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WEATHER BULLETIN
The signal service issues the following predictions for Lower Michigan: Generally southerly winds and fair weather.

SPECIAL BULLETIN
Our special wire will be directly connected with the headquarters of the United Press at Minneapolis during the convention, and THE HERALD will receive special bulletins every half hour. These bulletins will be posted for the benefit of our readers and the public in the windows of THE HERALD's main business office and in the hotels.

ANOTHER HORROR

Horror succeeds horror with such startling rapidity that scarcely have we recovered from one shock before the sickening details of another appalling catastrophe paralyzes us with awe and dread. The awful tragedy of tragedies enacted by the seething, burning rivers of oil which enveloped Titusville sends a thrill of gruesome terror through our veins, and we stand in helpless astonishment before the awful carnage and its harvest of death and destruction. While not so terrible in execution as the Johnstown catastrophe, yet the fiendish union of two resistless and all-powerful elements, combined to sweep into the vortex of death the helpless victims of its hellish fury, appeals so strongly to the sympathy that we are overcome with a sense of inexplicable pity. The dispatches graphically portray the heartrending scenes incidental to the mad rush of the holocaust. It is impossible at this distance to picture the fury of the waters or the demoniac glee of the leaping flames which spread themselves out over the quickly formed lakes, lighting the heavens with a lurid flare and carrying down to watery graves the charred and dismembered bodies of those caught in their cruel embrace. There will be need for quick and available relief to the homeless ones. In an instant their dwelling places have been swept out of existence, and from many family circles the mainstay against want is ruthlessly torn. With the floods to the west of us and the flames to the east of us, and in the wake of both, suffering and misery, those who have been exempted from peril and disaster can experience a devout thankfulness that should find expression in generous donations for the relief of the truly needy.

MEMORIC PARKS

For more than a week a series of alleged mesmeric demonstrations have been given nightly in Powers' opera house. That there is a subtle charm in the eye and voice of one man whereby another may be thrown or drawn into a state of complete obedience to his will has been so long settled that there is little doubt of its truth. That it is possible to hypnotize a person so that he is insensible to pain and so that his active senses for the time being are held in a passive and yielding state is also true. Both mesmerism and hypnotism are scientific verities. But the performances alluded to in no material respect either confirm or strengthen one's belief in either. To make a few passes before the eyes of a subject and then direct him to execute ridiculous physical contortions and to make absurd remarks is simply a burlesque on the genuine power of mesmeric influence and a fraud upon the intelligence of the people. The crude and coarse antics of a half-dozen men and boys, some of them dunces, or "horses," are not calculated to inspire any intelligent person with a high regard for the true science. The test of mesmeric power is not in the ability to make a few men make asses of themselves by floundering around on the stage to receive the applause of the gallery gods and the few who are deceived in the belief that it is genuine. The true test is in having that done which is impossible for a person in his or her normal physical condition to do. The recent performances, in some particular parts, were remarkable, but not a test was submitted that could be duplicated by some body in the absence of the "professor." So long as people will be gullied by traveling "professors" who carry with them a company of trained scoundrels, known to their associates as "horses," so long will sit in open-mouthed astonishment before cheap and ignorant tricks and believe them the products of occult or hypnotic influences.

RUSSIAN CAVIAR

American enterprise seems to grapple with almost everything from fish-spawn to elephants and to turn it into a profit producing substance. It is claimed that the toothsome delicacy known in the shops and printed on menu cards as "Russian caviar" is not Russian in any sense except that it is packed into boxes on Russian territory. The caviar is simply smoked fish-spawn for eggs, and an able-bodied American living at Sanderson, on Put-in-Bay, Ohio, is practically in control of the markets of the world. At his extensive fisheries large numbers of sturgeon are caught. From these the spawn is taken and placed in the smoke houses, where a coat of dark brown, approaching black, is given by the smoke. Then the smoked product is packed in ureos and shipped to Russia, where before entry it is subject to duty. After its arrival there it is packed into cans and is again shipped back to this country as the genuine Russian article and is again made to pay duty before entry here. The profits are said to be enormous, even with the expense attached of being twice transported and twice paying duty. The price of the boxes commonly sold in grocers' stalls from 50 to 60 cents. The original cost of the contents is nothing, for the fish are cut up into strips and smoked or pickled, and in that form command a fair price with good profits. Even the bones and entrails are made to yield a revenue. The fact that this roundabout manner of getting the caviar on the market is necessary is a reflection on true Americanism. It is pursued because our epicures would turn up their noses if they were to be served with plain sturgeon's eggs on toast instead of the "imported" goods. It is a tribute paid to snobbery, and although it illustrates how ready and quick Americans are to adapt themselves to every emergency in trade or commerce, it would be more sensible and patriotic to consume the spawn of American sturgeon as such rather than under the deceptive name of Russian caviar.

FAIRLY FAVORABLE

"The trade of the country," says Henry Clews, "excepting the cotton states and California, may be regarded as reasonably prosperous. The increase of railroad earnings shows that the volume of products moved exceed all precedent. Merchandising, though conducted with conservatism and perhaps generally on moderate profits, is yet active. In certain trades there is an undoubted over supply of products, notably so in the iron trade, woolen manufactures and cotton goods. In the two former the trouble is perhaps principally due to the tariff having drawn out increased investments in mills; but to the public at large there is an indirect benefit in cheap goods, and to merchants the advantage of increased sales, while the manufacturers—the parties responsible for the overdoing—must submit to the inevitable process of weeding out those least fitted to survive the ordeal of competition. In all this, however, the suffering is confined to one restricted class, while all others are indirectly benefited. The cheapness of iron is creating an unequalled consumption of that staple, and the railroads are benefiting through being able to make liberal improvements at much below the usual rate of cost. Taking the situation and prospects as a whole, we construe them as fairly favorable to securities; but at the moment there are certain undeveloped factors which tend to hold conservative operators in check; and we therefore, for the present, counsel buying on drops and realizing upon moderate profits."

GENERAL ALGER DENIES THE REPORT

GENERAL ALGER denies the report that he has withdrawn, but none of the Michigan delegation have denied that he has been withdrawn. The general is "all right" but he fails to grasp the idea that he does not carry the Michigan delegation in his vest pocket.

MURAT HALSTED SAYS THAT NEITHER BLAINE OR HARRISON WILL BE NOMINATED

MURAT HALSTED says that neither Blaine or Harrison will be nominated. His political forecast is perhaps superior to that of any man now in Minneapolis. Therefore his declaration will be received as one of the most reliable "tips" yet offered.

IF THE NEW YORKERS SHOULD PREVAIL

IF THE NEW YORKERS should prevail in their avowed purpose to get Dewey to decline to present the president's name, the latter will then stand an equal show with Blaine who is to be nominated by Foraker.

ALTHOUGH NOMINALLY A "WATER" TOWN

ALTHOUGH nominally a "water" town Creede seemed to yield to the flames started in a saloon with as great ease as an Iowa prohibitionist removes the contents of a half-pint bottle.

OUR KANSAS A PREACHER DECLARED

OUR KANSAS a preacher declared that the cyclone is a visitation of providence. The next day his church was scattered all over a whole county and he hasn't been heard from since.

ANYBODY THAT DOESN'T STAND ON A STREET CORNER

ANYBODY THAT DOESN'T stand on a street corner and watch a Hollander bail out a sewer with a tin basin is missing one of the most common sights that the times afford.

STRANGERS ENTERING THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING

STRANGERS entering the government building might infer from the recent decorations that they were gazing on a panorama or a curtain for a dime museum.

EX-SENATOR MILLER OF NEW YORK

EX-SENATOR MILLER of New York has announced that he will join the forces of Platt and for the Plumed Knight throw up his hat. Selah!

ONE THING IS CERTAIN THE NOMINEE OF THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

ONE THING IS CERTAIN the nominee of the republican convention will need neither an introduction nor an apology to the American people.

BLAINE'S LETTERS OF DECLINATION

BLAINE'S letters of declination serve only to make his admirers all the more importunate and determined that he shall be nominated.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S NEW YORK MAIL

FRIDAY NIGHT'S New York Mail and Express published excellent pictures of the entire state delegation to Minneapolis.

THERE WILL BE ONE RELIEF DURING THE COMING WEEK

THERE WILL BE ONE relief during the coming week that will be generally appreciated—congress will be practically idle.

TOMORROW THE CONVENTION WILL MEET

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was not only uncalled for and offensive, but positively undecent. The women who are connected with the industry certainly have sense, feeling and refinement, and to be thus paraded must be shocking and mortifying to them as it is disgusting to the majority of readers. Had the article treated of the wives of business men in like manner the journal would have been saved for scandal and libel, and some editor would probably be suffering with a sore head.

NOW IT'S A CHURCH

Berean Baptist Mission Officially Recognized.

CONDUCTED BY DR. JACKSON

The Church Has Grown From a Mission and Now is Formally Recognized by the Baptists of the State.

The services to formally recognize the Berean mission was held in the church building, on Coit avenue and Third street, yesterday afternoon. The mission was organized as a branch of the Fountain Street Baptist church, about four years ago, at which time services were held in the old New England block on Plainfield avenue. In the course of improvement, the block was torn down and the worshippers at the mission were obliged to seek other quarters, which were found in the Page block. These services were conducted for nearly two years, when the work had increased to such proportions that the need of a building was plainly seen, and the Baptist people responded heartily to the call for financial help to erect the present building. This was dedicated two years ago, and yesterday, by a conference from the different Baptist churches it was recognized as a separate church and the right hand of fellowship extend to the Rev. J. L. Jackson, who will attend to the spiritual needs of the Baptists in the north end.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

In the June Arena the editor gives one of the most vivid pictures of the nineteenth century inferno which has ever appeared in a paper, entitled "The Democracy of Darkness." He takes us through the under world and lets us behold glimpses of what he has witnessed in Boston. He next notices the problem in all our great cities, notably New York City, giving facts and figures of great value to social students. From this he discusses the cardinal causes which produce the democracy of darkness, and further advances a comprehensive plan for the mitigation of misery and an effective educational agitation. Among the leading papers in the June Arena are "Automatic Writing" by B. F. Underwood, "The Right of Children" by the Rev. M. J. Seay, "Newly Discovered Properties of the Ether" by Prof. A. E. Dolbear, "The Bed Rock of True Democracy" by A. C. Houston, "Three English Poets" by Louise Chandler Moulton, "The Lake Dwellers of Switzerland" by W. D. McCrackan, A. M. Mr. Garland's story, "A Spoil of Office," comes to a close in this issue.

KILLED BY THE CARS

Charles Knapp Crushed Yesterday at Howard City.

Charles Knapp, a G. R. & I. brakeman, residing on the corner of Union and Cottage Grove avenue, was killed while coupling cars at Howard City yesterday afternoon. He was running on an extra freight at the time of his death. While between the cars he was struck on the head by projecting lumber and injured so seriously that he died a short time after the accident. Word was immediately sent to his family and Coroner Hill of Howard City empaneled a jury, that will render a verdict today.

CATHOLIC NOTES

Confirmation at St. Andrew's Cathedral.

After high mass at St. Andrew's cathedral yesterday, which was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph Benning, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Richter confirmed a class of 116, seventy-eight children and thirty-eight adult converts. The class made its first holy communion at the 8 o'clock mass. Before administering the sacrament of confirmation Bishop Richter delivered an eloquent and masterful sermon on the subject of "Confirmation." In the afternoon the first communicants were invested with the sash of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Both ceremonies were very impressive and were witnessed by congregations which taxed the capacity of the great church. The mass, by one of the old masters, was exquisitely rendered by a full choir.

DR. JACKSON'S ANNIVERSARY

Yesterday He Entered His Third Year's Service.

Yesterday Dr. Jackson entered upon the third year of his pastorate in the Fountain Street Baptist church. In the morning he preached his anniversary sermon from the text: "He Sent Them to Preach the Kingdom of God." His theme was, "The Work of the Christian Minister." He conceived the work to be threefold. First, to preach the gospel; second, to build up character; third, to conserve public morals.

WHERE ARE THE HOWLERS?

Ninety-five thousand four hundred and eighty dollars of mortgage indebtedness discharged in this country, is the record for April. During the same time the mortgages recorded amounted to \$63,142. An excess of \$32,337 of discharged mortgages is a good enough record for one month, especially for a month in which the mortgages recorded usually exceed those discharged. What is to become of the calamity howlers and those who have been so loudly prophesying the terrible blight that was to follow the enactment of the McKinley bill—Louis Semmler.

ALL THE NEWS

Grand Rapids Herald!

Political News!

Financial News!

State News!

Local News!

Foreign News!

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