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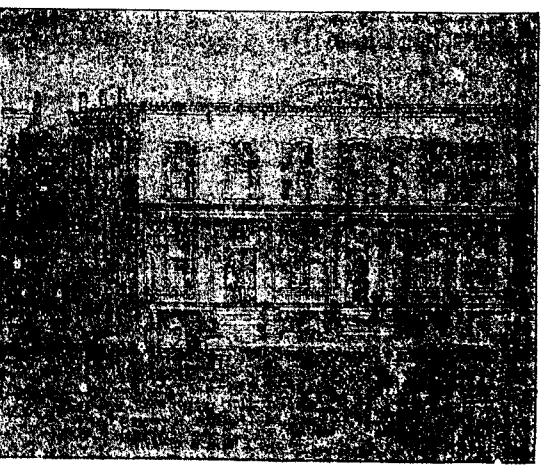
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WAYLAND WORKINGS.
The Misses Franc and Etta Smith of Grand Rapids Sundayed at W. V. Hoyt's.
Miss Kate Smith, who has been spending the summer with friends and relatives in Wayland and vicinity, starts next Monday for her home in California.
Mr. M. O. Green, who recently sold his house and lot on West Superior st., has purchased another lot of Mrs. Gregg and has already begun the erection of another house.
Miss Mabel Grimes, who has been spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. O. S. Bush, started Tuesday morning for Greenwood, S. C., where she is engaged in teaching in a colored missionary school under the auspices of the American Missionary Board.
All are glad to see Rev. C. W. Marshall on the streets again and know he will be here at least one more year.
Dr. Shreve and company, a traveling medicine show, spent the most of last week in town. For my part, I can't see what people can be thinking of to patronize such street fakirs.
On Tuesday evening, Sept. 21, Mrs. L. C. Davison of Wayland and Mr. Frank Elliott of Grand Rapids were united in marriage at the home of the bride in this village. Also, on Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Elsie Haywood to Mr. Herbert Chase, both of Wayland.
Hon. H. F. Buskirk was quite badly hurt Monday by being thrown from a buggy. We have not learned the particulars.
Everyone desires to keep informed on Yukon, the Klondyke and Alaskan gold fields. Send 10c. for large Compendium of vast information and big color map to

NORTH ORANGEVILLE.
Deputy Sheriff Harry Ritchie was on our streets Tuesday.
Thode Moore of Middleville was buying stock here last week.
The Wms. Powers and Herrick of Hastings were calling on friends here Sunday.
Ambrose Allen, jr., Sundayed at home.
Rev. Mr. McQuerry preached his first sermon at the Oak Grove, Sunday eve.
Ed O'Connor and wife attended the Plainwell fair last Friday.
The question is often asked, "Is your corn cut?" Everyone answers "Yes, but not shocked. Old Jack cut it."
A good rain would be appreciated.
The company that has been staying at Black's cottage started for Indianapolis Sunday.
Sandburs are awful bad at present.

YANKEE SPRINGS.
Sept. 26—J. P. Springer and Rev. J. K. McCreery were in Plainwell last Saturday.
Bell Raymond is staying with her sister at Hastings, who is sick.
The weight social held at the Ritchie school house last Friday evening was quite well attended, something over \$2 being raised.
John Hartwell and wife were guests of H. H. Johnson and family Sunday.
Doc Mullen expects to start for Kentucky this week.
L. F. Cook is very sick with slight hopes of his recovery.
The L. A. S. held at Rev. Mr. Tidd's last Thursday was well attended, about 60 being present.
You can get carbon, impression or copying paper at the News Stand.

Neighborhood Notes

GATHERED BY A
Live Corps of Correspondents.

BOWNE BUDGET.
Sept. 27—The people of this community are rejoicing over the return of their pastor, Rev. Mr. Westbrook. He has been pastor for four years and has brought the church to a firm foundation.
Miss Anna Thomas spent Sunday with her parents.
Hannah Lowe has departed for Albion to take a course in music. She was organist for church and Sunday school and her services here will be greatly missed. She will be gladly welcomed on her return.
There were over 500 people at Alto Saturday to witness the sports. Freeport after a very close contest won the ball game. Those that witnessed the sports said they were the finest which had been seen for some time.
Bowne Center grange was represented at Lowell district council, which was held at South Boston grange hall Sept. 23. The next council will be held at this place Thursday, Oct. 14. Let everybody attend and take part in the numerous discussions.
The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. John Watts Wednesday, Sept. 29.
Everybody reports corn very hard cutting since the frost.
Lester McDiarmid starts for Ann Arbor Friday to take a course in mining and civil engineering and when finished intends to start for the Klondike to seek a position.
Epworth League next Sunday evening led by Mrs. Westbrook. Glee Club will furnish singing.
Maccabees will give a social and entertainment at Alto Wednesday eve.

BOWEN'S MILLS.
Sept. 28—Austin Hunt has 13 of his best sheep die last week from some cause or other.
A medicine troupe is holding forth in Smith's hall this week.
Henry Lewis is under the doctor's care and at this writing is better.
Whang! bang! go the guns around the lakes and from the amount of powder burned one would think the woods were full of game, yes, with two and four legs.
Dry weather is the prevailing complaint and farmers are obliged to fodder stock.
A traveling two-horse prairie schooner passed through the burgh. The occupants or owners the roof were of the fix up kind, mending and repairing anything from a bootjack to a horse fiddle. Scribe didn't have anything to mend.
Mrs. Conrad and Mrs. Wolf of Otsego are visiting at Mrs. Austin Hunt's, this week.
Elie Holes, recently of this place now clerking at Wayland, put in appearance under a sunshade Sunday looking as fresh as a morning-glory.
Mr. Editor, did you ever notice how easily you could tell a married couple (while out riding in a buggy) from a single couple. The one sits up business-like, while the other couple has a hankering towards each other.
This reminds me of the proverb I recently read about: If you can't be a lighthouse, be a candle.
A little soft soap is good if there is not too much lie in it.
Good humor is the companion of long life and frequently the cause.
It takes eighty pounds of lead to kill a soldier, how many dry sermons to kill a sinner?
I think from close observance about sixty, if the sinner didn't go to sleep while listening.
A few are contemplating taking in the Hastings fair. A little rain would help out the goers and flyers.
To my brother scribe of Parmelee last week's SUN I would express my gratitude for the compliments bestowed upon me, but language fails me. Hence, I'll say nothing until we meet at the editor's dinner table for an introduction.

EAST CALEDONIA.
Sept. 27—J. B. Proctor and grandson visited his daughter, Mrs. A. H. McNeil, of Dutton one day last week.
Mrs. C. E. Carpenter is making her friends a two weeks' visit in Grand Rapids.
Mrs. M. Teepie and Miss Nora Glick visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schrader, Friday evening and Saturday.
Mrs. A. LyBarker is on the sick list.
Boyd and Bertha McWhinney were the guests of their uncle, Mr. Howard Russell, of Middleville, Saturday and Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stone were in the Valley City a few days last week.
Mr. E. Peet, Mr. Astor Kelsey and wives of LaBarge and Mr. and Mrs. Olna Kelsey of New London, O., visited the former's son, Henry Peet, and family Sunday.
Mrs. Joe Hughes of Bowne was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. H. McWhinney, Sunday.

FROM THE COUNTY SEAT.
Too late for last issue.
The ball game between the Hastings Blacks and the Charlotte team was similar to the game between Hastings and Kalamazoo, the score being 31 to 7 favor of Hastings.
The Hastings High school ball team and the Hastings Industrial school ball team played a game of ball Friday, the score being 29 to 6 favor of the Industrial school. The battery for the High school being Kurtz, Hayes and Haugh; for the Industrial, DePlants and Mason.
The Hastings running team will go to the street fair at Kalamazoo October 12 to compete for the championship belt of Michigan. The band will also go.
The Hastings Blacks were defeated by Greenville at Greenville Friday by a score of 11 to 4.
The High school and Industrial ball teams met Monday for the second time. The latter won by a score of 11 to 6. Battery for the High school, Kurtz, Hayes and Haugh; for the Industrial, Ketchum and Mason.
The High school has organized a foot ball team and will play Plainwell next week.
A good crowd is expected through the fair.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS—WARRANTY DEEDS.
John Lichty and wife to Emma M. Whitford and Fanny D. Kelley, parcel in Freeport \$ 600
Nancy Matthews to Daniel G. Matthews; 40 acres in sec. 11, Rutland, James M. Charwood and Mary E. Charwood to Estes Rork, lot in Hastings 50
Chas. H. Bauer and wife to Estes Rork; lot in Hastings 50
Douglas B. Cooper to the Trustees of the United Brethren Church; parcel on sec. 22, Woodland 75

QUIT CLAIMS.
Richard R. Murray and wife to Adam Licks; parcel in Hastings 100

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Name and Residence. Age.
Arthur Reed, Orangeville; Bertha Ritter, same 28-24

IRVING INKLINGS.
Too late for last issue.
Dr. Higbee and daughter of Potterville visited relatives here last week.
Mr. Lewis Baldwin visited old friends in Nashville over Sunday.
Mrs. Dean Hall has been very sick the last week, but is better at this writing.
About 65 attended the social at Congregational church last Friday evening.
J. T. Pierson was in Grand Rapids Tuesday of this week.
Rev. R. D. Freeman left last week Wednesday to attend conference.
Mrs. Ann Fuller of Hastings visited her sister, Mrs. J. Lee, last week.

PARMELEE PICKINGS.
"The evolutionists may guess where we came from, the theologian may prophecy where we are going to, we have still left the important fact that we are here" Sunday eve, 10 p. m., endeavoring in our feeble way (and in a limited column) to jot down the few happenances which have occurred during the past week in and around Parmelee.
It is said that robbers entered the residence of Mrs. Parmelee last Thursday while she was absent from the house and looted things generally, especially the pantry, where they helped themselves to "innocence," etc. Tramps are suspected.
Miss Minnie Jenkins of your village and brother, John, of Grand Rapids met Sunday in Parmelee and enjoyed each other's society; also called upon a number of their neighbor friends during their brief stay.
Tobias Bergy of Mount Pleasant and formerly a very prosperous and pleasant merchant of Caledonia, favored his friends in Parmelee with a short visit Wednesday a. m.
Mr. Editor, we too, enjoyed a conversation with the Orangeville miller and were pleased to learn that Jo is still at

the helm and doing business as usual to satisfy others as well as himself.
If you want to be happy, try and make someone else happy, even if it be a tie inspector. Try it and see for yourself, then you will know by "experience."
Ira Skiff and family of Grand Rapids paid friends and relatives of Parmelee a flying visit last Friday afternoon.
Our nervous system has reached an even temperature, gone down to zero. The howling canine has ceased to be. His blood is on George Carr's hands. Send in your voucher, George, you are pensionable.
The supervisor has been very busy this week in the wheat-pit, but aside from his constant labors he found time to order a late edition of Webster's unabridged dictionary from a publishing house in Chicago which we trust will aid him to some extent in unraveling the vocabulary of the Parmelee correspondent. Remember, Aaron, it is impossible to simplify our sentences to suit everybody.
Farmers in this vicinity will be very busy this week threshing the buckwheat which will turn out well. I know.
Conrad Gillett of Irving has just completed a corn and carriage house combined on the Allen farm. The workmanship displayed is an advertisement for the maker and the convenience to the owner will be appreciated without doubt.
Rev. Mr. Boone will fill the M. E. pulpit on this charge for the coming year. All satisfied with the appointment, I am sure.
Frank Morgan has taken up a new business of late, that of trading horses. Success! The last "swap" as near as can be learned was with John Dillon of Middleville. Next.
Elder Woodlock, a former pastor of this place, made Mr. O. A. Carpenter's people a call last Wednesday, while en route to Pentwater, his new appointment.
We believe in making others happy, even if we are obliged to make a sacrifice to bring it about. We are informed by John Scott that he assisted in helping to hull 57 bushels of clover seed from 14 acres of ground on the Converse farm, west Thornapple, last week. Now get your bags and bins ready for a good yield, for the most of you are "in it" this year.
Alf and Sam England are busy these days husking corn.
Daniel Brown, the aged veteran of '61 and '65 took the 7:30 a. m. train at Parmelee Tuesday, his destination being Rutland, Vt. There was a feeling of sadness connected with the departure. We all said good-bye and wished him a safe journey. He was cheerful and confident and, like a man of good sense, left his subscription for the SUN. May we all meet again.
It looks now as if Parmelee would soon be depopulated. We are not pleased with the idea of so many preparing to move. We forbear writing any further on the subject at present.
Clarence Stimson and wife of Middleville made some friendly calls in Parmelee Sunday. Among other things Cal announced his intention of subscribing for the SUN this week.
Honors, presents and good wishes were lavishly bestowed upon Miss Gracie Skiff Friday evening, that being the 14th anniversary of her birthday. A fine party of young people were feasted with music, games and other delicacies to satisfy, by the lady in whose behalf the party was given. To say the least, it was a happy time for all.
Again, thanks to the Bowen's Mills correspondent. When you come over bring your gun. The "spooks, hobgoblins and ghosts" haven't all deserted this locality yet. They are quite plentiful.
A genuine gathering of the little girls and boys assembled to enjoy Saturday afternoon with little Gerlie Allen at her "auntie's." A romp and a feast was the order of exercises and a few extras to satisfy their tastes. All went home "full" and sweeter than they came, if such a thing could be.
Our esteemed friend, Lew Morgan, of West Church st. has been tendered a lucrative and honorable position in a western railway office, which, undoubtedly, he will soon accept, thus depriving Parmelee of one of our most estimable young men.
The Parmelee kids played the Caledonia kids last Saturday. Parmelee brought home the palms of victory, having made 17 points, while Caledonia made but 4. Ray and Claire Watson of the Parmelee team made 8 points while the other kids made but 9. It is said that the Caledonia kids had their mothers near by to cheer them in their efforts, but the fates were against them that day at least.
We have the longest country store in Michigan. Bring your glasses when you come, for without them you can't see from one end to the other. "It is finished" and filled. IDONOHOOITZ.
(Correspondence Continued on 4th Page.)

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CHAOS IN GUATEMALA

REBELS OCCUPY CHAMPERICO AND SAN FELIPE.

Dictator Shoots and Imprisons Many Prominent Men—Fears Assassination and Is Strongly Guarded—Live Stock Exchange Is Hit.

Barrios Wild with Terror.

The following dispatch was received in San Francisco from Champerico, Guatemala, via Acapulco: "Champerico and San Felipe are both in the hands of the insurgents. Barrios has shot and imprisoned prominent men who sympathize with the revolutionists. The wives of revolutionists have also been arrested. Anarchy is feared." A letter from the City of Guatemala has also been received. The writer declares that everything, at the time of writing, was in a state of chaos. Barrios, he says, has lost his head from fright, and in a delirium of terror is imprisoning and shooting all who evince the slightest leaning toward the insurgent cause. Loans are collected by force and death is the penalty for refusing financial assistance to the dictator. Francisco Castillo, Barrios' chief of police, under the orders of his superior, has, it is asserted, usurped the places of the civil officers. Barrios himself is in constant fear of assassination. Two hundred soldiers sleep in the palace day and night, and he is constantly attended by a guard of picked men, who never leave him alone, accompanying him even to his bath. The residence of Mrs. Barrios is guarded by a large force of police. At the other country places of the president police are encamped to prevent the destruction of property.

BURN A SCHOOL BUILDING.

Panic Stricken New Orleans Citizens Resort to Violent Measures.

Efficient work by the New Orleans fire department in face of the attacks of a mob enabled the department to save the main portion of the Beauregard school building. Only the annexes of the structure were reduced to ashes. The alarm was sounded at 12:30 a. m. After a mass meeting of citizens held Wednesday night a riotous crowd gathered around the building and openly threatened that at the first opportunity they would fire it. Sister Agnes and a number of sisters of charity, together with help from the hospital, had been putting the building in order for the reception of yellow fever patients. The school board, meantime, had removed from the building every desk and other article of furniture and the hospital people had moved into the building cots and other necessary adjuncts. Surgeon Bloom of the hospital, the sisters and others had been warned that they would better leave the building. They did so, and threaded their way through a dense crowd of panic-stricken citizens. Then a small force of police was ordered to the scene. But the mob, bent on incendiarism, was sharper than the guards, and while the police were engaged in attempting to quell the riotous crowd in front of the building men with a five-gallon can of oil proceeded to the rear and soon had the building in flames.

LIVE STOCK FIRMS HIT.

Suit Commenced to Declare South Omaha Exchange a Trust.

Suit has been commenced in the Federal Court at Omaha to declare the South Omaha Live Stock Exchange a trust, and a perpetual injunction is asked to restrain its members from further acting as an organization. The suit is begun by United States District Attorney Sawyer, acting under instructions from Attorney General McKenna. Similar suits, it is said, will be begun against every live stock exchange in the country. The attorney general's office at Washington declares its belief that it has a good case against the South Omaha exchange, and that it can prove that it is operating in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Race for the Pennant.

Table showing the standing of the clubs of the National Baseball League with columns for club name and record.

The showing of the members of the Western League is summarized below:

Table showing the standing of the clubs of the Western League with columns for club name and record.

Monetary Commission Meets.

The monetary commission appointed under the authority of the Indianapolis sound-money convention held its opening session at the Arlington Hotel in Washington, D. C., Wednesday. L. Carroll Root of New York and Parmer Willis of Chicago were appointed to collate in proper form the suggestions that have been received for reference to the appropriate committees. The appointment of three general committees will also be recommended—viz.: On gold and currency, on United States currency and on the banking question, to which the suggestions received will be referred.

Nicaraguan Troops Defeated.

The troops of President Zelaya of Nicaragua have pursued and defeated, near Rivas, the insurgent forces under Gen. Paize.

Troops Win a Victory.

Gen. Paiz, the commander of the revolutionary forces in Nicaragua, is reported to have been found wounded in the leg during the battle fought on Wednesday near Rivas with the government troops and which is said to have resulted in a complete victory for the latter.

Attempted Holdup.

An attempt to hold up the south-bound Santa Fe passenger train near Edmond, O. T., at 7 o'clock Thursday night was frustrated by deputy marshals and several police officers from Guthrie, O. T.

MOONSHINERS WERE NONPLUSSED.

Empty Their Rifles at a Kentucky Sheriff Without Effect.

J. W. Wooten, a United States deputy marshal, of Breathitt County, was shot at and struck a dozen times in an encounter with moonshiners on top of Jackson Mountain. Wooten stood still as a rock while the leaden storm poured upon him, and when two moonshiners had exhausted the magazines of their guns rushed forward and captured them, single handed. Wooten is the first man in the county to introduce a steel shirt of mail as a protection from the bullets of moonshiners. He came through the fight with scarcely a mark upon him. He stood within 50 yards of the men who were firing at him, and took the desperate chance that their aim would be so good that they would not miss his chest. The two moonshiners were amazed, and thinking there was some supernatural protection to Wooten, dropped their guns at the word of command and were easily captured. Wooten's undershirt is made of small steel rings overlapping each other, something on the order of the feathers on a bird. It is three-ply, the rings being adjusted so that the garment is flexible, and yet the steel wire of which the rings are woven resisted the impact of a 44-caliber bullet fired from a rifle at a distance of 50 yards.

STATE RESTS ITS CASE.

All the Evidence Against Luetgert, Alleged Wife Murderer, Is In.

The prosecution has closed its case against Adolph L. Luetgert, on trial in Chicago for wife murder. All the State has to say in proof that Mrs. Luetgert was murdered in the sausage factory the night of May 1 and that her husband was the murderer has been said. The defense moved for acquittal, on the ground that the corpus delicti has not been established; that it has not been proved that Mrs. Luetgert has been murdered, or that she is even dead, and, therefore, no crime of murder has been proved. That motion was overruled, and the plans of defense will be revealed as its testimony is adduced. The theory that a woman's body was destroyed in the vat as alleged will be attacked by expert testimony, the identification of the bones will be assailed and it may be the defense will produce witnesses who will swear they saw the woman alive since midnight of May 1. It will be sufficient for the defense to raise no doubt over the proof offered by the State. Attorneys Vincent and Phalen say they have a complete defense.

Germans Offer a Market.

There is a big market in Germany, says Consul General Mason of Frankfurt, for American shoes. This statement confirms the impression formed by every traveler in Europe that the best shoes in the world are made in the United States. It is well nigh impossible for travelers from America to find in foreign shops shoes that give them satisfaction, unless they are lucky enough to find some made in their own country. American shoes, notwithstanding doubts and a certain timidity on the part of the American exporters, are steadily finding their way to Germany, generally by way of London or Paris, and are meeting ready sale, says Consul General Mason. There are now two stores at Frankfurt and three at Wiesbaden, where American-made shoes are kept, but as yet in small assortment and limited quantities. The same situation is reported from Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden and other leading German cities. From all that appears, the prices charged are inordinately high in comparison with the retail values of similar shoes in America, and the grades offered are not above medium or common. The statement is here reiterated, upon the judgment of competent experts, that in every important German city or large town there could be established with practical certainty of success an American shoe store. American bicycles are also the favorites in Germany. The importation of American bicycles has continued on a scale far beyond that of any previous year, says Mr. Mason, and the product of several leading makers is not retained in all the more important cities. The price is from 20 to 50 per cent. greater than is asked for home-made wheels, and they are used generally by the more wealthy, luxurious classes, who appreciate and can afford to pay for the best of everything that is to be obtained.

Wild Rumor Checked.

There is high authority for the statement that the dispatch from San Sebastian to the Paris Temps, representing that the United States, through Minister Woodford, has submitted to Spain an ultimatum to the effect that the war in Cuba must cease by October, or the United States will intervene, is a gross exaggeration. No ultimatum to Spain has been issued by this government, and no crisis now exists or is likely to come for a long time. Officials of the State Department emphatically deny the accuracy of the dispatch. It is true that Minister Woodford has, in accordance with the President's instructions, presented to the Spanish minister of foreign affairs the first of his notes of instruction, and represented the earnest desire of the United States that the war in Cuba be brought to a close. Ample justification for the effort of the United States to interpose its good offices to this end is set forth in the note which Minister Woodford read to the Duke of Tetuan. But there is no suggestion of an ultimatum in the correspondence. State Department officials say it is absurd to suppose the President in such undiplomatic fashion as to issue an ultimatum before politely sounding the Madrid Government as to its intentions.

Cripples to Meet.

The first national convention of cripples will be held in St. Louis in the Exposition Building and it is expected that there will be fully 6,000 delegates in attendance when the meeting is called to order, every man of whom will be crippled in some manner or other. If he is not he will not be entitled to a seat in the hall.

Silver Goes Up.

Silver bullion advanced 3-8 penny per ounce Friday in London and 1 cent in New York. Friday's bid of 57 cents per ounce on the New York market is 3 cents over the price of a week ago and nearly 6 cents over the lowest price of August.

Baron Fava Recalled.

The cablegram announcing the recall of Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador to the United States, has been verified. He is to be retired from active service, and the Italian Government has granted him a pension of 30,000 lire per annum.

Tramps Hold Up a Freight.

A great Northern train was held up at daylight by three tramps near Smith Lake, Minn. Going through the train they compelled three stockmen to give up their valuables.

RUSSIAN CROP SHORT

CONSUL AT ODESSA GIVES THIS INFORMATION.

Beginning of the Trouble Was a Dry Winter—Massachusetts Farmer Is Caught by an Old Game—Frost in Tennessee.

Failure of Russian Crops.

More detailed information than has heretofore been obtainable concerning the condition of the Russian grain crop is contained in a report on the subject to the State Department from United States Consul Heenan at Odessa. He says the crops over an extensive area have failed. The beginning of the trouble was the dry winter, causing the failure of half the wheat sown. With a favorable spring, and re-sowing, the prospects were good, however, almost up to cutting time. Then came the wettest season known in years and hail destroyed both ripe and unripe grain. In large areas no effort was made to harvest. Samples of the new wheat are inferior in quality and weight. The yield is from four to six bushels per acre for winter and spring. Barley is discolored and under weight. Rye is much damaged and will be under the average crop. Oats alone are in favorable condition. Mr. Heenan says that but little wheat will be shipped from Russia during the season of 1897-98 for the simple reason that there is little available for export. The failure of the wheat crops in Austro-Hungary, Roumania, and Bulgaria has brought buyers into Russia from those countries and the wheat will go to them by rail. How much of this wheat Russia can afford to let go is a question now being discussed.

ICE KING RULES THE PASS.

1,000 Argonauts Brave a Storm of Sleet and Snow at the Chilcoat.

A letter from Carter Lake, Alaska, dated Sept. 2, says: "A thousand men toiled all of yesterday in a blinding storm of snow and sleet on the summit of Chilcoat pass. The blizzard lasted from daylight until dark. H. C. Willard, of Butte, Mont., fell from the rocks at a point halfway between the summit and Crater lake and fractured a bone in his left forearm. A physician set the bone, and Willard continued across Crater lake toward Lake Linderman. An Indian chief at Dyea told me a few days ago the Chilcoat pass would probably be blockaded by snow about the 25th. He said that miners fortunate enough to have their supplies across the summit before that time can reach Dawson. The rivers, he claimed, will keep open until late in November, although the lakes will probably be frozen in six weeks. Ten days ago the Indians charged 32 cents a pound for packing from Dyea to Lake Linderman. The rate is now 40 cents. When the next steamer arrives it will probably jump to 50 or 60 cents."

CAUGHT BY AN OLD GAME.

Massachusetts Farmer Is Easily Swindled Out of \$5,000.

Martin Wood, a Bridgewater, Mass., farmer, 70 years of age, has been swindled out of \$5,000. A pretended land purchaser called at his home and asked to be shown over a piece of property near by. They met a tramp on the road who claimed to have recently fallen into a large inheritance, and evidently a game of three-card monte was proposed. The farmer won \$5,000, being staked by the man with him, who had first "won" a like amount from the wanderer. The farmer was induced to put up \$5,000 as a guaranty of good faith. He drew it from the national bank in Middleboro. It was put into a tin box with the other money and given to him and he drove home. The land prospector, who was to join him after doing a little business in Middleboro, never came back. Mr. Wood found that the box contained three stones and a warning to keep the matter quiet.

TROOPS SENT TO CUBA.

Spain's Best Resources Have Been Almost Exhausted by the War.

An official statement has been issued by the Spanish Government showing the number of men and the quantities of munitions of war sent to Cuba and the Philippine Islands during the insurrections which are in progress in those quarters. "Between November, 1895, and May, 1897, the Spanish Government sent to Cuba 181,738 soldiers, 6,261 officers, of whom 40 were generals; 121,542 guns, 320,406 kilogrammes of powder, 92,088-670 cartridges, 16,712 swords, 91 canons, 12 mitrailleurs, and 29,500 shells. Since the outbreak of the present revolution in the Philippines the government has sent 27,560 soldiers, 881 officers, of whom 9 were generals; 43,100 guns, 24 canons, 24,910 kilogrammes of powder, 21,726,585 cartridges, and 30,604 shells." And neither in Cuba nor in the Philippines have Spanish arms been successful.

Live Stock Association Illegal.

United States District Judge Foster of Topeka, Kan., made a sweeping decision when he declared the organization known as the Kansas City Live Stock Association illegal under the provisions of the anti-trust law. The exchange is an organization of commission men, who control the sale of live stock in Kansas City. Judge Foster enjoins the commission from doing business.

In the Air on Kite Boxes.

Sergt. Ivy Baldwin, the aeronaut connected with the signal service department of the Colorado, will in a short time begin experiments with the kite as a means of observing naval and military maneuvering for the purpose of long-distance signaling.

Fever in St. Louis.

William Trift, employed on the government tug boat Alpha, from Cairo, Ill., was taken to the Marine hospital in St. Louis as a yellow fever suspect. The Alpha had been employed in taking yellow fever patients to Cairo.

Strike Practically Off.

With the exception of the two big companies, the Consolidated and the Madison Coal Company, all the coal mines in the Mascoutah, Ill., district have resumed work, having reached an agreement with the men.

To Continue the Fight.

Despite the action of the Hawaiian Senate the opponents of annexation are continuing their fight and the leaders of the movement express the utmost confidence in their ability to defeat annexation.

FEAR FUTURE DISTURBANCE.

Uneasy Feeling Continues to Prevail Around Hazleton.

The Hazleton, Pa., strike situation may be summarized thus: Over 10,000 men are still out, with no apparent prospect of settlement; sporadic outbreaks of violence are occurring near the outlying collieries and the withdrawal of troops is not without consideration, but the guard lines of several of the camps are being constantly strengthened, and the wisdom of bringing more cavalry is being discussed. It was said that if the soldiers are kept there much longer the Sheridan troop of Tyrone, attached to the Second brigade, will be ordered out. A captain of General Gobin's staff is authority for the statement that an uneasy feeling prevails at headquarters in consequence of the little outbreaks of the past few days and the indication they hold of the underlying disturbance. The brigade commander admitted that the action of the raiding women was giving him much perplexity. He does not care to use force against them and has instructed the soldiers in case of necessity to use only the flats of their sabres upon the amazons. The story reached the general that many men were in the attacking crowds disguised as women.

HARD ON UNCLE SAM.

London Newspaper Says the United States is a Fourth-Class Power.

The London Globe, in an editorial on the utility of arbitration with a power "which disregards alike the legal prescriptions and ordinary courtesies of civilized nations," says: "Lord Salisbury has treated the United States with a kindness it does not deserve, always wearing the silk glove, until America has forgotten the existence of the iron hand beneath it." In conclusion, the Globe remarks: "The idea of our being afraid of a fourth-rate power like the United States could only have occurred to sufferers from a severe attack of swelled head. America has lost all sense of proportion and has forgotten she plays only a minor role in the affairs of the world. We hope our relations with America will hereafter be distinguished by a firmer tone, as the only way to avert trouble is to make her plainly understand that we are determined not to be shouted out of our rights."

Eckley Miners Work.

The attempt to resume work at Pardee's Lattimer, Pa., mines was not successful, only 300 out of 1,300 men showing up for work. The Hunns are again threatening trouble. At Eckley when strikers attempted to prevent the miners from going to work, Companies C and E of the Fourth Regiment gave the would-be workers protection.

Dogs Must Keep Away.

Judge Jackson has made perpetual his famous injunction restraining Eugene V. Debs and other labor leaders from interfering with the Monongah miners. In delivering his opinion, Judge Jackson defended his course, claiming such action on his part was good law and that the injunction abridged no one's rights.

British Are Boated.

British troops suffered severe losses in a battle with the rebellious Mohmands. One hundred and forty in the Second brigade of General Sir Bindon Blood's division were either killed or wounded. The Mohmand loss was also heavy, but it is impossible to state to what extent the rebellious natives suffered.

Russia's Wheat Failure.

The bad harvest affects seventeen Russian provinces and it is feared it will also be felt in 1898, as the drought has prevented sowing winter wheat in a large area. The immense reserve stocks will prevent a famine, but the peasants are ruined for several years.

Body Buried in Grain.

Glasgow authorities are making a vigorous examination regarding the finding of the body of a young man buried in the grain on board the steamship Tower Hill, which arrived from New York.

One More Victim Yields.

A second death from yellow fever occurred in New Orleans Wednesday, making eight in all. The victim was Miss Elizabeth Nussbaum, aged 17 years, of 1300 Galveston street.

Treasurer and Money Missing.

Officer John R. Reidy, treasurer of the St. Louis Police Relief Association, drew \$4,100 from the State Bank and has not been seen or heard of since.

Hinslaw Case Closed.

Rev. William H. Hinslaw has been returned to his old place at the Indiana State prison. He returns satisfied that the case will not be reopened.

THE MARKETS.

Table listing market prices for various commodities such as Chicago-Cattle, St. Louis-Cattle, Indianapolis-Cattle, etc.

FIRE SWEEPS AN OHIO TOWN.

Bainbridge Ravaged and Two Citizens Burned to Death.

The village of Bainbridge, Ohio, was almost completely destroyed by fire resulting from an explosion of gasoline. Many persons were made homeless. An entire square containing most of the prominent business houses, several handsome residences and the Methodist Church was entirely destroyed. The fire started in a barn in the rear of Perrin Brown's general store, by two little boys who were playing with ignited matches. The flames spread rapidly and communicated with the main buildings. Beardsley's drug store adjoining was next ablaze and with the limited means at hand for fighting fire it passed all bounds and became uncontrollable. In the midst of the excitement a terrible explosion occurred in the drug store, and Mr. Beardsley, who was inside endeavoring to save some of his property, lost his life in the ruins. His brother-in-law, Thomas Higgins, who went to his rescue, was unable to get out, and was burned to death, while several others were more or less injured, but none fatally.

Evidence at the Coroner's Inquest in the Lattimer Affair.

Coroner McKee of Hazleton, Pa., Thursday afternoon began the inquest into the deaths of the score of striking miners who were shot by a posse of sheriff's deputies at Lattimer. A two hours session was held, during which a score of witnesses were examined. District Attorney D. A. Fell of Luzerne County was there, and H. A. Fuller of Wilkes-Barre appeared for the coroner; State Chairman Garman, John McGahren and B. H. Laughlin for the prosecution, and George H. Troutman of Hazleton for the deputy sheriffs. Dr. Thorodovich, Secretary of the Austro-Hungarian consulate at Philadelphia, and R. D. Cox, attorney for the consulate, were also present. Nearly all the testimony adduced was a repetition of that brought out at the hearing of the deputies at Wilkes-Barre. Most of the witnesses were foreign strikers who were in the march halted by the deputies' deadly fusillade. All declared that none of the strikers was armed; that Sheriff Martin pulled a revolver on them, but no one attempted to take it from him; that no violence had been offered that official, and that the miners had no intention of making an unlawful demonstration.

TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

Edmunds Talks of the Objects of the Monetary Commission.

The monetary commission resumed its sessions in Washington Thursday, with ex-Senator Edmunds presiding. Several of the members addressed the commission on financial topics. These discussions will be private, as they are mainly for the purpose of bringing out every phase of the monetary question. Ex-Senator Edmunds said concerning the scope and purposes of the commission: "Naturally and necessarily it may be supposed that no particular plans or changes in the laws would at present either be agreed upon or even proposed, but rather that the first labors of the commission would be devoted to ascertaining the existing condition of things, as affecting all interests of the people, and what evils or dangers now exist. The people of the whole country may feel sure that the commission will do nothing and recommend nothing that is intended to advance any interest or class at the expense of any other, whatever may be the public opinion in respect of the wisdom of what the commission may finally suggest, to be done."

WAR SHIPS FOR HAWAII.

United States Prepared to Checkmate Any Move by Japan.

Uncle Same does not intend to be caught napping in Hawaii. Notwithstanding the denials of Japanese officials, the administration is suspicious that the wily Japs meditate some sort of a coup. There is a feeling in Washington that the Japs deny too vigorously and protest too much. At any rate, orders were sent to the gunboat Wheeling, at Mare Island, to proceed without delay to Honolulu. The Yorktown is already on her way to the Hawaiian capital. It was originally intended that the cruiser Philadelphia should return to the United States very soon, but now the understanding is that the Philadelphia will be kept at Honolulu till the Japanese cruiser Naniwa leaves that port for Japan, as it is reported she is about to do. The Japanese may not be meditating action, but the administration thinks it wise to be on the safe side.

TROOPS RUSHING IN.

Soldiers from Japan Begin to Invade Hawaiian Islands.

If the stories told by the passengers and crew of the steamship City of Pekin, which arrived in San Francisco from Hong Kong via Honolulu, be true a state of affairs exists in Hawaii which demands the attention of the State Department. When the City of Pekin arrived at Honolulu the attention of the other passengers on board that steamer was attracted by the remarkably symmetrical movements of 174 Japanese steamer passengers who were disembarking. Although classed as laborers, their well-dressed and military appearance was too palpable to escape observation and occasioned considerable comment. The Japanese were apparently under the command of a veteran sergeant and divided into squads of twenty under noncommissioned officers. During the voyage a military discipline was observed which created comment among the other steamer passengers and steamer crew, and many conjectures were hazarded as to the meaning of their being shipped to the islands. It was generally believed that they were sent to the islands for the purpose of forcibly resisting annexation if necessary. Rumors of the presence of the Mikado's soldiers are not new on the islands, and it is said that over 1,000 well-drilled men have already been landed there and 400 veterans of the Japan-China war are expected upon the next steamer.

CURRENT COMMENT

Those who wish the climatic effect and cannot afford to go to Alaska may fall in with Charlotte Smith's scheme and marry Boston girls.—Chicago Record. Somebody has begun again the symposium on "Why Men Don't Marry." In the case of a good many men, why not ask the girls?—Chicago Record. It is well that Spain now understands that we are not prepared to talk commercial questions with her until that business of Weyerism is settled.—New York Sun. If Spain banishes all her anarchists, as she now proposes to do, the next census may show a significant decrease in the Spanish population.—New York Mail and Express. A careful study of the reports from Dyea and Skagway should be sufficient to convince anyone that the only safe trail is the water route back to civilization.—Chicago Post. Greece's demand for war with Turkey is not as unanimous as it was a few months ago. The chase home has evidently left a sore place in the Grecian mind.—Baltimore News.

DEFENSE OUTLINED.

Ex-Judge Vincent's Opening Statement in the Luetgert Trial.

Ex-Judge Vincent sprung a surprise on the prosecution in the Luetgert murder trial at Chicago in his opening statement by reference to a man named Robert Davey, who, he said, was the original medium through which all of Luetgert's trouble arose and whose actions resulted in Luetgert's being arraigned before the bar of justice charged with murder. "A little over a year ago Satan in the shape of a medium-sized, well-dressed and educated Englishman named Robert Davey came to Luetgert and was the cause of all his trouble," said ex-Judge Vincent. "This man came with forged letters of introduction representing himself as a man of great means. Luetgert has always carried his heart on his sleeve, as you will see when he goes on the witness stand." "This was the first official notice that Luetgert would testify in his own behalf and the announcement was received with a show of interest by the prosecution and the spectators. "Davey told Luetgert he could be the sausage king of the world," went on ex-Judge Vincent. "And Luetgert believed him, for Davey was an artist in painting glowing pictures of wealth and fame. He told Luetgert he represented an English syndicate, and that a company would be organized with a capital of \$500,000 and bonds for an additional \$400,000 would be issued. The company would be known as the A. L. Luetgert Sausage and Packing Company, Davey said, and Luetgert would be given \$200,000 cash and \$100,000 worth of stock. Out of the cash he could pay off \$50,000 of indebtedness which was covered by a mortgage on his factory." "Mrs. Luetgert was delighted over the visions of wealth revealed by Davey's picture and Luetgert, uneducated, honest and without suspicion, was pleased over the prospect of ranking with the Armours, the Swifts and Nelson Morris in the meat world. Davey had expenses during the time he was negotiating with Luetgert, whom he had induced to close his factory, preparatory to the change which was to have taken place January 1, 1897. He called upon Luetgert for money and got it—in all about \$25,000. Finally, Davey told Luetgert the money and bonds were in the custody of the Continental Bond Company of New York. Luetgert and Judge Goodrich, to whom Luetgert had told his story, went to New York. But none of the bankers or bond companies of that city had ever heard of Davey. Luetgert had been swindled." The attorney told Luetgert's struggles after this. How his business had been injured by the closing of the factory and in addition to the loss of \$25,000 to Davey he lost by the failure of E. S. Dreyer & Co.'s bank. Then he borrowed \$20,000 from Foreman Bros., bankers, placing another mortgage on his factory. Finally the failure came and the disaster drove Mrs. Luetgert to the verge of insanity. Later the woman became insane, the lawyer said, and wandered away. The life of Luetgert was briefly sketched. He arrived in America thirty-two years ago without a dollar, counsel said, and by industry and thrift had built up an enormous business. He made 3,000,000 pounds of sausage a year and sold it all over the country and Europe. Often there were 100,000 pounds of meat in the factory at one time and the sales from the factory to local consumers averaged \$150 per day. Nineteen years ago Luetgert married Miss Louise Bicknese, the woman he is said to have killed. She was his second wife. They had four children—two boys and two girls—the latter are now dead. Ex-Judge Vincent denied that the couple lived unhappily. He said their lives were not a continuous honeymoon, but the couple lived as happily as people in their station usually do. Attorney Vincent startled the prosecution by the magnitude of two of his claims. That Mrs. Luetgert is alive, he said, he would prove by witnesses who have seen her since May 1, and he would also prove that the bones found in the vat were not human and were put there by the police authorities. As for the rings claimed to be Mrs. Luetgert's, the attorney said he would show that they were not hers, and that she had never seen them. The attorney's speech made an impression on those in the courtroom.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OCCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Alleged Attempt to Steal a Bond-Cashier Has No Right to Encumber Bank Property—Scheme to Get Gold from Lake Wawa.

Some days previous to the opening of the lawsuit against the bond of the trustee of the John H. Connor estate, a lawyer entered the Probate Court at Mt. Clemens and asked for the files in the case. The papers were handed to him for inspection, as is usual when such requests are made. After a few moments examination he started to walk out. Probate Register Bryant observed him stow a paper under his coat and leaping over the railing caught the lawyer in the corridor. The paper proved to be the \$10,000 bond given by the trustee and signed by the bondsmen.

Without Authority.

E. H. Whitney, grand secretary of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, sold the People's Saving Bank Building at Lansing, worth \$25,000, on a contract. All but \$5,000 of the amount was paid. Mr. Whitney had a deposit of \$6,000 in the bank, which he was about to withdraw, believing it insecure. The cashier induced him to loan the amount of the deposit to the bank and accept security therefor on the building contract, making his claim under that investment, \$11,000. He did so. The bank soon failed. It developed that the cashier had no authority from the board of directors to make the loan and encumber the bank property. The court held that the cashier had no more right to encumber the property than a clerk would have to mortgage his employer's store. Mr. Whitney must therefore accept dividends on the \$6,000 deposit which will not amount to half that sum. His contract interest is good for \$5,000.

Lake Wawa's Bottom.

John W. Hyman, of London, Ont., a prominent politician and a man of considerable means, has a scheme which he will work in the Lake Wawa gold fields. His plan is to pump sand from the bottom of the lake adjoining the Mackay-Dickinson claim. The lake is from 15 to more than 100 feet in depth. Hyman says there is good reason to believe that gold will be found in paying quantities at the bottom of the lake. He is willing to spend some money to find out, and is now at the Canadian Soo for that purpose. He has purchased 4,500 feet of pipe and will take a sand pump and outfit to the field at an early date.

Rope Around His Neck.

Samuel Gage found the badly decomposed body of a man about half a mile below the mouth of the Huron River at Dead Man's Point. The body looked to be that of a man about 45 years of age. There was a rope around his neck with a heavy coupling pin attached to it, and some believe it to be a case of murder. There was nothing on the body by which it could be identified. The body was buried on the beach.

Minor State Matters.

A terrific hail storm passed over Belleville.

The tramps around Lansing are becoming very bold.

There seems to be a great scarcity of school teachers at Royal Oak.

John Harmon, of Plymouth, was fatally injured in a runaway accident.

Adrian now has direct connection with Toledo by telephone by metallic circuit.

Monroe business men will form a business men's association or chamber of commerce.

A total of 182 cases have been entered on the Supreme Court docket for the October term.

Seventeen miners from the Ohio coal fields were put to work in the Monitor mines at Bay City.

Lawsen Lamb was sentenced at Ionia to 90 days in the Detroit house of correction for reckless driving.

The two days' entertainment of the Saginaw jobbers and manufacturers' association was a success.

Grand Rapids wholesale merchants met and adopted resolutions against the interchangeable mileage books.

The corner stone of the new building of the German Workmen's Benevolent Society was laid at Kalamazoo.

The body of Edward Dufresno, of Escanaba, Mich., was found in the Mississippi River near Minneapolis.

The checks and notes recently stolen from a safe in Silas Forcia's store in Bay City were found in an empty box car.

Detroit dealers will be the first to answer in court for the violation of the oleomargarine law, according to Commissioner Grosvenor.

A construction train on the Soo line near Whiteedale was derailed and Section Foreman Charles Mose and an unknown man were killed.

Nathan Myers, a farmer in Rome Township, is under arrest, charged with cruelty to animals. His neighbors charge that he starves his stock.

Kalamazoo officers are hunting for Charles Simmons, aged 60, a colored pensioner, who is alleged to have fired a couple of shots at Jesse Ridelgey, his landlord.

Bay City shipments of lumber by lake during the first half of September were 10,375,000 feet, which is more than 50 per cent. greater than same period last year.

A man who gives his name as Frank Haynes gave himself up to the authorities at Utica, N. Y., claiming he was wanted at Dowagiac for stealing a horse and buggy.

Ex-Ald. Herman Gezon, of Grand Rapids, has returned from Skaguay. He found it impossible to get through the pass. He says the situation at the pass is terrible.

Richard Cline was sentenced to a \$15 fine or sixty days in jail at Port Huron for disposing of a bicycle he had purchased on the installment plan and had not entirely paid for.

Miss Hattie Boss, an Albion college graduate, has been appointed superintendent of missions at Bombay, India. She has control of six day schools, six Sunday schools and 100 orphans.

A correspondent writes from Standish that a little child near Deep River has been torn to pieces by a bear in the berry patches in that vicinity, nothing being found but a few shreds of its clothes.

Michigan has received its first serious frost for this season.

The Alpena schools have been closed owing to the prevalence of diphtheria.

Saginaw lumber men are much encouraged over the outlook for their product.

Philip Hoek, a Saginaw cab driver, was seriously injured by falling under the wheels of the vehicle.

M. E. Keller, a well-known book-binder, of Saginaw, fell from his bicycle and broke his leg at the ankle.

William Megiveron, of Pine Lake, was knocked down and dragged 20 feet by a street car at Lansing. He will probably recover.

While Alex. Dougherty was having a tooth extracted at Metamora, some one drove his horse away, and it has not been recovered.

Survivors of the Ninth Michigan regiment held their reunion at Lansing. Major General O. B. Wilcox was the guest of honor.

The circuit court at Battle Creek has only seven cases on the criminal calendar, the lightest in years. There are 15 divorce cases, however.

Rev. W. H. Alber, of Battle Creek, has been called to the German Evangelical Church at Jackson, to succeed Rev. F. Mayer, who goes to Detroit.

George Campbell was sentenced at Charlotte to Ionia prison for three years for burglary. F. O. Merritt was fined \$75 for selling liquor at Dimondale.

Mrs. William Blackmer, of Grand Rapids, could not bear the bitterness of a petty family quarrel and ended her existence by taking a dose of acetic.

While Mrs. H. M. Gillett and Miss Ada Barker were on their way to the theater in Bay City they were set upon by two men, who stole Miss Barker's pocketbook.

The plant of the Lowell electric light and power company, located at Lowell, will be sold at receiver's sale on Oct. 18, to satisfy claims aggregating \$80,000.

Battle Creek has become tired of having destitute persons unloaded on her, and hereafter will ship back all such persons to the place from whence they come.

Margaret Hutchinson, the daughter of the Rev. John P. Hutchinson, of Ann Arbor, disappeared at Kalamazoo, whither she went to enter the Michigan seminary.

As a result of a row in the school board at Mackinaw Island, school has not opened, and the chances are that the scholars will have a vacation until January.

A few years ago citizens of Dundee planted some eels in the river there. A few days since Nelson Dutton caught one measuring 44 inches in length and weighing five pounds.

The flux industry at Saginaw has every indication of success. The crop planted in the spring has yielded far beyond the expectations of those who instigated the movement throughout the valley.

The Hamilton-Kenwood bicycle works at Grand Rapids have been sold under \$60,000 mortgage foreclosure to Francis Letellier of that city, who will probably organize a new company to continue the business.

Ed Hoelt, a boy employed at Goodsell's planing mill, at Adrian, met with a painful and peculiar accident. A planer cut off his right thumb just below the nail, and drew out over 12 inches of the main tendon.

Capt. J. S. Duncan, of Au Sable, was found dead. He was a pioneer of that place and a few days ago he received notice of his appointment as postmaster. Heart disease caused his death. He was 63 years old.

The farmers in Kalamazoo County began sowing fall wheat on September 17, which is late for that locality. The acreage sown will be fully one-quarter more than a year ago. Corn is safe and will be a good crop.

The recent Dundee fair was the most successful one financially in the history of the association. The attendance was greater than on any other occasion, Farmers' Day taking the lead with between 4,000 and 5,000 in attendance.

Henry Gage left Saginaw when he was 16 years old to seek his fortune in the West. He is a successful lawyer at Los Angeles, and lately he has become interested in a gold mine in Southern California, which promises to prove a Klondike. The mine has turned out \$1,000 a day.

A member of the Muskegon Fish and Game Protective Association, who made requisition on the State Fish Commission for a supply of black bass to plant in the lakes and streams of Muskegon County, has received the reply from the State Board of Fish Commissioners that the black bass hatch this year was a complete failure.

The future of Company C, the crack militia company of Bay City, is not very bright, it is said, owing to internal dissensions. Capt. Hilliker was asked to resign, but instead of doing so he preferred charges against four sergeants in the company, charging them with insubordination and various other breaches of military discipline. It is also claimed that Capt. Hilliker has not worked in harmony with the other officers. If the charges against the four sergeants are sustained, it is believed that half the company will resign.

Simon Pokagon, chief of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians, and Lawyer Ingalls, of Hartford, Mich., have been in Chicago to interview W. H. Cox, a Chicago capitalist, in relation to a claim that the Pottawatomie tribe holds to 130 acres of land in the heart of Chicago, which land is mostly in possession of Mr. Cox. According to the Indians, the land became theirs by virtue of a treaty executed in 1833 between the father of the present chief and the government. This 130 acres, as claimed, formed part of an immense territory which the Indians afterwards sold. It is stated that when Mr. Cox attempted to procure an abstract to the land he was advised by the government that the property was part of the Pottawatomies' tract.

Several weeks ago Mrs. Dr. McDugall was run into by a young man who was riding a bicycle upon the sidewalk in Battle Creek, and severely injured. She threatens to sue the city for damages, because the city gives its consent to bicycle riders using the sidewalks.

William Kulp, of Marshall, was arrested on a charge of counterfeiting five-cent pieces. The complaint was made by United States Marshal Manley. Kulp has served two years in prison for counterfeiting, being arrested in this county and sent up from the United States district court in Grand Rapids.

FEVER IN THE SOUTH.

PESTILENCE SEEMS TO BE WELL IN HAND.

Cool Weather Favorable to the Infected Districts—One Tariff Bill Section Is Dead—Statement by Ratchford on the Strike—Hawaii for Annexation Is of a Mild Type.

The yellow fever scourge cannot be said to be spreading, but it clings tenaciously when it once gets a foothold. Eighteen new cases were reported at New Orleans, but all are of a mild type. The cases at New Orleans now number 52, which is very few among a population of 250,000. The deaths continue to show an extraordinary small percentage, only five deaths having occurred among 52 patients. Of course there is enough fever in New Orleans to arouse apprehension there and to continue the dismay in other portions of the South. At Mobile the disease is quite ugly, 11 new cases being reported on Saturday, 11 on Sunday, but only 2 on Monday because the weather has taken a favorable turn. The cold wave in the Northwest seems to have spread its disinfecting wings over that city. There are no new cases at Ocean Springs, but the distress of the inhabitants in that little burg is sore. The town is so strictly quarantined that both food and medicine are very scarce.

Cairo is recovering from its alarm. All the local physicians stoutly declare that the two cases at the marine hospital are not yellow fever, but a type of sharp malarial fever so common in the autumn among those who live upon the southern western rivers. This opinion, if confirmed by subsequent events, will knock out Dr. Gutierrez of Pennsylvania, whom the government had employed at heavy expense as the greatest yellow fever expert in the United States. Dr. Gutierrez is not the first expert who has found himself minus by subsequent developments. Nevertheless Cairo will omit no precautions against the yellow fever, and therefore it has quarantined against Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi.

The South expects to wait for the first frost before the yellow fever is thoroughly stamped out, but it is hardly probable that a sharp frost will be felt below the Tennessee line before the last of November. The postoffice department is in a quandary. Many of the towns in the Gulf States have quarantined against all mail matter, even after it has been fumigated. This shows the condition of alarm which prevails in many sections of the South. Now and then an incident is published which tends to show that the yellow fever can be

communicated through the mail. It is related that a person in Mobile received a letter from a friend in Ocean Springs. The letter was written in a room where a yellow fever patient was in bed, and the person who received the letter was attacked by the fever. All these facts are not authenticated, but their publication widens the dismay and tends to make the people believe that the yellow fever town should be treated as the outcasts of the world.

According to the statements of a physician who had experience in the plague of 1873, when from ninety to 100 persons died every day for months, the fever is in itself every early so dangerous as the panic which accompanies it. If the people would not become overcome by fear more of them would be saved. He says that probably 10 per cent. of all those who have the disease are likely to succumb to the fever itself, but when the plague is accompanied with excitement and panic the death rate runs up to 30 or 40 per cent. of all those who show the symptoms at all.

When people have become inured to the scenes of the disease and death and can look upon them without a feeling of panic or unusual excitement, the greater part of the danger passes away, and so it is that after any community has experienced disease for a short time the ravages are abated. If, when the first symptoms appear, the patient is given a hot foot bath and a strong dose of castor oil and put to bed where he can sweat out the poison, the great chances are that he will recover within a short time. The disease is at its height nine days after the first symptoms appear.

The presence of yellow jack in New Orleans and the consequent quarantine is killing the business of that city now. This is just the season of the whole year when the shipping trade is at its height and the precautions of the health department will be a crushing blow to the interests of the merchants.

TREATY RATIFIED.

Hawaiian Senate Adopts Annexation Measure.

The treaty of annexation with the United States has been ratified unanimously by the Hawaiian Senate, sitting in extraordinary session. There was but one opinion on the subject, and the result was that the vote on the ratification was unanimous.

There was never any difference of opinion as to what the Senate would do. This body was elected after the revolution with the one idea of working for the annexation of the islands to the United States. From the time in 1893, when the queen was dethroned, there has been no subject on which there was more unanimity and there has been nobody with more of the feeling than the Senate.

The meeting at which the ratification of the treaty took place was the most largely attended of any in the history of the government, not excepting the trying time of revolution. There were always in the senate chamber large crowds of the best people of the islands, for the call for an extra session was made the call for an assembling at the capital of the leading people from all the islands, and the social side of the republic was at its best.

As soon as the fact was made known

that the Senate had agreed to the ratification there was great enthusiasm all through the city. It had been planned to make the occasion the excuse for the most elaborate ceremonies that have been carried out since the republic came into power. There was nothing lacking to the appropriate celebration and the people joined in the ceremonies and jollification freely.

SECTION 22 IS KILLED.

Attorney General McKenna Holds It to Be Inoperative.

The long opinion of the attorney general upon the operation of section 22 of the tariff law was made public Tuesday after being considered for a second time by the President and his cabinet, and after Senator Elkins of West Virginia and Mr. Richard C. Kerens of St. Louis had made a most determined but futile effort to persuade the President and the attorney general to accept their construction of the law.

The attorney general construes the section as not imposing a discriminating duty upon foreign merchandise imported in bond through contiguous countries, and holds that section 4228 of the revised statutes has not been repealed. Therefore, goods purchased abroad and imported in bond by way of Canada or coming to ports of the United States in British bottoms will not be subject to a discriminating duty of 10 per cent.

The opinion is a disappointment to some owners of American merchant vessels and to those interested in the transcontinental railroads of the United States. There is no doubt that it was the intention of the framers of section 22 as it became a law to discriminate against the Canadian railroads and foreign ships. Senator Elkins, who claims to be partly responsible for the added words which called forth the opinion, admits as much, and exerted his influence to the utmost to convince the President and the attorney general that such was the intention of Congress.

The methods adopted by the advocates of the discriminating duties are said to be in a way responsible for their failure. Fearing to make their object too plain while the tariff bill was under discussion they framed a clause which they believed would have the desired effect and then had it inserted in the section while the measure was in conference.

Senator Elkins has for some time advocated a bill to impose a discriminating duty upon merchandise imported in vessels of foreign register, his object being to encourage and build up the American merchant marine. Realizing that such a measure could not be passed at the last session he endeavored to accomplish his object by having the substance of his bill incorporated in section 22.

The Pacific railroads and allied lines de-

ODD FELLOWS AT SPRINGFIELD.

Sovereign Body of the Order Meets in Illinois Capital.

The opening session of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was held Monday morning in Representatives' Hall, Springfield, Ill., and was introduced with appropriate ceremonies, taking the form of a public reception, in which the hospitalities of the State, city and the grand bodies of Odd Fellows of Illinois were extended by their proper representatives. Gen. Alfred Orndorff, past grand representative of Illinois, called the meeting to order. Seated upon the speakers' platform were Gov. Tanner, Mayor Wheeler, Grand Representative J. Otis Humphrey, Grand Sire Fred Carleton of Austin, Texas; Grand Master George C. Rankin of Monmouth, Ill.; Grand Patriarch J. D. Murphy of Bushnell; and Mrs. May D. Stone of Vandalia, President of the Illinois Rebekah assembly.

Gov. Tanner was the first speaker. He spoke in the highest praise of Odd-Fellowship and bade the visitors a hearty welcome to the city and State. Mayor Wheeler spoke briefly, extending a hearty welcome on behalf of the city, and Grand



ODDFELLOWS' BUILDING, SPRINGFIELD.

Patriarch J. D. Murphy followed. Grand Master George C. Rankin spoke for the Odd Fellows of Illinois and Mrs. May D. Stone gave welcome in the name of the Rebekahs.

Response to these was made by Grand Sire Fred Carleton, who paid tribute to the State of Illinois, its greatness as a producer of wealth, a center of population, education and the banner State of Odd-Fellowship. He named the great men who had made the State illustrious. The genius of Odd-Fellowship is that it binds all races and creeds together. The Grand Sire said that this was not the first time this body had been welcomed by the Governor of a State, but it was the first time it had been welcomed by a Governor as a brother Odd Fellow.

The regular session of the sovereign grand lodge was then convened by Grand Sire Carleton. The appointive officers and committees were named and a large number of resolutions presented and referred without reading. In the afternoon the local Rebekah lodges gave a very largely attended reception in honor of the visiting Rebekah degree members and the sovereign grand lodge.

Tuesday afternoon a fine parade of Odd Fellows was given under command of General J. P. Ellacott of Chicago, commander in chief of the Patriarchs Militant, and consisting of the Illinois National Guard, commands, cantons of Patriarchs Militant and subordinate encampments and lodges escorting the representatives to the sovereign grand lodge. Following this was a prize drill of Patriarchs Militant. Canton Muncie, No. 4, of Muncie, Ind., won the first prize, \$300, in class A, and Canton McKee, No. 28, of Terre Haute, Ind., won the first prize, \$150, in class B. They had no competitors.

At night the past grand representatives held a reunion in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, at which addresses were made by Grand Representatives W. G. Nye, of Minneapolis; Lucius H. Fuller, of Putnam, Conn.; and Stillwell H. Russell, of Dallas, Texas.

HITS BOARDS OF TRADE.

Possible Effect of the Decision Made by Judge Foster.

Judge Foster's decision in the United States District Court at Topeka, in which he held that the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange was a trust, organized in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, may result in closing all the live stock, grain and produce exchanges of the country.

The decision, if it is upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States, to which it will be appealed, will be of the utmost importance, for it will class all the exchanges which are organized on the same lines as the Kansas City institution as unlawful combinations in restraint of commerce.

Washington attorneys are uncertain as to the scope of the decision, for the reason that there may have been some peculiarity about the organization and methodology of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange which does not apply to other exchanges. As it is understood, however, this exchange is similar to others in which live stock, grain, cotton, farm produce and petroleum are dealt in, and if the Supreme Court of the United States should uphold Judge Foster's decision these institutions would have to close their doors or change their organization and methods.

MAY CRITICISE THE JUDGE.

Wisconsin Court Hands Down a Decision Against Judge Bailey.

Justice J. B. Winslow of the Wisconsin Supreme Court handed down a decision that is of particular interest to lawyers and newspaper publishers. The opinion is in the case of the proceedings for contempt of court by Judge W. F. Bailey, of Eau Claire against H. C. Ashbaugh and L. A. Doolittle. The court says:

We are well persuaded that newspaper comments on cases finally decided prior to the publication cannot be considered criminal contempt. Truly, it must be a grievous and weighty necessity which will justify an arbitrary proceeding whereby a candidate for office becomes the accused, judge his critics by imprisonment. If there can be any more effective way to gag the press and subvert freedom of speech, we do not know where to find it.

DR. HUNTER IS ACQUITTED.

The jury in the cases of Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, ex-Congressman John Henry Wilson, E. T. Franks and Capt. Noel Gaines, accused of conspiracy to bribe members of the Kentucky Legislature, brought in a verdict of not guilty.

FROST WILL NOT HURT.

Crops Are Now Said to Be Entirely Out of Its Way.

The weather bureau in its report of crop conditions for the week says: The week has been favorable for ripening and securing crops, but in the Central Mississippi and Ohio Valleys, Tennessee and over portions of the Middle and South Atlantic States, it has been too dry for fallowing and seeding of fall grain. The exceptionally warm weather of the first half of the month matured corn rapidly, and has placed nearly the whole crop beyond injury from frost. Owing to drought conditions in some of the more important States the grain, particularly the late crop, did not fill well, and the reports indicate that much will be chaffy. Cutting has progressed rapidly under favorable conditions. Cotton has continued to open very rapidly and picking has been vigorously carried on. The reports indicate the bulk of the crop will be secured by Oct. 15. The weather conditions on the Pacific coast have been favorable, the absence of rains in California being especially advantageous for curing raisins and drying fruit. In Oregon and Washington the damage to grain by rains of the two preceding weeks is considered light. State reports follow:

Illinois—Dryness and heat was broken the 14th, and slight frost in the half day Sunday and Sunday morning, with only slight damage to later fields of corn. Corn, with late and early, dry and much in shock, with cutting completed this week; yield fair to good, but much light, chaffy corn and some late fields only fodder. Plowing and wheat seeding resumed under difficulties; drills still running in some fields.

Wisconsin—First of week warm, followed by well distributed rains and decidedly cool weather, with light frost in low places. Hot weather matured corn rapidly and two-thirds of crop now ripe. Late plantings require week to ten days. Cutting being pushed vigorously. Good crop now assured.

Michigan—Corn crop nearly all safe from frost and cutting all under way. Buckwheat fine crop and cutting in progress. In six southern counties fall seeding is still delayed by dry spell, and rain in a few places and germination seen already sown. Late potatoes generally matured, but yielding lightly. All fall fruits except pears and grapes yield very poor.

North Dakota—Warm days and scattered light rains favorable for corn. The early and middling late well matured and a very good crop generally. The late crop is a trumper some in many localities by frost of 16th and 17th and preceding hot winds, but will make good stock food.

Nebraska—Corn maturing nicely, and most of the corn crop safe from frost. Frost cannot be injured by frost. Frost in northern counties, but generally light, and only slight damage done to late corn on low lands in a few counties. Large acreage of winter wheat being sown, and early sown coming up nicely.

Missouri—Good showers in some sections, but over large portion of the state drought practically unbroken. Where good rains fell pastures improving and wheat sowing progressing. Rains too late to benefit corn; cutting completed in most places. Late corn very light and much of it chaffy. Frost would do little damage. Cotton picking progressing, crop greatly shortened by drought.

Iowa—Three days hot weather, followed by copious rains and sharp frosts. Greater part of corn crop being matured, the damage by frosts is not extensive, pastures and garden truck suffered greatest injury. Plowing and seeding of all grain progressing. Winter apples badly hurt by drought.

Indiana—Numerous showers, but hot weather ended on Thursday. Light, harmless hoar frost formed Saturday morning. Corn matured and dried rapidly, most is cut and in shock. Late corn still in danger from frost. A fair crop of tobacco is being housed rapidly. Seeding wheat progressed slowly; farmers are waiting for more rain.

Ohio—Very warm, sunny and dry until showers 16th; cool and dry since then, with light frost 18th in some places. Late corn, late potatoes, late tobacco, pastures and garden truck badly injured by drought. Early corn about half cut, late generally beyond frost, but not nearly so promising as ten days ago.

ALTON NEGROES RISE.

Separation of White Pupils from the Colored Raises a Storm.

The fight between the Board of Education and the negro citizens of Alton, Ill., over the separation of the white children from the black is growing more fierce and the relations between the two are becoming more and more strained. The attendance at the Douglas and Lovejoy schools, the two buildings set apart for the colored children by the Board of Education, has been very small, and, on the other hand, the old buildings are overcrowded on account of the colored residents insisting on their children attending the same schools as the whites.

Superintendent R. A. Haight has given instructions that the negroes shall be admitted, but that no recitations shall be heard until they go to their own school. They are allowed to remain in the school rooms, but only as visitors. There has been no serious trouble, but several of the school buildings were surrounded all day Wednesday by colored men and women who were there to see that their children received proper recognition.

The members of the board are firm in the stand they have taken, and say that no pupils will be recognized or allowed to recite a lesson until they are in the proper building. The stand they have taken is that the city of Alton has been put into one large school district, and they, with the superintendent, have the right to assign pupils to any school they think desirable. They say they are willing, if need be, to have the matter tested before the courts. On the other hand, the colored residents oppose the separate-school plan, and are no less emphatic in the stand they have taken, and say they propose to fight the case to the end. Public meetings have been held and a large sum of money has been raised. They claim the scheme to separate the children is an illegal one. They do not admit even the point of discretionary power which the Board of Education holds is vested in the superintendent of schools.

Told in a Few Lines.

The linseed oil trust, incorporated in Illinois, has qualified to do business in Ohio.

Three men robbed the postmaster at Belmont, Neb., of \$400 in government bonds.

Harry Wells, charged with involuntary manslaughter, was convicted after a four days' trial at Shoals, Ind.

The lamp chimney manufacturers of the United States have signed the wage scale demanded by the workers.

Two negro tramps murdered Jefferson Baty and seriously wounded William Davis, brakeman on the Illinois Central Railroad, near Carbondale, Ill., and escaped.

Charles Wood, a Racine, Wis., policeman, has secured judgment for salary held back because the Mayor refused to appoint him. He remained on duty under the civil service law.

A petition of the temperance people of Emporia, Kan., asking for a special grand jury to investigate alleged violations of the liquor law has been taken from the office of Judge Culver.

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Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad. NORTHERN DIVISION. Leave Arrive. Trav. City, Pet. & Mack + 7:45 am + 5:15 pm

SOUTHERN DIVISION. Leave Arrive. Cincinnati + 7:10 am + 8:25 pm

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MIDDLEVILLE P. O., Sept. 25, 1897. Letters addressed to persons named below remain unclaimed in this office...

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Alfred Putnam John Whittight. Miss Allena Green. Please say "advertised" when asking for advertised letters.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1897.

Times never get so good that the fellow who doesn't intend to work can find a steady job.

President McKinley has made another attempt to get a rest, but the chances are against his success.

Is there a "famine" in raw hides? There has been an increase of over thirty per cent. in the price of that article since the framing of the Dingley law.

The Ohio Senatorial contest is expected to cut an important figure in determining the control of the U. S. Senate during the next two years.

Science has done much to lessen the percentage of death from yellow fever, by improved methods of treatment, but it has not been able to lessen the fright in the vicinity of a case of the disease.

The Connecticut widow who wept for four years on the grave of another man, believing it that of her dead husband, is probably quite disgusted enough to entertain a proposal of marriage from the right man.

And now cotton-seed has joined the procession of the farm products which are advancing in price.

The American gunpowder trust is to control the trade in this country. The German company which was building a powder-making plant in New Jersey has been bought off, and has abandoned its work after spending more than \$20,000.

It seems to be a question of whether they are "out" or "in" with the Washington printers. Those who are "in" want the civil service rules continued over the government printing office; those who are "out" want them abolished.

The business failures during the second week of the present month were only 169, while those of the corresponding week of 1893 were 346 and they ranged in that vicinity during the corresponding week during the years '94, '95 and '96.

The corn crib will have to do its full share of duty this year. Advices from abroad indicate that every bushel of wheat that we can spare will not be sufficient to meet the demand, and that our corn crop will be drawn heavily upon for food supplies.

The New York prohibitionists will try a new method of distributing their campaign literature, by giving it away, at public meetings, wrapped around cakes of toilet soap.

People who have any doubt about the return of business prosperity will probably be interested in the figures on bank clearances, which are of course the most accurate business barometer that can possibly be produced.

While newspaper stories have been somewhat exaggerated, it is an absolute fact that the Western farmer's financial condition is wonderfully improved.

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CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Sept. 28.—Mrs. Will Fulton and son of Indiana are making her parents an extended visit.

Mrs. Dick Beaver of Grand Rapids visited friends in town over Sunday.

Vernia Myers spent last week in Grand Rapids.

Helen Spaulding and Mrs. F. E. Hale are numbered among the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinsey and Mrs. D. Kinsey will visit Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moll at Charlotte this week and also attend the fair.

Rev. Mr. Goshert and family are preparing to move to LaGrange, Indiana.

Miss Lizzie Strickler spent Thursday and Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinsey are visiting friends in Boston.

Several of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel gave them a pleasant surprise before moving to their farm near Grand Rapids.

J. Francis Quinn of Grand Rapids gave a very pleasing entertainment at the M. E. church last week and expects to give another next Saturday evening for the benefit of Georgie Finkbeiner.

Alfred Wright of Grand Rapids is visiting his many friends at this place.

Mrs. Mose Rosenberg went to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The Finkbeiner boy at the home of Rev. P. Scheurer is no better at this writing, but new developments of the disease are now visible.

Dr. Graybiel affirmed, viz.: that the bones in both arms and the remaining leg are affected in the same way as the former, and there are no hopes left for his recovery.

Rev. P. Scheurer made a flying trip to Toledo last week.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Walter Babcock will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting next Sunday evening.

Mr. Lamphier went to Grand Rapids Monday and brought his wife home with him.

Everyone is making arrangements to attend the fair this week.

Miss Alma Strong is visiting at Olivet and Grand Ledge for a couple of weeks.

The wheat fields sorely need the rain which fails to come, although the weather bureau says we shall have clouds and rain.

There will be no school Friday this week; all going to the fair.

Dr. Fred Betts is paying his parents and friends a visit this week.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Noah Nevezreal attended the fair at Plainwell.

Mrs. A. L. McDowell has gone to Kentucky to make an extended visit.

Eli Rannels is having a new engine and boiler put in his saw and feed mills.

Relatives from Hart have been visiting at Geo. Willson's.

Mrs. Groves of Davison, while on her way to Grand Rapids to buy her fall stock of millinery goods, made a few of her many friends a short visit.

The Epworth League of Corning assisted by Miss Mattie Slade, the talented elocutionist of Wayland, gave an entertainment at the M. E. church.

Allan A. Abbott was drawn as juror for the October term of circuit court.

Roy Clemens left Monday night for Houghton, where he will attend the Michigan College of Mines.

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Hardwood beds with slats, side rails and casters for single person, only \$1.50.

REDUCED RATES TO FAIRS.

To the following dates and named places the Michigan Central will sell tickets at rate of one fare for round trip:

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Caledonia Union, Caledonia, October 6 to 9.

MIDDLEVILLE MARKETS.

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CALEDONIA CULLINGS.

Sept. 28.—Mrs. Will Fulton and son of Indiana are making her parents an extended visit.

Mrs. Dick Beaver of Grand Rapids visited friends in town over Sunday.

Vernia Myers spent last week in Grand Rapids.

Helen Spaulding and Mrs. F. E. Hale are numbered among the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kinsey and Mrs. D. Kinsey will visit Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moll at Charlotte this week and also attend the fair.

Rev. Mr. Goshert and family are preparing to move to LaGrange, Indiana.

Miss Lizzie Strickler spent Thursday and Friday in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinsey are visiting friends in Boston.

Several of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel gave them a pleasant surprise before moving to their farm near Grand Rapids.

J. Francis Quinn of Grand Rapids gave a very pleasing entertainment at the M. E. church last week and expects to give another next Saturday evening for the benefit of Georgie Finkbeiner.

Alfred Wright of Grand Rapids is visiting his many friends at this place.

Mrs. Mose Rosenberg went to Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The Finkbeiner boy at the home of Rev. P. Scheurer is no better at this writing, but new developments of the disease are now visible.

Dr. Graybiel affirmed, viz.: that the bones in both arms and the remaining leg are affected in the same way as the former, and there are no hopes left for his recovery.

Rev. P. Scheurer made a flying trip to Toledo last week.

IRVING INKLINGS.

Walter Babcock will lead the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting next Sunday evening.

Mr. Lamphier went to Grand Rapids Monday and brought his wife home with him.

Everyone is making arrangements to attend the fair this week.

Miss Alma Strong is visiting at Olivet and Grand Ledge for a couple of weeks.

The wheat fields sorely need the rain which fails to come, although the weather bureau says we shall have clouds and rain.

There will be no school Friday this week; all going to the fair.

Dr. Fred Betts is paying his parents and friends a visit this week.

LEIGHTON LOCALS.

Noah Nevezreal attended the fair at Plainwell.

Mrs. A. L. McDowell has gone to Kentucky to make an extended visit.

Eli Rannels is having a new engine and boiler put in his saw and feed mills.

Relatives from Hart have been visiting at Geo. Willson's.

Mrs. Groves of Davison, while on her way to Grand Rapids to buy her fall stock of millinery goods, made a few of her many friends a short visit.

The Epworth League of Corning assisted by Miss Mattie Slade, the talented elocutionist of Wayland, gave an entertainment at the M. E. church.

Allan A. Abbott was drawn as juror for the October term of circuit court.

Roy Clemens left Monday night for Houghton, where he will attend the Michigan College of Mines.

SINGLE BEDS FOR \$1.50.

Hardwood beds with slats, side rails and casters for single person, only \$1.50.

REDUCED RATES TO FAIRS.

To the following dates and named places the Michigan Central will sell tickets at rate of one fare for round trip:

Albion Driving Park Association, Albion, October 5 to 8.

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Society's Doings.

The patriotic social held at the Baptist parsonage, Friday evening, was well attended and proved a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. N. Griswold's Sunday school class, to the number of twenty, surprised Mrs. Farnum at her home on Grand Rapids-st. Friday, taking with them a fine basket luncheon.

At Mrs. John Campbell's party last Thursday a prize was awarded the lady guessing correctly the largest number of the ages of those present and to the lady guessing nearest to the number of shoe that each one wore.

About thirty of Mr. Samuel Allen's most intimate friends met at his home Saturday, the 25th, to celebrate the anniversary of his birth.

SEAVIEW, Va.—We have a splendid sale on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and our customers coming from far and near, speak of it in the highest terms.

CHURCH NOTICES. Evening church services will begin at 7 o'clock until further notice.

The Congregational harvest home concert, October 17 and 18. See program later.

Baptist church, Walter A. Biss, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at the close of morning service.

Evangelical church, Leighton, P. Scheurer, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening.

M. E. church, J. C. Dorris, pastor. The usual services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Attachment to God's House."

Congregational church, H. Appleton, pastor. Service 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject for morning, "The Length and

ONE OF TWO WAYS.

The bladder was created for one purpose, namely, a receptacle for the urine, and as such it is not liable to any form of disease except by one of two ways.

Unhealthy urine from unhealthy kidneys is the chief cause of bladder troubles. So the womb, like the bladder, was created for one purpose, and if not doctored too much is not liable to weakness or disease, except in rare cases.

It Cured Me, It will Cure You. This is no scheme to extort money from anyone. When we mail you this recipe we also enclose catalogue of our latest music publications



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J. Schondelmayer,

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Local Happenings.

Cong'l chicken pie supper Oct. 1. Save money and buy groceries at Campbell's. The Prairieville creamery has closed for the winter. The board of supervisors meet Monday, October 11. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Corson, Sept. 26, a 10 lb boy. Regular meeting of the school board will be held this week Friday evening. Wagner Male Quartette at M. E. church Wednesday eve, Oct. 6. Attend. Teachers should ask to see the up-to-date report cards at the News Stand. * M. S. Keeler & Co., have bills out quoting greatly reduced prices in nearly every line of goods which they handle. Don't forget to see that bran new line of Capes and Jackets at Campbell's. Not a single last year garment in the whole line. W. K. Liebler has increased to aldermanic proportions since last Monday when his wife presented him with a nine-pound boy. It is William G. they say. M. Mulburg has bought the Worthy Moe house and lot on the east side of Grand Rapids-st. and has built an addition and porch, and making numerous other improvements. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loomis of Chicago, Sept. 24, a son. If you see Wm. Pincomb stepping a little higher than usual you may know it's because he's grandpa once more. The Reading club will hold its first meeting with Mrs. Armstrong Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 6, promptly at half past two. The following is the program for the afternoon: Responses, Benj. Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanac"; biography of Benjamin Franklin, Mrs. Bandfield; spelling, Mrs. Barrell; Roman history, class; questions on history, May Bassett; current events, Mrs. Hendrick. Remember that the Drew, Selby & Co. shoes are the most stylish and durable and that John Campbell carries a full line of them for ladies and misses.*

Tramps are unusually numerous of late in this locality and there ought to be steps taken to rid the town of the pests. Don't wait until another Grand Rapids-st. fracas occurs before something is done. The city authorities in all directions are driving them into the country and it is due to our citizens that steps be taken to rid our village of them. Last Friday night a man by the bushes on T. D. French's corner frightened a lady who was passing, this being but one of many such occurrences. Almost any night from two to six can be found occupying the waiting room to the depot and sneaking about town, begging being their chief occupation during the day time. A burglar entered M. M. Hodge's residence Saturday night by way of a window and stole a suit of clothes with their contents, which consisted of about four dollars in change, bunch of keys and a pocket knife. On leaving the fellow pulled down the curtain, but left the window up. Mrs. H. thought she heard someone in the house about 3 a. m., but on getting up decided it was imaginary and returned without without awakening Mr. H., and as he got up he did not miss his every-day clothing until they had been up for some time. On Tuesday morning, Irving Appleton and Sidney French found the bunch of keys and knife in front of the Congregational parsonage, near a hitching post. The Cook reunion was held at the head of Barlow lake Tuesday, Sept. 28. There were forty relatives present. Those from abroad were Mrs. Francis Steele of Walpole, Canada, Mr. Harry Cook of Kalamazoo, Miss Pringle Cook of Grand Rapids. The forenoon was spent in visiting and boating, Mr. Geo. Cook (senior) making lively trips taking the old ladies out boating. Then came the best of all, the dinner; everything that could satisfy a person's appetite was set before them. After dinner Mr. Bert Pinney took a photograph of the group, then following a short program was rendered, including a song from Uncle Charlie Cook entitled "The Poor Old Thrasherman." Next was election of officers, then all returned to their several homes and will look forward to another good old time next year.

Little Nora Hayward is sick. Mrs. Sam'l Gibbs has erysipelas. Mrs. Lou Boorn is numbered with the sick. Fred Spangemacher spent Sunday in Hastings. E. W. Aubil and wife were in Grand Rapids Friday. Mrs. J. E. Ackerson was in Grand Rapids Monday. Sheriff Ritchie and wife visited at R. Doyle's, Sunday. N. C. Kraft and family were in Grand Rapids, Tuesday. Master Glenn Blake is out of school on account of sickness. C. A. Bandfield is in Detroit with two car loads of stock. Dr. Nelson Abbott and John Dietrich Sundayed in Nashville. Mrs. A. L. Taylor and Miss Furniss were in Hastings Sunday. Mrs. C. A. Bandfield is the happy possessor of a fine new piano. Mrs. M. M. Hodge leaves tonight for a few days' visit in Charlotte. Mrs. Kronewitter of Hastings is with her daughter, Mrs. W. K. Liebler. Henry Brower and wife of Caledonia were guests of Leon Bass and family Tuesday. J. E. Gogle expects to leave Friday for Silver City, New Mexico, to spend the winter. George Freeman of Racine, Wis., is visiting his many relatives and friends in this locality. Miss Clara Shisler of Grand Rapids was the guest of her friend, Miss Nina Shaw, on Friday. Michael Ulrich of Hastings and Henry Stook of Dutton have been granted pensions. Myron Freeman from northeast of the village is attending the Industrial school at Hastings. Clare Jamison of Lansing was the guest of his uncle, Theo Jamison, and family over Sunday. Fred Moak of California, and Ed. Moak of Cadillac, are visiting their mother for a few days. Lavern Shay of Grand Island, Neb., was the guest of his sister, Miss Gertrude Shay, Tuesday. J. T. German commences his third and last year's work in district No. 5, Thornapple, Monday. Mrs. L. W. Sealey of Grand Rapids was the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Ackerson, over Sunday. Misses Smith, Downing, Furniss and Winters spent Sunday at their homes in Nashville and Dowling. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark were in Saranac last week to attend the funeral of the latter's brother-in-law. M. F. Jordan and W. J. Hayward were in attendance at the Plainwell fair the latter part of last week. Mr. Rose, who had been the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. Carveth, returned to his home in Chicago Saturday. Mrs. N. Griswold will return home tomorrow from Grand Rapids, where she has been buying millinery goods. Mrs. W. H. Peeps went to Grand Rapids yesterday for a week's or ten days' visit with relatives and friends. M. S. Keeler is in Cleveland for a few days purchasing additional machinery for the Keeler Brass Co.'s factory. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brandstetter, Mr. and Mrs. John Rouse and Mrs. J. C. Rouse were in Grand Rapids Friday. Misses M. Gertrude Shay, Nina C. Shaw and Vera P. Cobb were guests of the former's relatives in Wayland Sunday. Ja Skiff of Grand Rapids was the guest of his parents west of the village on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Smith have moved from Rookford to Grand Rapids and are cosily settled at 274 Farmer Ave. Mrs. Ray Pincomb leaves next Wednesday for Omaha, Neb., where she goes to make her home with a brother. Misses Fannie Pratt and Lena Griswold spent Monday and Tuesday in Grand Rapids. They made the trip on their wheels. Fred French, wife and son, Ralph, of Great Falls, Mont., are visiting the former's mother, Sarah E. French, and other relatives. Mrs. Ella England and infant child of Grand Rapids, who were guests of Elmer England and family, returned home, Tuesday. D. C. Fowler has secured a position in Grand Rapids, and goes in a few days to fill same. He will not move there for the present. Hiram and Fred French with their families spent Tuesday with their uncle, Arthur Hooker, of Green lake and Owen Hooker of Corning. Rev. W. A. Bliss was in attendance at the 45th annual convention of the Grand Rapids association held at Cedar Springs Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss Sarah Stafford, who has been spending a couple of weeks with her mother, southwest of the village, returned to Grand Rapids, yesterday. Mirt Thompson, who has been so faithful a meat cutter at Clever's market the past five years or more, has severed his connection with that establishment. Mrs. Westwood and daughter, Maude, of Toronto, Ont., are expected to arrive in the village Saturday to visit the former's brother, J. W. Armstrong, and family. T. F. Page, wife and little daughter of Marshall were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster Thursday and Friday of last week. Mr. Page is a cousin of Mrs. Foster. Mrs. J. R. Combs and son, J. C., of Almira were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Combs for a few days on their way to Ann Arbor, where the latter is in his last year of the medical course. In a recent examination on the post-offices of Michigan, George S. Bassett, postal clerk on the Fort Huron and Chicago R. P. O., made but 12 errors out of 2016 offices, distributing them in one hour and thirty-six minutes. Mr. Bassett is an old Middleville boy and his many friends will be pleased to learn of his excellent qualifications as a postal clerk. Fine line of new neckwear at M. S. Keeler & Co.'s.

Personal Points.

Lute Hills this week shipped a car load of hay to Massachusetts. Save one-third on furniture at Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., Grand Rapids. J. B. Campbell has erected a fine monument on his lot in the cemetery. Roy Poland has bought the Gogle pony of A. A. Dibble and Ed. Morgan bought the buggy of W. H. Peeps. Master Eddie Johnson brought to our office a sprig of black raspberry bush containing a second growth of berries. The citizens of Grand Rapids propose to have a four days' season of fun Oct. 26 to 29 inclusive, and we predict the largest gathering that city ever had. Jacob Weierman, while cutting corn last week Thursday with a boat corn cutter, had the muscles and bone just above the right heel severed, making a severe wound. The tenth semi-annual meeting of the Sunday School association of Thornapple and Irving townships will be held at Freeport on Wednesday, October 13. See program next week. Because of scarcity of space we were compelled to omit this week the report of the jubilee meeting of the Leighton society of the Evangelical association, which was held last Sunday. At a special meeting of the school board held Friday evening the resignation of Samuel Campbell was accepted and John W. Armstrong was elected to fill the vacancy. The board as organized now stands as follows: President—J. W. Saunders. Secretary—Aaron Clark. Treasurer—J. W. Armstrong. Trust Officer—W. J. Robertson. Owen M. McLaughlin, general agent and district manager for the New York Life Insurance Co., was in the village Monday on business, and the attention of our readers is called to the New York Life advertisement on 4th page of this issue. The best insurance is the cheapest and it will pay any contemplating taking out a policy to consult this company's agent before placing their insurance. An Indian was arrested in the village, Monday, for being drunk and disorderly, and was taken before Justice Whitmore, who took a sensible view of the situation, and after giving the red man some good advice, followed it up by advising the village marshal to keep on with the good work, but to begin with some of the numerous home talent (?) who often make bigger nuisances of themselves than did he. It was not two moons back that a drunk lay stretched over a dry goods box asleep, in the heart of the our village, until he fell off and was unable to gather himself up enough to walk. Word was taken to an officer at least three times, when he was just across the street, and yet said officer would not look after the matter. It has now come to a pass where at least a portion of our citizens would appreciate having the rowdiness and drunkenness looked after and checked. CHICKEN PIE SUPPER. The Congregational Aid society will serve their annual chicken pie supper at the church parlors Friday, Oct. 1. Supper from 5 until all are served. A cordial invitation is extended to all. M. E. AID SOCIETY. The young ladies and gentlemen of the M. E. Sunday school will furnish the supper to be held at the church parlors Friday, Oct. 8. All are cordially invited to attend. A CORDIAL INVITATION. The Baptist Aid society will hold its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. W. E. Keeler on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 5, to which all the ladies of the church and society are cordially invited. Come early, bring your work and we will have an enjoyable, old-fashioned visit. The husbands are invited to the picnic supper which will be served from 5 o'clock until all are served. By order of committee. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. LADIES. TAKE NOTICE. A teacher of china painting from Grand Rapids will soon organize a class in Middleville. Terms very reasonable. For particulars inquire of Mrs. H. L. Moore. 39-2. NOTICE. I am now prepared to do eye work and will give careful attention to testing and fitting with glasses, and to any of the diseases of the eye. 38-3 DR. NELSON ABBOTT. DIVAN FOR A BEDROOM. Made to fit the end of a bed. Has big drawer for dresses. Covered in creton. A \$15 divan for \$10. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids. M. S. Keeler & Co. are mentioning special low prices on 8th page this week. WANTED—Position as housekeeper or cook. Inquire at SUN office. FOR SALE—Cheap; a fine 2-year-old gelding; weight 1,100. S. E. WHITE. FOR SALE—20 good ewes. 38-2 M. S. JOHNSON. All my book accounts are due Oct. 1 and must be settled. FRANK D. PRATT. LOST—Between Mrs. H. E. Bray's residence and Baptist church, Sept. 19, pair double lens gold bowed glasses. A number of stray turkeys have been cared for the past two weeks by a farmer near the village. Owner can recover same by calling, describing property and paying for this notice. FURNITURE HEADQUARTERS. Our stock and prices puts every other place in the shade. No one yet has duplicated our price on velours couches—\$20 ones for \$12.50. Young & Chaffee Furniture Co., 94-100 Ottawa street, Grand Rapids.

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A GOOD THING

For Women to Remember. That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham they are communicating with a woman—a woman whose experience in treating woman's ills is greater than that of any living physician—male or female.

A woman can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate her private troubles to a man—besides, a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

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No one in ordinary health need become bald or gray, if he will follow sensible treatment. We advise cleanliness of the scalp and the use of Hall's Hair Renewer.

MRS. PETERSON'S STORY.

I have suffered with womb trouble over fifteen years. I had inflammation, enlargement and displacement of the womb. The doctor wanted me to take treatments, but I had just begun taking Mrs. Pinkham's Compound, and my husband said I had better wait and see how much good that would do me.

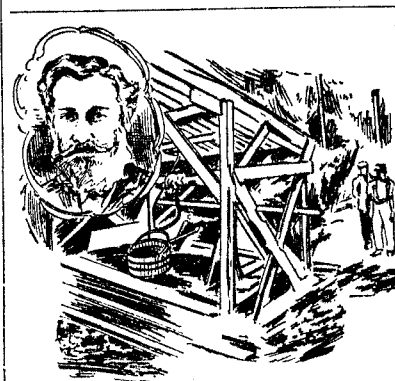
I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and can say I am perfectly cured. I do not think I could have lived long if Mrs. Pinkham's medicine had not helped me.—Mrs. JOSEPH PETERSON, 513 East St., Warren, Pa.

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A LITTLE KLONDIKE.

Massachusetts Farmer Has a Gold Mine of His Own. Massachusetts has a little Klondike. It is in Wrentham, about twenty-five miles from Boston. Farmer George J. Hittinger started it. That was some years ago, but it is only within a few days that any considerable excitement has resulted.



THE FARMER AND HIS MINE.

It is working it for all it is worth, as the illustration—showing him and his mine—proves. There is capital behind him—steady, slow-going Boston capital—and the shaft will be sunk, though probably not fast enough to disturb the equipoise of the globe.

It is said that ore from the Hittinger mine assays as high as \$500 a ton in silver and \$50 in gold in the laboratories of Harvard College. Wrentham is much excited. Several people have already poured in; and it is said that the farmers are likely to dig up their potato patches in the search for gold.

There is no joke about this, as any one can testify who has seen one of the innumerable gold and silver mining excitements in rural New England. A man who goes hunting for gold, if he will stick to that job, can starve to death on his own farm as well as in the wilds of Alaska.

Current Condensations.

A 24-year-old horse and a 32-year-old mule died in Barren County, Ky. The different countries of the world now use 13,400 different kinds of postage stamps.

A hundred years ago all naturalists taught that the pelican fed its young with its own blood. Reports of Connecticut savings banks for the past year show a large increase in the number of deposits, the latter increase coming from the smaller depositors.

"Ouida" does not see what Italy wants with African possessions when it has 100,000 persons dying of pellagra, 6,000,000 living on malarious land, 1,700 communes in which grain is rare, 1,400 communes with scanty and foul water supplies, 600 communes without doctors within reach and over 300 communes which have no burial place.

The mosquito's bill, minutely delicate as that of a needle, is simply a tool box in which are kept six separate surgical instruments—miniature blood-letting apparatus of the most perfect pattern. Two of these instruments are said to be exact counterparts of the surgeon's lance. One is a spear, with a double-barbed head. The third is a needle of exquisite fineness. A saw and a pump go to make up this wonderful complement of tools. The spear is the largest of the six, and is used in making the initial puncture. Next the lances are brought into play, their work causing the blood to flow more freely. In case this last operation fails of having the desired effect the saw and the needle are carefully inserted in a lateral direction in the victim's flesh. The pump, the most delicate instrument of the entire set, is used in transferring the blood to the insect.

The new vinegar law passed by the last Ohio Legislature, according to Assistant State Dairy and Food Commissioner Luebbing, will be rigidly enforced. The law provides that no person shall manufacture or sell or offer for sale any vinegar sold as apple, orchard or cider vinegar which is not the legitimate product of pure apple juice, known as apple cider, or vinegar, into which foreign substances, drugs or acids have been introduced. Upon proper test, vinegar shall contain not less than 2 per cent by weight of cider vinegar solids upon full evaporation at the temperature of boiling water. Vinegar made by fermentation and oxidation, without the intervention of distillation, shall be branded as "fermented vinegar." Vinegar containing lead, copper, sulphuric or other mineral acids or other ingredients injurious to health must not be manufactured or sold.

FAIL TO REACH YUKON

SIXTY FORTUNE-HUNTERS RETURN FROM DYEA.

Bring Discouraging Reports of the Condition of Affairs on the Trails Over the Divide—Company to Ship Dogs to Alaska.

New Route Into Alaska.

Sixty fortune-hunters who were engaged in an ineffectual attempt to cross the divide from Dyea and Skaguay into the Yukon gold fields via the White and Chilkoot passes returned to Seattle on the steamships Rosalie and Willamette. They report a distressing state of affairs along the trails. Less than 1,000 of the 7,000 persons who sought to go over these routes have been successful. Among the Rosalie's passengers was Sylvester Scovel. He left his wife encamped at Lake Lindeman. In a few days Mr. Scovel, who, with the assistance of a New York paper, has been assisting the miners to put the trail in better condition, will return to Skaguay and push on to Dawson City. His mission back, he says, is to confer with his paper relative to matters of a private nature.

Mr. Scovel is of the opinion that the Skaguay trail can never be made a practical route. It is not in such a condition that possibly 2,000 persons will get across, but not in advance of the freeze-up of the Yukon. They will endeavor to pass the winter on the lakes, so as to make a rush for the Klondike district as early as possible in the spring. The heavier outfits are going over the White pass, the total cost of packing being about 60 cents a pound. Horses which were so valuable for packing purposes, the returning gold-seekers report, have come to be a drug on the market. Many are dying from starvation, their owners refusing to buy feed at the exorbitant prices.

Seek Gold in Copper River. One of the most interesting expeditions that have yet gone to the gold fields of Alaska or the Northwest territory left Port Townsend last week in a twenty-ton schooner called the Janus, headed direct for the Copper River country. The party is in charge of a man named George J. Rinnacks, who has spent all of five years in the Copper River country and has brought out large sums of money at different times, aggregating fully \$200,000. The other members of the expedition are mostly Californians. The party is incorporated as the "Oakland Mining and Trading Company" and starts out under a copartnership agreement that binds them to remain together for two years. Their schooner was purchased at a cost of \$1,500, and they put on board \$2,900 worth of provisions and supplies. In addition to this each man is supplied with two repeating rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition; also two revolvers.

The schooner Janus is headed direct for Port Haldagoon, which is a new route for entering Alaska, the Janus party being the first to go in this way. A landing will be made at a point called Turnigar, at the head of the lagoon, a place where no boat has yet landed, and which in reality has no official name. In order to reach this lagoon it is necessary to sail through the narrow passage between Seal rocks and Cape Hinchumbrook—a dangerous undertaking, on account of the shoals and treacherous currents. This passage leads into Prince William sound, with open-sea sailing until Snug Corner cove is reached, when another narrow body of water must be sailed through, with Bligh's island on the left. Here the lagoon is entered and the journey to Turnigar is continued. This lagoon is a narrow neck of water, at places very shallow, which makes it difficult of navigation.

The Janus party expects to reach Turnigar within thirty days. On the way north the schooner will call at Juneau and Sitka to take on board thirty dogs that will be used to transport the supplies overland from Turnigar to the Copper River, which will be reached at a point just above Beaver River. From this place the general direction of the river will be followed northward, and it will be crossed three times, the final destination of the expedition being Tonsina creek. Six members of the party will be left on Tonsina creek, where Rinnack's partner, Michael O'Donnell, is now holding their claims and doing some work, and the others will be sent eastward to a tributary of the White River, where it is claimed that location can be made that will not only rival but surpass the famous Klondike.

Copper River Indians. Van Burin, a second partner of Rinnack's, says the Indians found near the mouth of Copper River are perfectly harmless, but those found a little farther up are quarrelsome and aggressive. He claims that the scheme to send an armed force of miners to the Copper River for the purpose of driving out the Indians is impracticable. The Indians, he says, are themselves well armed, to begin with, and are good shots. They occupy such formidable positions in the deep gorges and ravines through which the Copper River runs that they could slay an army of white men, no matter how well armed, by rolling rocks and bowlders down on their heads from above in any one of a half-dozen passes that must be gone through in going up the river.

"The largest strikes made by my partner, O'Donnell, and myself, said Mr. Rinnack, "were in placer diggings on Telkell river, Alta creek, Beaver river and Tonsina creek. The largest clean-up made in one day was at Tonsina creek, when \$3,100 was washed out. One pan yielded \$310. I do not care to state how much we have taken out of the Copper river country altogether. You can put it down at \$200,000. I have with me here papers and receipts showing that it was at least that much."

PLAYING WITH DEATH.

England Irritated by the Bad Management in India. Popular irritation increases in England over the conduct of the campaign against the tribesmen in India. There is a cry for such another man as Lord Roberts of Kandahar to crush the growing revolt. In government circles there prevails a feeling of gratitude that parliament is not in session. They know that embarrassing questions would be asked touching the recent reverses, and that Lord George Hamilton, secretary of state for India, would find himself sorely puzzled to explain the culpable dilatoriness that has marked the actions of the India Government.

People say that officials danced and banqueted at Simla while the rebellion was hourly gaining in force. It took days for Lord Elgin and his entourage to grasp the situation. They believed at first that the tribesmen would disperse upon viewing the red coats of the British punitive force—that it would be hardly necessary to fire a shot. These dreams have been shattered in a tragic manner. A dozen officers and scores of the rank and file have fallen before the unerring aim of the Afridis, Orakzais, Mahmonds and other wild dwellers of the frontier. Many posts have been captured and are still destroyed, and the fearful work is still progressing. News comes that the lower Mahmonds, whose habitat is south of Peshawar, have submitted and have agreed to pay a heavy fine and to surrender their arms, but these are only a few of the thousands who are now fighting against British rule.

His Fitness for Office. An old negro heavyweight applied to the local dispenser of patronage for a government position. "What are your qualifications?" he was asked. "My qualifications?" "Yes." "Well, suh," he said, drawing himself up proudly, "I see all wool an' a yard wide!"—Atlanta Constitution.

PASTOR WILL SEEK GOLD.

Rev. Frank E. Vrooman, Tired of Ministry, Will Go to Klondike. Rev. Frank Buffington Vrooman, assistant pastor of the People's Church, Chicago, has confirmed the report that he will go to the Klondike. He has decided to leave the ministry of the gospel so as to be able to devote his entire time to the race after Mammon. As one of the promoters of a company to be capitalized for \$10,000,000, the preacher recently



REV. F. B. VROOMAN.

made a trip to St. Louis to prepare for an expedition to the Yukon.

In shaking the dust of a clerical career from his feet Mr. Vrooman takes the opportunity to remark upon the unremunerativeness of the profession he is leaving. He says that he received only \$25 from the People's Church in the time he served it. It is his opinion that being a clergyman is too expensive a luxury for him and he is tired of it. Mr. Vrooman's controversy with the Presbyterian church and his acceptance of the position of assistant to Dr. Thomas are matters of recent history.

COMMISSIONERS ACCEPT.

Several Plans Offered for Solution of Financial Problem.

All of the appointees of the sound money commission have signified their acceptance. Several plans have already been prepared for submission to the commission. One of these looks to the retirement of the greenbacks, as suggested in Secretary Carlisle's last report, while another is in effect to retire all bank notes under \$5, substituting instead silver. Still another proposition looks to a gradual extinguishment of the national debt, which necessarily will modify the present banking system, and that the government authorize the organization of national banks, the same to deposit a sum equal to their capital stock in gold or silver.

Chairman Hanna is anxious that suggestions be made to the commission, promising to each careful consideration, as in the preparation of the proposed new financial system every means should be employed to create something which will commend itself to public confidence.

BOYCOTT THE POSTMASTER.

Hogansville, Ga., Citizens Find the Negro Backed by the Law.

The recent shooting of the negro postmaster at Hogansville, Ga., threatens to entail no end of trouble for the people of that town. It is stated that two of the most prominent business men in the town will be arrested on a charge of attempting to assassinate the postmaster.

The people of the town have never yet patronized the negro postmaster directly, the old postmaster, Hardway, maintaining his old postoffice and sending for all his white patrons. The ex-postmaster will be prosecuted for this. When this action was announced a few days ago the citizens conceived the plan of having their mail sent to the next nearest postoffice and sending a carrier for it. They are now told that this would be in violation of the law which permits only the government to maintain a post route.

GOV. MOUNT IN DEAD EARNEST.

Says He Will Insist on the Indictment of the Osgood Lynchers.

Gov. Mount announces that if the present Ripley county grand jury fails to indict the men who participated in the Versailles lynching, he will send Attorney General Ketchum to the county to conduct an inquiry before a new jury. There will be no relaxation of effort, he says, until the lynchers have been punished. The Governor says he still has confidence in the present jury, but he wishes it understood that he is deeply in earnest in this effort to have the lynchers punished. A dispatch from Osgood says several persons have suddenly disappeared from that place, and the impression prevails that all the ringleaders in the lynching will leave the State as soon as they find that the grand jury is close after them.

High Officers Taken.

Eduardo Velasquez, chief of police of City of Mexico; Lieut. Cabreta, assistant chief of detectives; and Commandant Mauro Sanchez were arrested and taken to prison and placed in solitary confinement by order of the fifth criminal judge, to whom had also been turned over twenty-one prisoners arrested for entering the municipal building on the night of the recent lynching of the man who attacked President Diaz.

If the police authorities are proved criminally negligent in guarding the prisoners they will undoubtedly be severely punished, and whoever took part in killing the prisoner will be held for murder, even if they were merely passively acting as investigators of the crime.

Collide Near St. Louis Depot.

A collision occurred near the union station in St. Louis between the outgoing Wabash passenger train and an incoming St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado train. The Wabash engine was thrown from the track, overturning and partly demolished. Conductor Charles Williams was the only one who received serious injuries.

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