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WEATHER BULLET: WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—For lower Michigan: Warmer Friday, cooler Friday night, variable with becoming rainy, fair weather, except possibly, light showers, rain over the lake shore.

Now for a Reader: Following is a brief paragraph clipped from an evening paper:

Everybody is familiar with the trouble between the captain of the steamer Belknap and Major Watson at the lake. For some time the captain of the Major would wait until the Belknap would leave in dock, and then he would start after it and beat it off at the Manitowish dock.

Now, look out for a head-on scrap between the dining skippers. They have labored each other in the side, under the life and full stern until the encounters have grown to be tiresome and commonplace.

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There are brave, unselfish and patriotic words. The people of the United States made a mistake in electing Cleveland on the Chicago platform.

Let us take a practical view of the money question. Suppose you have a cow and desire to sell a horse. You may sell the cow for \$40, but the horse may not be bought for that sum.

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change of commodities. Make a market for that now and the horse, and we shall not need an artificial expansion of our medium of exchange.

FREE COPPER. Right on the heels of the Chicago silver convention comes a demand from the copper men, through a self-appointed secretary bearing the suggestive name L. U. Natio.

The producers of copper appeal to you for a just recognition of the metal which they represent and ask your aid in having a bill passed at the coming session of congress which will re-establish copper as a currency metal.

Copper is the true metal of the people and has been used for money for over 2,000 years. When our country was in distress and its credit assailed, when the grasping money sharks hoarded their gold and silver, copper remained true to its duty and continued in active circulation.

WILSON, THE PROFESSOR. Speaker Cripp has half-heartedly intimated that Wilson of West Virginia will be chairman of the committee on ways and means.

THE STOCK MARKET. The stock market was in much better form yesterday. The great strength of the market in New York and the improvement in the money situation in consequence of gold imports brought buyers into the stock exchange corridors in large numbers.

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IS NOT GOOD LAW

Insurance Act Declared to Be Unconstitutional

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ELLIS

He Advises That No Companies Be Allowed to do Business Unless Authorized by the General Laws.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 3.—Attorney General Ellis has given an opinion to the effect that the insurance law passed by the late legislature is unconstitutional, owing to Sec. 5, which permits unauthorized companies to do business in the state.

Last winter the legislature passed act No. 47, prohibiting the soliciting of insurance for companies not authorized to do business in Michigan. The last legislature also passed an act, the title of which was "to amend the act relating to the writing of insurance in Michigan."

The objectionable act took effect July 1 and already the insurance commissioner's office is swamped with affidavits sent by "wild cat" companies who want to write insurance.

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sell it at the ruling price. It is in order for some clump to claim that the low price of wheat is due to the Pacific railroad land grant or the tin plate schedule of the McKinley bill.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

Reports from various parts of the country show that the counterfeiting fraternity is doing all that it can to supply any deficiency there may be in the amount of coin now circulating through the channels of trade.—Detroit Free Press.

It is near the date set for the assembling of congress in special session and the best thing for all to do is to keep cool and see what it will accomplish for the country in the way of remedial legislation to improve the financial situation.—Marquette Mining Journal.

It has come to be that one has to look up the records to ascertain when the world's fair was open on Sunday and when it was closed. It is high time that some settled policy be agreed upon and enforced.—Detroit Free Press.

HIT AND MISS TRIES. Congressman "Tim" Campbell has declined the rumor that he was writing a prose work. But it is significant that he does not deny he is preparing a series of sonnets on the constitution.—New York Tribune.

Mr. Suddenly Good. "I dropped a \$10 bill in the contribution box in church last Sunday." His friend Cynic. "Did you, indeed? What was the matter with it?"—New York Times.

The Washington Star is trying to find out which is the lower in public opinion—silver or Algeid. We desire to be recorded as voting our vote for Algeid.—Los Angeles Times.

The political protectionists will not be able to convince business men that they do not know what troubles them.—New York World.

POINTS ABOUT MEN. John Inams, who is said to be the oldest resident in Texas, was born in Steubenville, Ohio, in 1807, and moved with his parents to Bayou Sara, La., and thence to Texas, the party coming over the gulf in their own boat and landing at Cedar Point, at the head of Galveston bay, in 1827.

His Excellency Herr von Brandt, formerly German ambassador in China, is now living with his wife in Wiesbaden. Herr von Brandt, it may be remembered, resigned his post because the emperor would not grant him permission to marry the daughter of the American consul general in Korea.

Governor McGraw of the state of Washington "went west" eight or ten years ago, arriving in San Francisco with \$2 in his pocket. He sent \$10 home to his wife, and began his western life as a horse car driver.

A Boston paper reports that the rajah of Kapurthala did Boston pretty thoroughly in twenty-four hours, and displayed a wonderful greed for seeing things, it being remarked at the theater that only the many-eyed son of Arestor could have succeeded in the task he appeared to have set himself—that of seeing everything on the stage and everybody of it at the same time.

Watts—This talk of American superiority makes me tired. Why, only last week a shipment of 800 papers came over here from Europe, and still they call this a great country.

"Give an example of a natural inference," the college professor said. "Well, sir," replied the student, "if you should need a carriage some Sunday afternoon with a young man on the front seat and a young woman on the back and a pretty girl on the back seat, a natural inference would be that they were going after another pretty girl.—Somerville Journal.

"When I marry I shall try to be sure of one thing, and that is that I have a woman of sense."

HAS SUED HER SON

Action Against Senator Mitchell by His Mother.

DOES NOT PAY HER ANNUITY

He Is Behind \$50,000—She Waived Her Dower and Gave Up Her Homestead for an Allowance.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Maria I. Mitchell, widow of Alexander Mitchell, has begun suit against her son, Senator John I. Mitchell, and the Wisconsin Marine & Fire Insurance company's bank. The bank owes her \$200,000, it is learned from good authority, and her son, it is alleged, is behind some \$50,000 on the annual allowance which he was required to pay her.

Since the settlement of the estate Mrs. Mitchell has rarely ever visited Milwaukee. The commencement of the suit is known only to the lawyers and the owners of the bank. The papers have not yet been filed in court. Mrs. Mitchell is at present in the Thousand Islands, her summer home.

Hotel Chats. Congressman John W. Moon of Muskegon was a guest in the Morton last night, while on his way to Washington. "I have not much faith in any immediate financial action on the part of congress," said he. "There will probably be about 375 different bills introduced, and if they are all considered, the session will last something over three years. Personally, I am in favor of the unconditional repeal of the Sherman law, and unyieldingly opposed to the repeal of the 10 per cent tax on state banks. I can see a sentiment forming in favor of the latter, however. The south will be so glad to have the repeal, and at the moment there is a chance to carry it, her congressmen will drop the free silver advocates. To the south wildcat currency is especially desirable. She then could pay her negro laborers with the cheapest possible dollar, and get the biggest return for her cotton. The Liverpool market will pay for the cotton in gold. The cotton raiser can pay his help in worthless currency that has an inflated value. It is not strange that the south appreciates the selfish side of the issue. The silverites are clamoring for a fixed parity between gold and silver, as if such a thing were possible. One might as well attempt to fix a parity between wheat and gold. The question in all its ramifications is an extremely complicated one, and every day its complexities seem to be increased. For my part I have little idea what will be done, and I know my own views and shall try to vote accordingly. There is a growing feeling that the democratic party must be compelled to live up to its Chicago platform, but I believe this is wrong. I do not favor teaching the people a lesson at the expense of their welfare and prosperity. It is too serious a matter to be trifled with. In my younger days I worked for the smallest and cheapest dollar ever known, and I could never bring myself to cast a vote that would compel another man to do so."

Neal McMillan of Rockford, state inspector of oils, was waited into the city yesterday, and passed an expert opinion on a Morton house dinner.

C. H. McGurrin of Kalamazoo, the champion typewriter of the country, was a guest in the New Livingston yesterday.

Mourou—E. Weakly, Kalamazoo; J. G. Carver, Detroit; Neal McMillan, Rockford; Albert Murray, Charlotte; J. G. Pearson, Lansing; C. A. Peck, Kalamazoo.

Sweet's—Chalmers Curtis, Petoskey; W. H. Grout, Wayne; G. W. Peck, Detroit; A. Jackson Leitch, Saginaw; F. W. Parkhurst, Kalamazoo; H. F. Cook, White Pigeon.

New Livingston—W. B. Streeter, Kalamazoo; M. G. Hotchkiss, Belding; C. H. McCurrin, Kalamazoo; A. Norris, Canonsville; S. E. Bush, Pierson; G. F. Cook, Sand Lake.

Engle—D. Kast, Adrian; W. C. Burns, Stanton; Mrs. R. R. Boyd, Ann Arbor; F. G. Worth, Benton Harbor; F. H. Vinton, Williamsburg.

Key—Frank Hart, Petoskey; C. T. Peck, Cedar Springs; George A. Link, Cedar Springs; J. Mondowry, Detroit; J. J. Widens, Kalamazoo; F. W. Southers, Kalamazoo.

Bridge Street—A. V. Holmes, Kent City; Mrs. Stevens, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Mary Allen, Alpine; Clarence Decker, Rockford; M. F. Gray, Dorr; W. B. Stewart, Detroit.

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