed the city finance committee.

The following table, compiled from the grand jury's latest reports on the subject, shows how the \$102,500 was distributed:

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WIRE BULLETINS.

Fire destroyed the magnificent Winnipeg Country club building in the outskirts of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Loss \$100,000.

The \$500,000 fund which the American Bible society has for more than a year past been seeking to raise to secure an annual amount of the work of Mrs. Russell Sage has been completed.

A silver baptismal basin, which was sent from Holland in 1694 to the first Dutch church on Manhattan Island, has been deposited in the United States National museum, through the courtesy of the Colonial Dames of New York state.

Chicago will find the year 1910 the greatest in its history as regards building if the demand for brick is as meeting. At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Illinois Brick Co., President Schlack said his directors had filed an order mandating the use of any previous 12 months by 25 per cent.

All records for church collections in a single Sunday are believed to have been broken by the \$160,000 contribution made at the Easter services in Grace church, New York. The entire amount, it was announced, will be devoted to the American Bible society.

Mr. J. Frankin Bell, chief of state of New Jersey, seems to be recovering steadily from the injuries received when his automobile was overthrown by a suburban trolley car last week, killing Mrs. Herbert Slocum, wife of Maj. Slocum. The surgeons now think Gen. Bell had three ribs broken instead of four.

Charging the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad with violating the state prohibitory law in having stores, John M. Hayes, a state enforcement attorney at Oklahoma, has filed many of the state suits aggregating \$755,000 against the company.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The qualified electors of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, are hereby given that the next annual Annual Township Meeting will be held at the Court House in the Village of Bloomfield, within said township, on Monday, April 4, A. D. 1910, for the purpose of electing the following officers, viz:

Township Clerk, one Township Treasurer, one Highway Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, one Member of Board of Health, full term, one Overseer Highway, for the term commencing on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1910.

The following propositions will also be voted upon at said meeting, to-wit:

Section 16 Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the qualification of electors, as provided by Amendment No. 10 to the Constitution of the State of Michigan, shall be in effect on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1910, for the purpose of electing the following officers, viz:

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THOMAS H. COOK, Township Clerk.

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PRIMARY ENROLLMENT.

In accordance with Act No. Public Acts of 1907, of the General Assembly, relative to the primary election, primary election will be held on Monday, April 4, A. D. 1910, for the purpose of enrolling the names of the electors of said township, and of receiving the necessary qualifications of electors and of making all other necessary provisions for the election to be held on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1910.

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LOCAL OPTION.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE WOMEN ELECTORS.

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