ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

READABLE RESUME OF MANY MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Col. Sumner, of Kalamazoo, Presents a New Apportionment to the House. Boiler Explosion at Pontiac.

Representative Sumner, of Kalamamazoo, has introduced in the House a bill providing for the reappointment of Michigan into congregational districts, as follows:

First district—First, second, third, fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth, twelfth, fourteenth and sixteenth wards of the city of Detroit, and townships of Springwells, Greenfield, Redford, Livonia, Nankin, Ecorse, Sumpter, Van Buren, Taylor, Romulus, Canton, Plymouth, Monguagon, Dearborn Brownstown and Huron in Wayne county, the first, second and third wards of the city of Wyandotte.

Second—The fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, and fifteenth wards of the city of Detroit, the townships of Grosse Point and Hamtramck, in Wayne county, and the counties of Macomb and Oakland.

Third—Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw counties.

Fourth—Calhoun, Jackson, Eaton, Ingham and Livingston counties.

Fifth—Kalamazoo, Barry and Kent counties.

Sixth—St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, Allegan and Ottawa counties.

Seventh—Lapeer, St. Clair, Sanilac Huron and Tuscola counties.

Eighth—Clinton, Shiawassee, Genesee and Saginaw counties.

Ninth—Ionia, Montcalm, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Bay counties.

Tenth—Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Mason, Manistee, Lake, Mecosta, Osceola and Clare counties.

Eleventh—Wexford, Missankee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alcona, Oscoda, Crawford, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanaw, Antrim, Charlevoix, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Presque Isle, Cheboygan, Emmet, Manitou, Arenac and Gladwin counties.

Twelfth—Delta, Schoolcraft, Chippewa, Mackinac, Ontonagon, Marquette, Menominee, Dickinson, Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Isle Royal, Alger, Luce, Iron and Gogebic counties.

Democratic State Convention.

The next Democrat state convention will meet in Detroit, Tuesday, February 28 at 12 o'clock noon, in the Auditorium building to nominate a candidate for associate justice of the supreme court and two candidates for regents of the state university. Each county in the state will be entitled to one delegate for each 500 votes cast for governor at the last election and one additional delegate for a fraction of not less than 250 votes, but no county is to have less than two delegates in in the convention. This will increase the total number of delegates from 810 to 945.

Electric Railway in the U. P.

A railroad official at Ishpeming is quoted as authority for the statement that the Chicago & Northwestern will take the survey and right of way for an electric railway between Ishpeming and Marquette and build in the spring. A Marquette real estate agent has within the past 18 months bought more than 12,000 acres of land for unknown parties, most of which is suited for dock and yard purposes, which gives the appearance of plausibility to the rumor.

Wayne County's Clerk.

The supreme court has granted a mandamus ordering the Wayne county board of canvassers to count the registered ballots for William May. This will give him the election certificate over Reynolds, Republican, as clerk of Wayne county.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

There is a hustling handle factory at Ferry.

Rabbits about Evart are girdling the fruit trees.

Berrien county is 40,000 inhabitants and 37 paupers.

Howell is to have a soldiers' monument to cost $2,000.

Peter Striber, a Saginaw butcher, has been left $35,000 in Germany.

C. Crysler, of Fenton, tried to commit suicide with poison and failed.

The Eastern Michigan Spiritualists' association was organized at Flint.

Charles White, of Seneca, has a dove farm. He has 700 birds as a starter.

Mrs. D. C. Dunham, of Wixom, is 98 years old and has 84 descendants living.

A Grand Haven plant expects to freeze 600,000 pounds of fish this season.

A chamber of commerce building will probably be erected at Grand Rapids.

Frank Terry's 2-year-old son, of Wilmot, choked to death while eating popcorn.

Capt. Ray has been elected major of the Fifth regiment, M. S. T., Marquette, to succeed Charles H. Russell, resigned.

Deb Parker, of East Handy, took poison by mistake but a physician saved him.

The city fathers of Hudson are taking steps to ipcorporate that thriving town as a city.

An effort is making to induce the Oswego, N. Y., Bridge company to locate at Flint.

The Grand Army post at Marion has surrendered its charter on account of lack of interest.

Albion expects to get the Barton Metallic Thrasher company, with a paid up capital of $300,000.

The Whitehall Lumber company's mill in Cheboygan will have a yearly capacity of 22,000,000 feet.

Primary schools of Addison closed on account of the measles. About 50 out of 65 pupils are sick with it.

William Ronan, of Monroe, is sued by Mrs. Mary E. Beaubien to recover $20,000 for breach of promise.

The village jailer puts hot pepper on the stove when he entertains tramps. They do not call a second time.

Bay City will vote in the spring on the question of issuing $75,000 of bonds with which to complete the city hall.

Another case of smallpox is reported from Pittsfield township, Washtenaw county. The patient has been isolated.

"Tonic" joints are numerously sprinkled through the villages of Van Buren county in spite of the local option law.

A Masonic encyclopedia and dictionary has been compiled and published by the Rev. J. A. Ford, of Battle Creek.

The Christian Endeavor people will hold a convention at Benton Harbor in March. A chorus of 300 voices is now in training.

The United States recruiting officer at Muskegon has been discontinued, and the force connected with it sent to Grand Rapids.

Frank Burch, charged with betraying several girls under 14 years of age at Jackson, has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

A married man can't get into the Lotus club at St. Joseph. A fellow tried it and was given the "right-about-face" instanter.

The Quincy copper mining company has declared a dividend of $3 per share, and its friends declare the next prize will be larger still.

The epidemic of the measles has reduced Clayton schools about two-thirds in the primary department and one-third in the high school.

Francis Ducio, of Monroe, fell 18 feet down a flight of stairs. The bones of his leg were broken. He is 84 years old and will probably die.

The ladies of Marshall, not to be outdone by the gentlemen, have organized a boat club. They are waiting anxiously for navigation to open.

Newcomb McGraft has been elected president of the newly organized chamber of commerce at Muskegon. William D. Kelly is secretary.

Frank Burch is under arrest at Jackson, charged with debauching no less than six girls under 15 years of age. He is alleged to have confessed.

It is estimated that the action of the supervisors of Van Buren county in offering a bounty on woodchucks will cost the taxpayers $1,500 a year.

Maybee is liable to have her post-office in a saloon. Every saloonkeeper in the village is after a job. She has four saloons and 250 inhabitants.

Diphtheria has broken out in a very malignant form in Belding. One pupil was taken sick with it during a recitation. The schools have been closed.

The Davidson Transportation company, of West Bay City, has sold the schooner Harold to Recor & Beyschlag, of St. Clair, and Capt. Lusk, of Milwaukee, for $35,000.

William Powers, aged 81, of Decatur, and Mrs. Stoner, aged 77, of Illinois, have just wedded. This is the third wife for Powers and the fourth husband for Mrs. Stoner.

The committee on the Michigan educational exhibit for the World's Fair has chosen Superintendent of Public Instruction Pattengill as chairman and Ferris L. Fitch, of Pontiac, secretary.

Melinda Snelling, an 18-year-old mulatto girl at Cassopolis, is under arrest charged with abandoning her day-old illegitimate baby. She hid it under the house and a dog devoured it.

Two men driving on the T. A. A. & N. M. track, were struck by the south bound train, three miles north of Boon. One horse was killed and the sleigh crushed. James Wart was badly injured.

Gov. Rich attended a meeting of the Soldiers' Home board at Grand Rapids. It was decided to establish a pension office at the home for the purpose of securing pensions for the veterans without expense.

Ironwood has an eye on the county seat of Gogebic county. Her new charter will increase her representation on the board of supervisors and it is said the revision was a scheme to get the plum away from Bessemer.

The oil jettisoned by the steamer Northern when she went on the beach at Keweenaw point last November, is just beginning to turn up. Some of it has been found on the beach at Deer Park, about 200 miles from the place where the steamer struck.

The Michigan State Dairymen's association met at Flint. Among the speakers were S. C. Goodyear, of Schwartz Creek; E. L. Lockwood, of Petersburg; C. W. Smith, of Nashville; William Wiggins, of Bloomingdale; G. B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge.

Elizabeth Small, a colored woman supposed to be nearly 100 years old, was burned to death in her bed at Bay City. She was confined to her bed in the second story of a frame dwelling, and in some manner unknown set her bedclothes on fire. The house was saved.

Col. F. Fowler, who a few weeks ago gave Hillsdale college $8,000 for a science hall, has withdrawn the stipulation and given the faculty the privilege of using the building for any purpose they wish, providing they give four Reading people a free tuition each term.

Dairymen in convention at Flint decided to co-operate with other associations in asking the passage of pure food laws and the appointment of a dairy and food commissioner. Hon. E. N. Bates, of Moline, was elected president, and Hon. S. J. Wilson, of Flint, secretary and treasurer.

Several buyers are scouring through the state picking up birdseye maple logs at from $15 to $25 per 1,000 feet. The logs, which are bought down to the size of a stick even, are mostly shipped to England, where they bring fabulous prices, that being the fashionable wood required there.

The fourteenth annual fair of the Eaton Rapids Union Agricultural society will be held at Eaton Rapids on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, September 27, 28 and 29. The society embraces the counties of Eaton, Ingham, Jackson and Calhoun.

The case of Ben Adams, of Monroe, is a sad one. He tried the Keeley cure for drunkenness. While at the institute his two children were taken sick with diphtheria and died. Still he continued at the cure. When he finally left he was cured and returned home. Soon after he returned his wife dropped dead.

IN STATE LEGISLATURE.

IMPORTANT MEASURES TO BE ENACTED.

The Bill to Repeal the Miner Election Law Passed by Both Houses.—Many Bills Introduced.

SENATE.—Sixteenth day.—Bills introduced: Amending the election laws; amending charter of Detroit; to authorize four assistant prosecuting attorneys for Wayne county; regulating the contracts of married women; in regard to acknowledgments; for a revision of the constitution; for the sale of a portion of the Soldiers' Home grounds; amending laws relating to cruelty to animals; authorizing water supply companies to furnish electric light for cities; relative to taxable transfers of property; amending laws relative to dissolution of corporations; for a chaplain at the Soldiers' Home; regarding insane soldiers at the Soldiers' Home; amending the Soldiers' Home act; amending laws relative to pre-emptory challenges of jurors. Bills passed: Increasing the salary of the judge of probate of Wayne county to $5,000 a year; amending the constitution relative to qualifications of electors; amending the constitution so as to pay members of the legislature a salary of $800. HOUSE—Among the numerous bills introduced the following were of the most general importance: To preserve the purity of elections; regulating the sale of fruits, vegetables, etc., in tin or metal packages; providing for an asylum for the feeble-minded at Port Huron; requiring the inspection of all cattle slaughtered for food; to repeal the law requiring a franchise fee from corporations; a free school book law; amending the general election law; in relation to the breeding of horses; relative to catching fish in inclosed lakes; requiring township boards to publish annually a financial statement of township or ward affairs. Bills passed: The Miner law, for the election of electors for president and vice-president of the United States, has been repealed, the bill which was already passed by the Senate being also passed by the House by a partisan vote of 64 yeas to 29 nays; providing for the continuance of the copying of the records in the office of the auditor-general concerning enlistments, etc., of soldiers and sailors credited to this state during the war of the rebellion, and appropriating $8,000 to meet the expense thereof.

SENATE.—Seventeenth day—The committee on finance and appropriations reported the supplemental World's Fair bill, cut from $53,000 to $30,000 and the provision for two additional commissioners cut out; tabled Senators Fox, Clapp and Hough were appointed a committee on Blaine memorial resolutions. A concurrent resolution was adopted requesting the state auditors to report if the state had any interest in the High school site in Detroit. Bills introduced: For uniformity in the taking of depositions for use in judicial proceedings; for administering gold cure to inmates of public institutions and poorhouses of the state; appropriation for the Northern asylum to purchase additional lands and build new cottages. HOUSE.—A memorial was submitted from the Michigan Fruit Growers' association, asking for improved roads; referred. Bills introduced: For the erection of three cottages and a barn at the Traverse City asylum; prohibiting the use of the four-wheeled caboose or "jumper" on Michigan railroads; providing for the incorporation of fraternal beneficial associations and to exempt certain of these societies from the operation of the bill and public supervision; amending laws relating to fees of officers in criminal cases; amending laws relating to amount of property that may be held by Masonic bodies; amending the school laws of Detroit; for the protection of deer, also laws for the protection of game; amending laws relating to the spread of Canada thistles; making an appropriation for two cottages, library and hall painting at Pontiac asylum; enabling town, county or district agricultural societies to reorganize; to regulate the charges upon the transmission of telegraphic messages in Michigan. A motion was made to reconsider the vote of the day before repealing the "Miner law." A motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table was carried, thus cutting off all debate. The Democrats then offered six protests which will appear in the Journal.

SENATE.—Eighteenth day—The board of auditors were directed to sell the remaining folding beds in the capitol. A concurrent resolution was adopted requesting Michigan's Senators and Representatives in Congress to use all honorable means to cause the United States government to accept the overtures of the Hawaiian commissioners and, by proper treaty or otherwise, to annex the Hawaiian Islands to the United States as a territory. Bills introduced: To amend an act relative to the incorporation of boards of trade and chambers of commerce; appropriation for Michigan Pioneer and Historical society; appropriation for patients' cottages, patients' library and repairs at Eastern Michigan asylum; to authorize the state board of agriculture to hold institutes; granting municipal and school suffrage to women. The House bill providing for a recompilation of the records in the office of the adjutant-general was passed. HOUSE.—Bills introduced: Amending laws relating to the street railway companies; authorizing the Lansing Street Railway company to extend its lines to the Agricultural college; providing for the protection of Antwerp or "homing" pigeons; to establish a state board of undertakers and the examination and licensing of undertakers; to locate and build an Industrial Home for the adult blind; permitting the principal defendant in garnishment to appear and examine the garnishee; amending the general tax law; amending, consolidating and revising the general highway laws; to allow the use of the Rhines' voting machine in elections in this state. Bills passed: To prohibit the business of selling or giving away liquors on the waters of this state outside of the jurisdiction of any city, village or township—otherwise known as the "bumboat bill."

Nineteenth day—No session of the Senate. HOUSE.—A bill was passed incorporating and enlarging the city of Ironwood. Bills introduced: For an additional asylum for the insane; to prohibit the use of obscene or insulting language; to prohibit the running of bicycles or tricycles on the sidewalks of incorporated cities and villages; for an insane asylum in the upper peninsula. A resolution congratulating President Harrison upon the excellence of his latest judical appointment was adopted by a rising vote of about two-thirds of the Representatives.

SENATE.—Twentieth day.—A communication was received from Gov. Rich to the effect that he had approved the bill repealing the Miner election bill. Bills passed: To regulate telegraph and telephone tolls; to divide the state into 12 congressional districts; for a new charter for the city of Detroit; for the propagation of white fish; authorizing the city of Grand Rapids to issue bonds to deepen Grand river; to protect toilers from the unjust demands of employers; amending the act for the organization of the supreme court by increasing the number to 10; amending the laws relative to county canvass of votes at general elections. The lieutenant-governor was empowered to appoint a committee of five on apportionment. HOUSE.—The Senate concurrent resolution favoring the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands was concurred in. Bills introduced: Authorizing judges of probate to designate days of sale of real estate, commissioners' report, etc.; to prevent creditors holding mortgages against the estates of deceased persons unless such mortgages have been released of record; amending laws relating to specific performance by administrators; amending tax law relative to boards of review; detaching territory from Portage township and attaching it to the village of Houghton, passed; amending the constitution in reference to the time for the introduction of bills.

An Illinois bowl factory will locate at Charlevoix next spring.

Mrs. Charles Elliott fell and broke a leg on an icy sidewalk at Lansing.

Typhus has again broken out in the Bellevue hospital, New York City.

The largest cantilever bridge in the world is to be constructed across the Mississippi at New Orleans. It will be a few feet less than one mile in length and will cost $5,000,000.

The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill prohibiting the sale or giving away or otherwise disposing of cigarettes, cigarette tobacco and cigarette paper in Alabama. The bill also prohibits the smoking of a cigarette in any public place.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.—Thirty-eighth day—The Chandler Hawaii resolution was referred to the committee on foreign affairs. Messrs. Hale and Blackburn were appointed tellers to assist in counting the presidential votes. Mr. Carlisle's resignation as Senator was received. The District of Columbia appropriation bill was taken up and passed. A resolution was received from the legislature of Oregon requesting the Senators to use all honorable means to secure the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands; referred. Three hours were then spent in executive session on the French and Swedish extradition treaties and the Hawaiian annexation question. HOUSE.—The anti-option bill came in for its first round of trouble and the slight discussion it received was enough to show that its course through the House will be a rough one. In committee of the whole the federal election laws were brought to the fore by an amendment to the sundry civil bill providing that hereafter no part of any money appropriated to pay any fees to the United States commissioners, marshal or clerks, shall be used for any warrant issued or arrest made under the laws relating to the election of members of Congress, unless the prosecution has been commenced upon a sworn complaint setting forth the facts constituting the offense and alleging them to be within the personal knowledge of the affiant. The Republicans expressed the opinion that this was the entering wedge of a repeal of all the laws relative to federal supervisors. Mr. Fitch replied that the Democratic party made no secret of its purpose to repeal the federal election laws. The amendment was agreed to, the committee arose and the sundry civil bill passed. Adjourned.

SENATE.—Thirty-ninth day—The bill to repeal the Sherman silver bill was a subject of considerable discussion which resulted in Senator Hill, of New York, giving notice that he would call up the bill for action. few minor matters were attended to and then business was suspended that fitting tribute might be paid to the memory of the late Senator Barbour, of Virginia. Eulogies were pronounced by several Senators and as a further mark of respect the Senate adjourned. HOUSE.—The anti-option members gained a victory over the opponents of the bill by having the measure referred to the committee on agriculture, which favors the bill, instead of the ways and means committee which is opposed to the bill. The President's message on Canadian railroads was presented to the House and referred. The deficiency appropriation bill was passed and the Indian appropriation bill reported. The House then paid tribute to the memory of the late Representative Craig, of Pennsylvania, and adjourned.

SENATE.—Fortieth day—Eighteen House bills were passed and a substitute agreed to for the House bill to ratify the agreement with the Cherokees for the cession of their interest in the Cherokee outlet lands. The House quarantine bill was taken up, but went over. A resolution was adopted to, requesting the President to send to the Senate the draft of the annexation treaty negotiated in 1844 but not completed between the plenipotentiaries of the United States and kingdom of Hawaii, with the correspondence between the governments relating to the negotiations. Memorial proceedings were held in memory of Mr. Gamble, of South Dakota, Mr. Ford, of Michigan, and Mr. Stackhouse, of South Carolina, late members of the House of Representatives. HOUSE.—The diplomatic and the military academy appropriation bills were passed. The anti-option bill was reported back by the committee on agriculture, with Senate amendments and was then referred to committee of the whole. Considerable regret was expressed by members of the House at the action of Mr. Blount, of Georgia, in voluntarily vacating his seat in the House which he has occupied for over 20 years. Tribute was paid to the memory of the late J. W. Kendall, of Kentucky.

SENATE.—Forty-first day—Mr. Hill, of New York, addressed the Senate on his bill to repeal the Sherman silver bill. He then made a motion to take up the bill, which motion was defeated—yeas, 23; nays, 40. The quarantine bill was taken up and passed, without a division; also a bill for the payment out of the treasury of local taxes on lands held by Indians in severalty. Finally the automatic coupler bill was taken up and discussed for a time, when it went over. HOUSE.—The famous "Kicker" Kilgore frustrated all attempts to do any business by his filibustering tactics.

PLEASED HAWAIIANS.

United States Officials Give the Commissioners a Good Reception.

The first interview between Secretary Foster and the Hawaii annexation commissioners was held in the diplomatic parlor of the state department and lasted half an hour. There was present Secretary Foster and Solicitor Patridge, representing the United States, and Messrs. Thurston, Wilder, Castle, Marsden and Carter, the Hawaiian commissioners; Mr. Kinney, of Salt Lake City, who is present with them as unofficial adviser, and Dr. Mott Smith, the Hawaiian minister, the latter of whom made the introductions.

Mr. Thurston, on behalf of his associates, presented their credentials from President Dole of the provisional government and supplemented them with a brief statements of the events of the islands which were the cause of their visit. Secretary Foster reponded in a few words of welcome, stating that the reason for the errand was well known to the people of the United States. After social greetings the interview closed. A second meeting was held in the state department the same afternoon, but there was only an informal talk over the annexation proposition. Neither party would give the details, but Mr. Thurston and the other commissioners expressed themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the results attained and the manner of their reception.

The reply made by Secretary Foster to the announcement by Minister Stevens' of the revolution in Hawaii and the latter's recognition of the provisional government has been made public. As it undoubtedly shows the feelings of the state department toward these islands and their future the reply is given in full:

"Your course in recognizing an unopposed de facto government appears to have been discreet and in accordance with the facts. The rule of this government has uniformly been to recognize and enter into relation with any actual government in full possession of effective power with the assent of the people. You will continue to recognize the new government under such conditions. It is trusted that the change, besides conducing to the tranquility and welfare of the Hawaiian Islands will tend to draw closer the intimate ties of amity and common interests, which so conspicuously and necessarily link them to the United States. You will keep in constant communication with the commander of the United States naval forces at Honolulu with a view to acting, if need be, for the protection of the interests and property of American citizens and aiding in the preservation of good order under the changed condition reported."

Saved From Freezing but Burned to Death.

Two weeks ago Lois Bender, a convict in the southern Indiana penitentiary at Jeffersonville, escaped, and during his brief liberty became insane from exposure to the cold. He was locked in his cell and became violent and imagined that he was an Indian at a camp fire, and, to carry out the delusion, heaped his bed clothing on the floor and set to it. He then danced naked in the flames, and was burned to death.

The Harris rolling mills at Irondale, Minn., were burned. Loss, $125,000.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

A NEGRO RAVISHES A THREE YEAR OLD CHILD.

And then Tears Her Limb from Limb. After a Long Chase He is Caught and Burned Alive at the Stake.

Dispatches from Paris, Texas, tell the story of an awful crime by a Negro and the terrible punishment meted out by enraged citizens.

Henry Smity, a big and burly Negro, picked up little Myrtle Vance, aged 3½ years, near her father's residence and giving her candy to allay her fears carried her through the central portion of the city to a pasture, just within the corporation limits. En route through the city he was asked by several persons what he was doing with the child. He replied that she was Mr. Williams' little girl and he was carrying her to the doctor. Arriving at the pasture, he, with inhumanity too terrible to relate, first viciously assaulted the babe, and, satisfying his fiendish passion, took one limb in each hand and literally tore her in twain. Then covering the body with leaves and brush he lay down and slept through the night by the side of his victim. The next morning Smith went to the house of his wife and forced her to cook him some breakfast. She asked him what had become of that white child, but he denied seeing the child and soon after left the house and fled the city. Thousands of people joined in the search for the brute who was finally captured in Hempstead county, Arkansas. He was placed on a train and started for Paris. At every station large throngs gathered to see the fiend and before the train had reached its destination it was crowded with people who wanted to see his punishment. At Paris over 10,000 citizens of the surrounding country had gathered. Smith was placed on a wagon and conveyed out upon the prairie.

Words cannot be found to describe the torture which followed. Smith was bound to a post upon a platform and his clothes were torn off piecemeal and scattered in the crowd, people catching the shreds and putting them away as mementoes. The child's father, her brother and two uncles then gathered about the Negro as he lay fastened to the torture platform and thurst hot irons into his quivering flesh. It was horrible—this man dying by slow torture in the midst of smoke from his own burning flesh. Every groan from the fiend, every contortion of his body was cheered by the thickly packed crowd of 10,000 people.

After burning the feet and legs, hot irons were rolled up and down Smith's stomach, back and arms. Then the eyes were burned out and irons were thrust down his throat. The men of the Vance family having wreaked vengeance, the crowd piled all kinds of combustible stuff around the scaffold, poured oil on it and set it afire. The Negro rolled and wriggled and jerked away from the mass only to be pushed back by the people nearest him. He tossed out again and was roped and pulled back. Hundreds of people turned away, but the vast crowd still looked calmly on until the completion of the terrible torture.

ENGLISH PRISON METHODS.

Said to Drive Prisoners Insane—Not Allowed to Talk at Any Time.

Thomas Callan, of Lowell, Mass., who was sentenced in London five years ago to 15 years' confinement in prison as an alleged dynamiter, has reached Lowell having been released on ticket-of-leave. He says that the prison methods are depriving the alleged dynamiters of their reason. They are not allowed to speak and solitary confinement is imposed if the men are even suspected of whispering. Callan says that Dr. Gallagher, of Brooklyn, is insane, but the officials say he is shamming. Gallagher, according to Callan, is in the infirmary most of the time and cannot last long. One of the other dynamiters, Callan says, has become a driveling idiot. Sometimes he breaks out in wild laughter, and for this is punished by solitary confinement in a dark, cold cell in chains from two to five days.

Winter Wheat all O. K.

Although the weather was unusually cold over the principal agricultural districts east of the Missouri river and lower Mississippi valley, the special reports to the government bureau indicate that winter wheat has so far escaped without material injury, although some damage may have resulted to the crop in sections where the crop has not been protected by snow. At the close of January the greater portion of the winter wheat region was unprotected by snow and a severe cold wave is now passing over this section. The states in which the winter wheat has not suffered materially are: Arkansas, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin. The reports from Illinois, Missouri and West Virginia are not so favorable, but no very serious damage is recorded.

Renounced the World.

Bishop Foley officiated at the special services at St. Augustin church at Kalamazoo and delivered an address to three Sisters of St. Joseph who took the veil. Those who took vows were Mary Kealy, who took the name of Sister Benedict, her vows being final; Mary Shanahan, who assumed the name of Mary John the Evangelist and Mary Deturmale, who becomes Sister Mary Dorothea.

Measles are raging at Benton Harbor, there having been 10 to 15 new cases daily for the past few days.

Miss Isabella Urquhart, the American actress, was married to Guy Standing, son of the well-known English actor, Herbert Standing, in London.

Fred Schuman, a Memphis cigar dealer, poisoned his two children, aged respectively 12 and 14 years, and then took poison himself. Reverses in business and melancholia were the causes.

Enormous quantities of snow have fallen in the valley of the Dneiper in the Crimea and in other parts of southern Russia. The snow is on a level with the housetops. In one province 100,000 sheep have been killed.

100 MEN KILLED

In a Riot in the Capital of the United States of Colombia.

There was a serious riot at Bogota, the capital of the United States of Colombia which lasted for two days. It is said that 100 men were killed and 500 were wounded. The riots are in no sense political. The trouble grew out of a publication in La Cristina of an article by J. Ignacio Gutierrez, a professor in a local Jesuit college, alleging widespread ignorance among the laboring classes. The artisans rose en masse and a mob of about 400 gathered about the house of Gutierrez, stoned the building and broke the windows and doors. The police remonstrated with the rioters, but they were driven away. They returned with reinforcements and a collision occurred in which shots were exchanged. The police were victorious. Another fight occurred later in the day, but the rioters were dispersed. Everything was quiet the next morning, but at 5 o'clock in the evening the working men gathered by thousands. They overpowered the police and for awhile were in full possession of the city. Newspaper offices were sacked and a general assault was commenced on the police barracks. The government called out the military and after a sharp fight the mob was dispersed.

Republican Editors.

The Republican editors of the state had a pleasant time at their meeting at Lansing. A banquet was given them at the Downey house with Gov. Rich as toastmaster and a large number of legislators present.

At the business session the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Perry F. Powers, Cadillac; vice-president, E. N. Dingley, Kalamazoo; secretary, Thomas T. Bates, Traverse City; treasurer, E. O. Dewey, Owosso.

His Head Crushed by a Log Train.

Hiram King, a well-known Flint & Pere Marquette brakeman, aged 26 years, met a terrible death at Saginaw. While coupling two cars on a log train, he in some manner managed to get his head between two projecting logs so that it was crushed in an awful manner. The company is in no way to blame for the accident, as the unfortunate man had plenty of room to move around without getting within the danger line. A young widow and child mourn his loss.

Tried to Kill a Sick Man.

Jos. Lucas, a laborer of Newberry went to the house of Joe Pool, where Pool was sick and alone, and assaulted him in a horrible manner, leaving him for dead. Lucas then went to the house of his wife who had left him a few days ago, and attempted to kill her, but being alarmed by the cries of the children he fled. Pool was alone and was not found for some hours. It will be a miracle if he recovers. Lucas is in jail.

Perished in a Blizzard at His Own Door

While searching in a blizzard for his missing daughter, Henry Graham, of Harrisville, perished almost within reach of his own door. His little 12 year old girl left the house just before dusk. Failing to return the father went in search of her. An hour later he was found frozen stiff on his own doorstep.

Belknap the Victor.

Charles E. Belknap, the Republican candidate for congressman in the Fifth district, comes out on top in the election case which went to the supreme court. The court granted a mandamus ordering the Ionia board of canvassers to count the ballots thrown out. This gives Belknap a clear plurality of 10 in the district over Richardson.

Michigan will have four vancancies at the naval academy at the May examinations.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.			
Cattle—Good to choice...	$4 25	to	$4 75
Hogs	3 85	..	5 80
Sheep	5 75	..	6 85
Lambs	5 80	..	6 60
Wheat—Red spot, No. 2...	72½	..	73
White spot, No. 1	72	..	72¾
Corn—No. 2 spot	44¼	..	44½
No. 2 yellow	45	..	45
Oats—No. 2 white spot	38¼	..	38⅝
Rye	61	..	61⅝
Hay No. 2	11 50	..	12 00
Potatoes per bu	72	..	75
Apples—Per bbl	2 25	..	2 75
Butter—Dairy, per lb	22	..	24
Creamery, per lb	30	..	33
Eggs, per dozen	22	..	23
Live poultry—Chickens	9	..	10
Turkeys	12	..	12½
Chicago.			
Cattle—Steers	$5 25	to	$5 80
Common	4 75	..	5 50
Sheep—Mixed	5 00	..	5 50
Lambs	4 65	..	6 15
Hogs—Common	7 60	..	7 80
Wheat—No. 2 red	74	..	74
No. 2 spring	74	..	74
Corn No. 2	44	..	44
Oats	31	..	31
Rye	52	..	52½
Barley	64	..	64
Mess pork, per bbl	19 25	..	19 40
Lard, per cwt	11 70	..	11 75
New York.			
Cattle—Natives	$4 25	to	$5 55
Hogs	7 80	..	8 25
Sheep—Good to choice	4 50	..	5 80
Lambs	6 50	..	6 75
Wheat—No. 2 red	79¼	..	79¾
Corn No. 2	54¼	..	54⅝
Oats	40⅝	..	41

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Actual business is surprisingly large for the season and yet fears about the future are also large. There are many uncertainties and fears, but the prosperity and the needs of the people make business what it is, and never before has the distribution of products to consumers been larger than it has been thus far this year. Yet it is probably safe to say that rarely, if ever, except in a time of panic, has business been more cautiously and conservatively regulated. Monetary uncertainties are excused by the continued outgo of gold. The uncertainty about the monetary future retards business engagements, but in other respects trade is most satisfactory and perhaps all the more safe and healthy for the feeling of caution that prevails. The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days number 301. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 307.

The President has sent to the Senate a new extradition treaty with Sweden.

The strike at the Brooks locomotive works at Dunkirk, N. Y., is ended. The men lost.

E. F. Moore, of Saginaw, has been appointed mechanical engineer by Railroad Commissioner Billings.

The American ship, Robert L. Belknap, which left Hiogo December 16 for New York, was wrecked near the Natunas group of islands, off the northwest cost of Borneo. The vessel and cargo were totally lost, but all the persons on board are supposed to have been saved.