STATE NEWS NOTES.

A CHAPTER OF THE DOINGS OF MICHIGANDERS.

Flint Loses One of Her Industries by Fire. —Train on the C. & W. M. Kills a Farmer —Two Drunken Men Frozen to Death. —Murder at Iron Mountain—Brieflets.

Michigan Rivers and Harbors.

Washington: The secretary of the treasury in submitting his estimates of appropriations to congress asks for authority to contract for the entire work of the Detroit building in advance of appropriations. In other Michigan improvements it is estimated that $483,865 will be needed to pay for improvements on St. Mary's river, $150,000 for Hay lake channel, and $500,000 for work on the deep water channels between Buffalo and the west. The estimates submitted for river and harbor improvements are: Black river, $25,000; Clinton river, $25,000; Detroit river, $121,258; Rouge river, $5,000; Saginaw river, $150,000; St. Joseph, $2,500; canal across Keweenaw point, $800,000; Menominee river, $10,000; Alpena harbor, $5,000; Charlevoix, $53,000; Franfort, $15,000; Grand Haven, $80,000; Grand Marais, $100,000; Ludington, $35,000; Manistee, $61,000; Marquette, $134,000; Monroe, $11,000; Muskegon, $150,000; Ontonagon, $33,000; Pentwater, $45,000; Petoskey, $125,000; Portage lake, $125,000; St. Joseph, $115,000; Sand Beach, $150,000; Saugatuck, $35,000; South Haven, $35,000; White Lake, $32,000; Menominee, $150,000.

Miser Murdered for Money.

Michael Goyt, aged 82, who lived alone in Locke, northwest of Williamston, was found lying on his bed with his head crushed in. A club covered with blood and hair was found near by and was evidently the instrument used by the murderer. Goyt worked a small farm and was fairly successful and was reputed to be worth a considerable sum of money. As he never deposited in the banks it was always supposed that he kept it about the house. This fact was the probable motive for the crime as no money was found after a strict search by the neighbors.

Flint Mill Burned a Third Time.

For the third time in its history the Thread flouring mills at Flint went up in smoke. The fire was discovered in the second story of the building and two hours later the structure was a mass of blazing ruins. The building was completely gutted and the new machinery with which it was equipped found lodgement among the ruins in the basement. The grain elevator which formed part of the structure contained ten carloads of wheat all of which was roasted or ruined by fire and water. About 50 barrels of flour were saved. Two men were severely injured.

Frozen to Death While Drunk.

The remains of Harry Johnson, a Finlander of Ludington, were found in a rowboat at the southeast corner of Pere Marquette lake. The body lay across the seat in the boat with the face down. The boat was half full of ice, and the head and legs of the man were frozen in this. It is supposed that he started to cross the lake, but, having done a little drinking, lost his way and died from exposure.

Farmer Killed by a Train.

David Zoll, a farmer of Monterey, Allegan county, with a load of potatoes, was struck while crossing Seventeenth street, at Holland, by the Chicago & West Michigan fast mail; his skull was crushed and his shoulder broken. He died at the depot while being transferred from the train to the platform.

An Old Soldier's Sad Death.

Angus McConachie, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, was found dead on the river bank, near Grand Rapids. He was drunk when last seen at a road house, and it is supposed fell into the river, which is only three feet deep, and was able to pull himself to shore only to perish from exposure.

Murder at Iron Mountain.

John Treglorn and Samuel Daniels got into a row over a rooster fight at Iron Mountain which finally resulted in Treglorn shooting Daniels. The bullet entered over Daniels's right eye, and he died a few hours later. Treglorn was soon after arrested and confined in the city prison.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Musk rat breeding is said to be the latest scheme of Maple Rapids capitalists.

William Dungill, an 18-year-old colored boy, was drowned at Dowagiac while skating on the pond.

S. H. Durent, an architect from Belding, was sandbagged at Lakeview and robbed of $157 and his watch.

A burglar entered the house of Seymour Devereaux at Muskegon and stole a carpet. Nothing else was touched.

The Ann Arbor Women's Relief Corps have raised $3,000 for the erection of a monument in memory of G. A. R. veterans.

Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong, of Hillsdale, have celebrated their golden wedding. They have lived there since 1845.

Edward Pfister, farmer near Harbor Springs, stole two of a neighbors sheep, was arrested, mortgaged his farm to pay the fine and ended his fun by marrying an Indian woman.

The celebrated Crouch murders occurred in Jackson county just 11 years ago. In settling the estate the homestead fell to Jud Crouch and constituted a fortune of more than $50,000. Rumor says it is all dissipated and a mortgage is now foreclosing on part of the famous old property.

Chicago officers tried to arrest William G. Gill, an Albion student, on the charge of robbing W. T. Robinson at the Windsor hotel in August last. The evidence was very slim, consisting only in a bell boy's statement, and Gov. Rich refused to issue a requisition. Gill still denies the story and is believed at Albion.

The young ladies of Plymouth have organized themselves into a minstrel troupe.

The Peninsula mine, near Hancock, is being pumped out, preparatory to a resumption of work.

The lifeless body of August Kindler, a German living alone near Sebewaing, was found hanging in his house.

J. H. Beard, an old soldier living in Grand Rapids, was struck by an electric car and instantly killed. He was cut all to pieces.

Owen McManus, of Iron Mountain, went for a walk and in an hour returned with his feet frozen. Amputation was necessary.

Herb. Colby's barn and all its contents, including grain, hay and farming implements, was burned at Springport. Loss about $1,000.

There is quite a mystery at Battle Creek over the whereabouts of George W. Davis, a well-known lawyer, and his strange disappearance.

The trial of Mrs. Marion Davis, of Big Rapids, charged with murdering her baby last August by giving it carbolic acid, resulted in acquittal.

Charles Olson died at Ludington as the result of being run over by a switch engine. At the time of the accident he was under cars picking up coal.

Rev. W. A. Welcher, D. D., late pastor of the First Baptist church of Niles, has been convicted of practising with medical appliances without a license.

Chicago parties have purchased the old Niles fair grounds and will turn them into a racing resort of the first class. The track will be ready for next season.

Prosper C. Johnson, of Girard, imported 30 hogs from Nebraska. They seemed to do well for a season, but latter began to sicken and die. Of the 30 but three remain.

The 16-months'-old daughter of W. E. Cowden, at Galien, was suffocated by being left in a close room where there was a coal stove, which generated gas, causing suffocation.

The body of an unknown man was found on the railroad tracks near Bronson. Life was extinct and the body was horribly mutilated. The man had evidently been struck by the cars.

Going home from a Polish dance at Grand Rapids, Albert Woslnsky was attacked by two men. He drew a revolver to defend himself and shot himself in the leg. His assailants escaped unharmed.

There is a scarcity of laborers in the upper peninsula, and it is said that the lumber operators are finding it difficult to get all the men they want. Considerable work will be done this winter in the pineries.

Ray Ackerman, brakeman on the Grand Trunk, was terribly crushed at Richmond while coupling cars. His left leg was smashed to a pulp and his arm badly mangled. He is a single man and resides at Owosso.

James A. Way, of Marshall, prominent as the bookkeeper in the First National bank for years, returned to his home after eating Thanksgiving dinner with the family of Mrs. J. C. Frink, and in a few moments was dead.

Rev. Joseph St. John, the alleged despoiler of young girls, of Bay City, has written a letter to his wife from Montreal, where he now is, asking for forgiveness and some money. The latter request was not complied with.

Joseph Gordon, a colored man of Ypsilanti, tried to hold up a saloonkeeper at Adrian and failed. Being arrested, he tried to shoot the officers and failed because his cartridges were center fire and his weapon rim fire.

Freeman Gardner, of Hudson, had an attack of vertigo while carrying a lighted lamp. He fell to the floor and the blazing oil was poured over his clothes. But for timely assistance he must have been burned to death.

Martin Meddaugh, a farmer near Yale, committed suicide by cutting his throat. He was found by his son on the back part of the farm. He had used a large pocket knife and nearly severed the head from the body. No cause is given for the act.

The '95 lits of the University at Ann Arbor have decided to purchase a bronze bust of President Angell and place it either on the campus or in the art gallery. The unveiling ceremony will commemorate the 25th year of President Angell's administration.

The village council of Lake City passed a resolution bonding the village for $2,000 as a bonus to M. O. Walker, of Mecosta, to erect a $5,000 grist mill, which will have a capacity of 50 barrels of flour per day. The building of the mill will begin at once.

What may prove to be one of the most valuable coal finds of recent years near Saginaw has been discovered in Albee township. It is on the property of the Albee Coal company and the work of developing the find will begin at once. It was struck 55 feet below the surface.

The records and paraphenelia necessary to make St. Joseph the county seat of Berrien county was removed from Berrien Springs amidst a great jubilation. Thirty wagons containing the goods formed a procession, with a band at the head, from the old county seat to the new. Every citizen of the latter participated in the celebration.

The game wardens ran against a snag when they arrested Antoine Rivard near Grand Rapids for shipping venison out of the state. He is an Indian hailing from Fort Wayne, Ind., and claims that under an old statute Indians can shoot deer and do as they pleased with the carcases. Rivard is quite intelligent and will fight for his rights under this old law.

Smooth and intellectual-looking swindlers are working country school directors in Kent, Ionia and adjacent counties. They claim to represent H. M. Pattengill, state superintendent of public instruction, and that they are sent out to introduce uniform text books. They visit the directors singly and ask them to sign orders for the new books and the orders later turn up as promissory notes.

One of the saddest deaths that ever occurred at Kalamazoo was that of little Willie Ern who was homeless and almost penniless. Under his pillow was found $2.50 which he had saved up. It took $2 of it to dig his grave.

NEWS OF ALL KINDS.

EVENTS OF GENERAL INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE.

Li Hung Chang, Viceroy of China, Said to be a Traitor—Japan Refuses to Negotiate Peace With Detering—Inhuman Butchery of Prisoners of War.

China's Peace Envoy Unsuccessful.

London: Dispatches from Shanghai and Tokio say that the mission of Mr. Dietering, the Chinese customs official who was sent to Japan to sue for peace, has been a failure. In explanation the Japanese claim that Dietering was not from the emperor of China, but had been sent by Li Hung Chang or others who were not in a position to make a binding offer of a stipulated indemnity, etc.

The Russian Bear Growls.

St. Petersburg: The Novoe Vremya (semi-official) declares that the irreconcilable attitude of Japan in refusing China's peace proposals renders it incumbent upon the powers to demand explanations in regard to Japan's ultimate objects.

Horrible Barbarities at Port Arthur.

London: Chinese fugitives who have arrived at Che Foo state that the Japanese sacked Port Arthur, shooting everyone, old and young, and that pillage and murder were supreme for three days. They add that the dead are barbarously mutilated, their hands, noses and ears being chopped off, and say that other nameless atrocities were committed. No resistance was offered by the people. An explanation of this frightful work by the hitherto humane Japs may be found in the fact that when the Japanese captured Ping Yang and Port Arthur they found the bodies of their comrades who had been previously made prisoners, chopped, hacked, mutilated and burned, and from the dead and wounded vanquished they cut off the heads, mutilated them in various ways and strung them together with a rope passed through the mouth and gallet. The Japanese have seen these ghastly remnants of their comrades. A barrel full of the mutilated remains were found by the Japanese after the battle of Ping Yang. At Port Arthur the Japanese reported that civilians fired upon them from the houses, and they therefore deemed it necessary to exterminate them. The Japanese were further excited by finding the mutilated remains of Japanese prisoners. Some of these prisoners had been burned alive.

Japs Win Another Battle.

Hiroshima: A detachment of the first Japanese army defeated a large force of Chinese in the vicinity of Motien Lien, on the road to Moukden. The Japanese are said to have lost 40 killed and wounded, but the Chinese loss was very large.

More Rumors of Peace.

Washington: An official who is in a position to know the facts, says that Japan has made a reply favoring China's peace proffer presented through United States Minister Denby. It still remains, however, for China to make it plain that she can and will execute what she has proposed, and until this is done there will be no cessation of hostilities.

Japan has augmented her navy by the purchase of the crack Chilean cruiser Esmeralda. The purchase price was over $1,000,000 in gold, cash.

Li Hung Chang Impeached as a Traitor.

London: According to a dispatch from Shanghai, a sensation was caused there by a memorial to the throne, signed by over 120 high officials, impeaching Li Hung Chang and charging him with corruption, peculation and deception. The memorial also says that Li Hung Chang rejoiced at the Japanese victories, and prevented the Chinese from achieving success. He is said to have represented that China was prepared for war when he knew the contrary was the case. Li Hung Chang is also said to be implicated with Prince Kung, the emperor's uncle, and president of the Tung Li Lamen and president of the admiralty, who was recently appointed dictator, and with the Tatoai Wu and the commander of the Chinese forces at Port Arthur. These three officials are said by the signers of the memorial to be guilty of high treason and of selling state secrets and war material to the enemy. They are further charged with investing money in Japan, with harboring treasonable designs against the Chinese empire and with conspiring to procure the overthrow of China.

New Rules for Diagnosing Lung Diseases.

An edition of 100,000 copies of Prof W. R. Amick's new treatise on lung diseases has just been sent out to physicians by the Amick Chemical company, of Cincinnati, O., compounders of Dr. Amick's Chemical Treatment. Old practitioners say the book contains the most complete set of rules for diagnosing consumption ever published. The disease is divided into distinct phases and stages, enabling the least experienced to determine the condition of the patient's lungs. Indications for treating complications are given, together with many valuable prescriptions. The company will distribute from Cincinnati a large free edition to consumptives throughout the country.

Metamora, O., Nearly Destroyed.

Metamora, a village in the northeast corner of Fulton county, O., was almost completely destroyed by fire. Fanned by a strong gale the fire burned the entire business section, embracing seven stores, the Methodist church and several dwellings and barns.

Six Sailors Drowned.

The fishing schooner Gracie H. Benson was sunk in a collision with the steamer Reading, of the Philadelphia & Reading line, at the entrance of Boston harbor. Six of the Benson's crew were drowned.

50,000 Men Thrown Out of Work.

Orders have been issued from the headquarters of the American sugar refinery in Wall street, New York City, to shut down all the refineries of the company in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Fifty thousand operatives will be affected by the closing of the sugar works.

Peter Schumacher, of the Cleveland Athletic Club, and Tom McMahon, of Detroit, wrestled for the middleweight championship at Cleveland, O. Schumacher lost the first fall, but won the last two and the match.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE.—First day.—Vice-President Stevenson's gavel sounded just as both hands of the Senate clock were over the letters which designated the hour of noon. Chaplain Milburn offered prayer and the Senate of the last session of the Fifty-third congress was ready to transact business, and a committee was appointed to notify the House of representatives of the fact. Another committee was appointed to notify the president that the Senate was ready to receive such communications as he might wish to make. A resolution was adopted providing that the daily sessions of the Senate should begin at 12 o'clock noon. The roll-call was ordered and showed 66 Senators present. A recess was taken and the Senators took the occasion to exchange greetings. Upon re-assembling the "message from the President" was received, and immediately read and ordered printed. Resolutions adopted: Fixing December 20 as a day for the reception of the statues of Daniel Webster and Gen. John Stark, which are to be placed in statuary hall; requesting the President for information not incompatible with the public service, concerning the recent massacres of Armenians in Turkey, and as to what protest, memorials, etc., had been presented by American citizens. Other resolutions, etc., were presented and disposed of as follows: Directing the committee on rules to report a comprehensive revision of the rules, with a view to expediting business and compelling a vote; referred to committee on rules. Reciting that the time had now come for the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people. Mr. Turpie announced that later he would submit some remarks on the resolution, and in the meantime it went over. Calling on the secretary of state for particulars concerning the execution of two Japanese students by the Chinese authorities at Shanghai, when the students had been given the protection of the United States; laid over under the rules. Protesting against the recent Turkish atrocities against Armenians, and directing that the remonstrance of this government be communicated to Turkey; referred to the committee on foreign relations. Directing the judiciary committee of the Senate to investigate the circumstances and legal authority under which the secretary of the treasury made the last two issues of bonds; laid over. Calling on the President for information concerning the circumstances and necessity for sending United States troops to Chicago during the pendency of the Pullman strike; laid over. Dr. Dolph presented a memorial from the commercial organization of Portland, Ore., favoring the Nicaragua canal. Mr. Dolph briefly urged the importance of the pending measures for prosecuting the canal. The annual reports of the various departments and bureaus were received. Then at 4 o'clock the Senate adjourned. HOUSE.—It was high noon when Speaker Crisp rapped on his desk for order and Rev. Bagby began to offer prayer. The roll call disclosed 214 members present. Eight new members elected to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation were sworn in. A committee was appointed to receive any communication the President might have and a recess followed. When again in order the President's message was read, being given the closest attention. The death of Myron P. Wright, of Pennsylvania, was announced, and as a mark of respect the House adjourned.

Big Bicycle Works Burned at Toledo.

The extensive bicycle factory of the Lozier Manufacturing company in Toledo, said to be the second largest of the kind in the world, was completely destroyed by fire, which began in the "assembling" room and was caused by the explosion of a large tank of enameling fluid. The loss is about $500,000, with insurance of $350,000. The destruction of the factory comes at the busiest season. The company had, it is said, 2,000 wheels under way for next year's trade.

THE MARKETS.

Toledo—Grain.			
Wheat, No 2 red	$ 55	@	55¼
Corn, No 2 mixed	45	@	45
Oats, No 2 white	32½	@	32½
Buffalo—Live Stock.			
Cattle, mixed shipments	2 25	@	4 00
Sheep	1 75	@	2 25
Lambs	3 00	@	3 65
Hogs, choice weights	4 55	@	4 65
Common and rough	4 25	@	4 45
Cleveland.			
Cattle, best grades	4 15	@	5 25
Lower grades	3 25	@	4 25
Hogs	4 35	@	4 75
Wheat, No 2 red	54½	@	55
Corn, No 2	56	@	57
Oats, No 2 white	35	@	35½
Pittsburg.			
Cattle	3 70	@	5 25
Hogs	4 10	@	4 50
Sheep and lambs	1 75	@	2 80
Wheat, No 2 red	55	@	55
Corn, No 2	57	@	57
Oats, No 2 white	35	@	35½
Cincinnati.			
Cattle, good to prime	4 00	@	4 60
Lower grades	1 75	@	4 00
Hogs	3 85	@	4 70
Sheep and lambs	1 00	@	3 25
Wheat, No 2 red	52½	@	53
Corn, No 2 mixed	45	@	46
Oats, No 2 mixed	32	@	32½
New York.			
Cattle, fair to choice	3 50	@	5 25
Hogs	4 60	@	5 00
Sheep, good to choice	1 50	@	2 75
Lambs	3 00	@	4 10
Wheat, No 2 red	59	@	59⅝
Corn, No 2	58½	@	59
Oats, No 2 white	37½	@	38
Chicago.			
Cattle, best steers	4 25	@	5 25
Common	1 75	@	4 00
Sheep	1 75	@	3 25
Lambs	2 00	@	3 75
Hogs	4 40	@	4 75
Wheat, No 2 red	51	@	55½
Corn, No 2	43½	@	46½
Oats, No 2 white	32	@	32½
Mess Pork, per bbl	12 05	@	12 15
Lard, per cwt	6 95	@	7 00
Detroit.			
Cattle, good to choice	3 50	@	3 75
Lower grades	1 75	@	3 50
Hogs	4 35	@	4 80
Sheep	1 00	@	1 75
Lambs	1 75	@	3 00
Wheat, No 2 red	55½	@	55½
No 1 white	56	@	56½
Corn, No 2	44	@	44
Oats, No 2 white	33½	@	33½
Hay, No 1 Timothy	9 50	@	9 75
Potatoes, per bu	45	@	50
Butter, dairy	18	@	20
Creamery	24	@	30
Eggs, fresh	18	@	20
Live Poultry, Chickens	5½	@	6
Fowl	5	@	5½
Ducks	7	@	7½
Turkeys	6½	@	7

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

NEW YORK.—Dun's weekly trade review says: The complete success of the government loan and the replenishment of the gold reserve have not perceptibly affected business nor prevented an advance of foreign exchange near to the exporting point. The closing sugar refineries will diminish the industrial force more than it is increased by the resumption of the Bethlehem steel works and a few other concerns. The controlling fact is, that although in two instances wages have been increased the earnings of the working force and its purchasing power are not on the whole enlarging at present, and prices of the chief farm products do not materially improve. Wheat went five higher than a week ago, and western receipts still exceed last year's. Corn has advanced a fraction, receipts being larger than a year ago, and on the whole the outcome for farmers has not improved so as to promise larger buying by the west and south. The great industries fairly maintain the production previously reported, but cannot be expected to increase as this season. A few more iron works have gone into operation and the demand is reported larger, but there is distinct weakness in prices. Failures the past week have been in the United States 234, against 271 last year, and in Canada 34, against 48 last year.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's trade review says: There is no general or radical improvement at the south, the southwest, or the northwest, but in the central western states and particularly at some important cities in the old middle and northeastern states, the reverse is true, a material gain in the demand for many seasonable staples having shown itself, with a corresponding increase in the volume of goods distributed on orders for future delivery. A sharp revival in prices is shown by quotations from some grades of lumber, but more particularly for cotton, wheat, oats and lard. Decreases in prices of steel rails and bars, cattle, hogs, Indian corn and naval stores are reported, but quotations for structural iron, rice, whisky, tobacco, pork, coffee and sugar are steady. Speculation in the New York stock market displays little response to the success of the government bond issue, the influence of the large oversubscription being overcome by the failure of foreign interests to obtain any considerable share of the new issue.

THE PNEUMATIC TIRE.

AN INVENTOR TELLS OF THINGS THAT CAN BE STOWED IN IT.

Traveling Beer Tunnel, Modern Smuggler, Table d'Hote and Green Goods Man's Companion—Bright Days Ahead for Wheelmen.

In a little room on the top floor of a tall east side tenement dwells Percy Sellers Krankwit, a hopeful, cheery little man, with bent shoulders and hair and beard already touched by the frosts of time. Percy chose this little room because the sun shines through one of its two windows nearly all day long, and here he labors day and night at the inventions which he firmly believes will one day make him rich beyond the dreams of avarice, says the New York Herald.

"Take a seat," he said cordially to a visitor who found him out the other day. "I'm sorry I've nothing better

As Utilized by the Green Goods Man.

than an old cane bottom chair to put you in, but if you will call on me next month, or perhaps we had better say the month after, you will find me in much better quarters. You needn't look for me here then, for I'm going to move."

"Where do you expect to move to?" inquired the caller.

"Well, I intend to go to the Fifth Avenue hotel, but I think the Savoy or the Plaza will suit me better, because I like to be near the Park. Yes," he continued, as he saw his visitor glance about the room and look skeptical at the mention of the expensive hotels, "you must remember that Goodyear and Edison and every great inventor has been poor. All I'm waiting for is to perfect my new and wonderful inventions and get them patented and I'll have all the money I want."

"And what are your inventions?"

"My inventions, or rather my discoveries, are all based upon one principle, just as all the so-called Edison inventions spring from the solitary principle of the sound of waves. I have been studying the possibilities of the pneumatic tire and I expect to revolutionize society before I get through. I suppose you've often noticed these bicycles going about the streets with big pneumatic tires on their wheels? Well, did you never think of the amount of waste room there was in those round bits of rubber pipe? I thought of it a year ago, and now I'll show you a few of the things that I have worked out since then."

With a Spigot of Possibilities.

As he said this the inventor took from his work table a tire fitted with a small metal spigot similar to those used in drawing ale or beer.

"This," he remarked, "is my traveling beer tunnel. The tire is filled with beer at the beginning of the journey, and whenever the rider becomes thirsty, or desires to secure the good will of the natives through whose country he is passing, he simply takes a little cup from his pocket and draws the beer through the spigot. On hot days he can ride his machine into a cool stream or lake, and in half an hour his beer will be of the proper temperature for drinking."

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the visitor.

"My dear sir, that beer tunnel is, after all, but a primitive idea," rejoined the inventor calmly. "Now I will show you how the same principle may be developed. For instance, here is a tire divided into four compartments, each one of which is provided with a spigot similar to the one I have just shown you. One of these compartments contains whisky, another red wine, another rum and another brandy. Before long every bicycle club will contain one of these invaluable tires, which will be

The Table D'Hote Wheel.

placed on the wheel of some responsible member of every party that goes out on a cycling tour. Now, here is the same principle still further developed. This is what I call my table d'hote tire, which is divided into ten compartments instead of four, and each compartment contains what you might call a little trap door. When the wheelman determines to partake of his dinner he sits down under the shade of a tree, takes his wheel in his lap, extracts a knife, fork, spoon and napkin from compartment No. 1, then lifts the trap door of the next compartment for his soup, takes his fish from No. 3 and so on, turning the wheel as he eats until he winds up with a cup of coffee, and deposits his napkin and table ware in the compartment from which he took them. That is what I call a rather ingenius device, and I can assure you, sir, that it will not be long before you will see companies of wheelmen and wheelwomen seated by the roadside, with their wheels in their laps, and enjoying themselves as much as if they were eating a dollar table d'hote dinner in New York."

"That is, indeed, a remarkable invention," exclaimed the visitor, as he carefully examined the table d'hote wheel, "but after all it is, as you say, merely a higher development of the useful but primitive beer tunnel, which you showed me a few minutes ago."

Bicycle for Distinguisher.

"And are not all of Edison's inventions based on the idea of the sound waves?" inquired Mr. Krankwit, placing a sly forefinger on his nose as he spoke. "Now, I'll show you something on rather a different line. This is a tire filled with the same material that is placed in those patent fire extinguishers that you see in large manufactories. A brave man mounted on a bicycle arranged for extinguishing flames could ride through a burning forest and extinguish the fire as he went. Ah, if I had only had that machine perfected at the time of those big fires in Michigan! Here is a bicycle fitted with extra large tires, and designed for use in the Canada border. In olden times the smuggler used to use muffled oars when he rowed, and was sometimes the proprietor of a long, low, rakish looking craft, as you doubtless remember. The smuggler of the future will wear knickerbockers and long woolen stockings, and will ride on his long, low, rakish looking bicycle across the line which divides Canada from this country."

"But in the event of free trade—"

"The European market will always be open, and is, after all, a much better one than our own so far as this particular invention is concerned," rejoined Mr. Krankwit.

"But now I would like to show you two or three other applications of my great principle. For instance, here is an ingenious device by which electricity is generated inside the tire, simply by the motion of the wheel, and the force thus obtained finally becomes strong enough to propel the machine and its rider up hill and down, thus almost realizing the undiscovered and much talked of perpetual motion. A theatrical company mounted on wheels thus arranged could escape the rapacity of hotel landlords, and successfully defy the railroad companies. Then here is another invention which I expect will become very popular in the amusement business. It is nothing more nor less than a set of tires arranged in the form of a music box, and as the rider propels himself along the wheels play a number of popular airs. Half a dozen actors and actresses mounted on these wheels could ride through the principal streets of a town, and give, as they travel, a concert fully as good as that usually furnished by a circus or minstrel band. And as the people would be unable to see where the music came from they would be sure to make a tremendous sensation."

"What are those very large wheels intended for?" asked the caller, who by this time had become very much in-

The Musical Wheel.

terested in the inventor and his remarkable schemes.

This Tire Would Win With a Wooden Horse.

"That is a sulky wheel fitted with the same electrical appliance that I have just shown you. A sulky so arranged could be brought on the track with a wooden horse in front of it and win any race by simply propelling itself and the horse with the power in its own wheel tires. But here is my latest invention and you will agree with me that it is strictly up to date. Of course I have to be very careful in placing these on the market, because I don't want to get myself into trouble, but in less than six months you will see dozens of them in Central Park every afternoon. This tire is divided into two compartments, one of which contains rolls of good new treasury notes and the other neatly done up packages of sawdust. The country man is taken out for a bicycle ride through the park, and in a shady dell his companion dismounts, sells him the green goods and then puts the stuff away for safe keeping in the tire of his machine. At the end of their journey he simply opens the other compartment; you understand, I suppose?"

"Your inventions are indeed wonderful, and there is a mint of money in every one of them," said the caller as he rung Mr. Krankwit's hand and started to descend the narrow staircase.

"Call on me at the Savoy in six weeks and I'll have something new to show you," cried the inventor from the landing.

Mrs. Gr[illegible]eyneck—Ah, men know so little about [illegible] woman's sorrows. Women suffer in s[illegible]lence.

Mr. Greyn[illegible]eck—Yes. In fact, I suppose that's [illegible] their greatest suffering.—Truth.