

## PENINSULA MATTERS

RELATED IN A BRIEF, CONCISE MANNER.

**A Young Man Shoots His Youthful Mistress and Fires a Bullet Into His Brain—Teachers and Judges Hold Their Annual Conventions at Lansing**

**School Teachers of Michigan.**

The best convention of the Michigan Teachers' association ever held was the forty-seventh, which occupied three days at Lansing. There was a larger attendance by several hundred than ever before. President Delos Fall, of Albion college, compared the change of half a century. In 1845 there were 1,214 male and 1,830 female teachers in Michigan, the former receiving an average monthly salary of \$11.98 and the latter \$5.24. Of the 16,000 teachers reported in 1895 more than 12,000 were women who received an average salary of \$35.09 while the men averaged \$46.17. More and better educated women in our schools is now the rule. He also said that attention was being paid to the child's body as well as his mind. He strongly commended the law of 1893 making it compulsory to indicate methods of preventing the spread of communicable diseases.

Many subjects were discussed bearing upon the relations of teachers to pupils, to the general public and to their immediate employers—the school board. The star of the convention was Bishop John H. Vincent, of Chautauque, who addressed a large audience at the First Baptist church. His subject was "Tom and His Teachers."

Officers elected: President, J. W. Simmons, of Owosso; vice-presidents, H. Z. Brock, of Hancock, and J. H. Kaye, of Cadillac; secretary, M. L. Palmer, of Jackson; treasurer, S. J. Gier, of Hillsdale; executive committee, George W. Loomis, of St. Joseph; A. Gaylord Slocum, of Kalamazoo, and Lucy A. Sloan, of Mt. Pleasant.

After the completion of the general business the association divided into sections and discussed matters of nearest interest to the different classes. The presidents elected by the various sections were as follows: College section, D. C. Thomas, of Adrian; High School, S. W. Peavy, of Flint; Mathematical, W. W. Beman, of Ann Arbor; Primary, Miss Martha Sherwood, of Saginaw; Musical, Mrs. Emma A. Thomas, of Detroit; Kindergarten, Miss Clara Mingen, of Detroit; Physical Culture, Dr. E. M. Mosher, of Ann Arbor.

An address by Gov. Pingree, full of good advice and information was well received, and a reception in the state house in the evening was a brilliant event, with an elaborate luncheon spread in the executive office by Gov. Pingree as a surprise, and music by the Albion band and the Boys' Industrial school choir.

The State Association of County Commissioners of Schools held the annual meeting at Lansing in connection with the teachers' meeting. A multitude of matters of interest and importance were discussed. Officers elected: President, R. M. Winston, of St. Johns; vice-president, R. D. Bailey, of Gaylord; secretary, Miss Flora Beadle, of Hastings.

**Tragic Double Shooting at Detroit.**

A young man and a young woman stepped into a drug store on Jefferson avenue, Detroit, and telephoned to Emergency hospital for an ambulance to take two wounded persons to the hospital. When it arrived the attending physician was surprised to have the young couple present themselves as the wounded ones. They were apparently quite weak and examination showed that each had a bullet wound in the head. At the hospital they gave the names of Myrtle Cramer, aged 18, of Grand Lodge, and Edward Travers, aged 22, of Detroit. The girl says they had spent the night at a rooming house and when they awoke in the morning Travers shot her and then sent a bullet into his own brain. She said she was willing for him to kill her and had submitted to previous attempts under similar circumstances. Once he had tried to strangle her and another time opened an artery in her wrist. The girl had been working in Detroit about two months. She will recover, but Travers will probably die.

The Lansing, St. Johns & St. Louis, and the Lansing, Dexter & Ann Arbor electric railways have filed articles of association with the secretary of state.

Dr. L. R. Fiske, who has been president of Albion college for more than 20 years, has given up his work. Rev. J. P. Ashley, the new president, takes charge Jan. 4.

C. De Vileger, Jr., a commercial traveler of Battle Creek, who has written stories under the nom de plume of "Gyp," was robbed of \$2,852 in a Kansas City hotel.

Walter Glendenning, aged 77, of West Saginaw, in spite of heavy snow, walked 13 miles from Kalamazoo to visit his nephew near Williamsburg. He has not a gray hair in his head.

Es-Warden Hatch, of Jackson prison, has resigned as superintendent of the Cronk shirt contract at Jackson and will take charge of 300 convicts engaged in similar work at Ionia prison.

The Michigan Engineering society met at the Hotel Harrington, Port Huron, with 35 delegates present. Mayor Boynton delivered an address of welcome. A number of instructive papers were read and discussed, and the delegates visited the St. Clair railroad tunnel in a body.

The annual convention of Michigan circuit court stenographers was held at Jackson. Officers elected: President, James E. Henderson, of Cadillac; vice-president, C. H. Straybeck, of Grand Rapids; secretary, treasurer, Joseph H. Brayer, of Grand Rapids.

**Judges' Association Meeting.**

The fifth annual meeting of the Association of Judges of Michigan was held in the supreme court room of the capitol at Lansing. The annual address of President George S. Hosmer, of Detroit, was a review of legislation enacted since the last meeting. The act allowing suits to be brought against any voluntary association of five or more by service on any officer was commented upon and commended. Judge Hosmer regretted that the divorce law did not allow the bringing in of an absent defendant by publication only after it became apparent that personal service of an order to appear could not be had. In speaking of class legislation President Hosmer mentioned the sugar beet bounty law and quoted Judge Cooley as against these bounties. The act to prefer ex-soldiers for public employment was considered at great length and it was said that while there are few men who will deny the claims of the soldier to public consideration, yet his claims should be enforced through public opinion, not through legislative action, and it is doubtful whether it is competent for the legislature to direct the local authority beyond requiring peculiar qualifications to insure fitness.

The program included papers on "A Legal Anomaly," Justice Hooker of the supreme court; "The Pardoning Power and its Limitations," Charles L. Rarden, of Greenville; "Experiences Upon the Bench," Judge E. A. Burlingame, of Grand Rapids.

Considerable discussion was caused by a paper by Justice Edward Cahill, of the supreme court, on "The Bench, as Viewed from the Bar." Judge Cahill severely criticized the jury system as a relic of barbarism. He said the corruptibility of jurors was recognized, and jurors have to submit to an espionage which no self-respecting judge would stand for a day. Men with neither education nor experience for their work are selected by lot. The attorneys do their utmost to befog the jury, and the judge cannot marshal the actual facts for the instruction of the jurors, and Judge Cahill said either the old practice of judges giving their opinion as to the facts should be reinstated, or trial by jury should be abandoned. The discussion showed Judge Cahill to stand alone. Justice Montgomery and Judges Daboll, Peck and Hosmer, as well as several practitioners, all defended the jury system. Judge M. V. Montgomery reviewed the history of the bench of Michigan.

The judges elected the following officers: President, Erasmus Peck, of Jackson; vice-president, A. C. Adsit, of Grand Rapids; secretary, R. H. Person, of Lansing.

**A Wicked Old Sinner.**

Michigan and Indiana officers are after a man, aged about 65, who gave the names of George W. Clark, W. B. Sherman, George La Blanche and W. T. Frick. "Clark" is credited by Laporte, Ind., police with having married three women within 60 days, and of having deserted them as soon as he secured all of the money and valuables he could. The stranger's last conquest was Mrs. Lucy Killam, aged 60, of Kalamazoo. While there he was known as William Sherman. They were married after two months' acquaintance and he left within a month, owing several bills, but taking a big roll of money with him. He dined with her brother in Battle Creek and disappeared, taking a team of horses, a buggy and a lumber wagon. It is alleged, from a feed barn in Battle Creek, and has not been seen since. Sheriff Snow is looking for him. Other alleged wives are at Sturgis and Mishawaka, Ind.

**Two Violent Deaths at Monroe.**

Two fatal railroad accidents occurred at Monroe in one day. Eli Cooley, a well-known character, was struck by a Michigan Central train and was so badly mangled that death resulted shortly afterwards. His right arm and limb were severed close to the trunk and his head badly bruised. He was about 55 years old and leaves a widow and a large family of children in poor circumstances.

The other unfortunate was J. Smith, of Detroit. He was found dead in the yard of James Roberts. The supposition is that he was riding on a freight train and either fell off while asleep or jumped off and received a severe injury which disabled him and he crawled to this house, which was but a few feet from the track to get assistance. No one was at home and the man was unable to gain from exposure.

**A Civil Service Squabble.**

Treasury officials have dismissed Deputy Collectors Finster and Muir, of Port Huron, for alleged violation of the civil service law in contributing to a political fund. The funny part of it is that Collector Avery, who complained of them, is said to openly defy the civil service law. Trouble is very likely to occur as a result of discharging of Messrs. Muir and Finster. The civil service commission is getting after Collector Avery as it is said that these deputies were promised immunity from the charge now made against them when they testified against their former superiors, Messrs. Springer and Tarney last year.

Joseph Lindley, the pioneer shoe dealer of Ionia, was found dead in bed. M. J. McPherson, superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school at Howell for 31 years, has declined reelection.

Scottish Rite Masons from various parts of Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Canada held several sessions at Bay City. They conferred the higher degrees and participated in a big banquet.

Mrs. M. E. Casey, who was shot four times by her husband at Alpena, is recovering. She says her husband was engaged in counterfeiting and it was the fact that she knew too much that led to the shooting.

**Knights of the Grip.**

In welcoming the Michigan Knights of the Grip, at the opening of their convention at Kalamazoo, Mayor Stearns roared the new interchangeable mileage book. Chairman E. P. Waldron, of the legislative committee, urged that the railroads be asked to carry 250 pounds of baggage instead of 150, on one ticket. Maj. R. W. Jackson, of Detroit, advocated a 2,500-mile interchangeable book at a flat 2-cent rate, but it was voted down, a 1,000-mile book being regarded as of greater utility. Treasurer McNulty reported receipts, \$9,640.60; disbursements, \$8,079.71. Secretary J. C. Saunders said at present the membership was 1,749. A fine banquet was served at which Senator H. B. Colman was toastmaster.

Among the resolutions adopted was one urging the establishment of the department of commerce and industry by the national government, its head to be a regular cabinet officer.

The following officers were elected: President, John A. Hoffman, of Kalamazoo; secretary, John C. Saunders, of Lansing; treasurer, Chas. McNulty, of Jackson, re-elected; and one vice-president for each of the twelve congressional districts of the state. The ladies of Kalamazoo gave a lunch to the knights and their ladies at the Kalamazoo club in honor of the election of John A. Hoffman as president. The visit of the knights and ladies ended with the annual ball at the Academy of Music.

## MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Eber Caswell, an aged Alamo hermit, was robbed of \$37.

The E. & P. M. has promised to erect a new depot at Port Huron.

John Lang died at Standish after an extended spree and was buried by the county.

Romeo's new \$13,000 municipal electric light plant has started up and works well.

John Lyons, a C. & W. M. brakeman living in White Cloud, was killed by a rolling log at Pellston.

A cannery factory to employ about 150 men will be built at Port Huron if a bonus of \$4,000 is raised.

New Michigan postmasters: Millington, Tuscola county, H. B. Henderson; Willow, Wayne county, Jesse Butler.

The fire in the big steel coal shed at Dollar Bay is under control, after the firemen have been at work for three weeks.

While Clayton Taylor, near Birmingham, was playing a mandolin, a string snapped, striking him in the eye, destroying the sight.

West Bay City's municipal electric lighting plant has begun operations and after seven months of darkness there is light again.

Wm. Golden, for five years ticket agent of the Ann Arbor railroad at Ann Arbor, has accepted the position of ticket agent of the C. H. & D. at Toledo.

A mass meeting was held at Kalamazoo to boom the beet sugar factory project. Dr. Dan Bleyker, who has visited all the sugar beet countries of Europe, declared the project was entirely feasible.

George Martin and Frankie Davenport skated out on thin ice at Mackinac City, broke through and were drowned. The bodies were recovered and vigorous efforts made to resuscitate them, but without effect.

The state inspectors of the Michigan Military academy at Orchard Lake report that, in completeness of equipment and efficient training, it is second only to West Point. The conduct of the cadets is praised in highest terms.

The Marquette County Telephone Co. declared a dividend of 10 per cent Jan. 1. This has been accomplished in two years, and with cheap rates. The total investment is \$25,000. Stock was issued at \$100 par and is now sold at \$125.

The Michigan Sugar Co., at Bay City, has practically decided to accept the offer of an Essexville site for its beet sugar refinery. The site includes 20 acres, to be exempt from taxes. Real estate is on the boom in Bay county. Many farmers from other states, who have had experience in raising sugar beets, are looking for land.

What was supposed to be an airship passed over St. Charles at 8 p. m. about 500 feet from the earth, and was moving at a rapid rate of speed in a southeasterly direction. It was brightly illuminated with green and red and white lights, and was observed by a score of people.

The Graham-Forsyth uniform text book law enacted by the last legislature provided for the appointment of three county commissioners of schools to act with the state board of education in selecting the system of books. Gov. Pingree has appointed Commissioners J. L. Wagner, of Eaton county; Miss Flora Beadle, of Barry, and R. S. Campbell, of St. Clair.

Railroad Commissioner Wessellus' annual report will roast the railroads for refusing to comply with the law compelling the issue of family mileage books at \$20 apiece, while issuing interchangeable books for \$30, with \$10 rebate, good only when represented by the buyer. Unless the railroads give in Mr. Wessellus recommends that their charters be annulled.

Jos. Lewis, a wealthy farmer of East Leroy, Kalamazoo county, was convicted on the charge of illegal parentage and is now serving a sentence of six months in the county jail in lieu of paying \$1 a week for the support of the child. He says he was convicted on perjured testimony and refuses to pay the money because of the principle involved. He went to the jail voluntarily, taking with him bedding and other articles for his comfort.

Merritt D. Lyon, a young farmer near Mulliken, was arrested on the charge of betraying his 15-year-old sister-in-law, Almira Osman.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS PICKED PROMISCUOUSLY.

**The Eastern Situation Grows Darker—**

Uncle Sam May Have to Take a Hand—Again Reported That Secretary Intends to Resign.

**French Make a Grab in China.**

It is reported that the admiral of the French fleet has hoisted the French flag on Hail-Nan island. The Chinese offered no opposition.

Hail-Nan island is off the south coast of China, and separates the Gulf of Tonquin from the China sea. It has an estimated area of 12,000 square miles and a population of 1,000,000 Chinese, exclusive of wild tribes in the interior.

**Japan Preparing for War.**

Dispatches from Shanghai state that Japan is working night and day preparing for war. It is believed the British and Japanese fleets are in close touch. A British fleet of eight ships and four torpedo boats has arrived at Chemulpo (the port of Seoul). It is reported that there are two Japanese cruisers in the Yang-Tse-Kiang river.

**We Should Take a Hand in China.**

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, of the committee on foreign relations, says that it would be impossible for the United States to remain complacent should European nations undertake the dismemberment of China. If partition involves the abrogation of treaties, this country would be left to make terms again with each European nation separately in accordance with territory to which its sovereignty extends. Therefore, unless the powers now ambitious for territorial extension take into account the importance of American commercial relations with China, it will be necessary for the government to intervene in self-defense.

Foreign diplomats at Washington, it is reported, are much concerned over the movements of their respective governments in the far east.

**Is Secretary Sherman About to Resign.**

The story that Secretary of State Sherman is about to resign, the reason now alleged being his enfeebled condition, making it impossible, after a long public career, to give further service to the country, and recognizing the necessity of giving way to a more active man to cope with the numerous important foreign affairs which now confront the United States. It is pointed out that if we annex Hawaii there are certain treaties now existing between that republic and Japan which will have to be declared void in the interests of our manufactures, and on the other hand if the European powers dismember the Chinese empire we shall have to demand that similar treaties which we have with China shall be continued in force. The ticklish part of the business for the McKinley administration is that if China is seized and Hawaii annexed we shall have to deny to Japan the very thing that we shall demand of those who take China. There is no denying that the President will need a secretary of state a good deal younger and more acute than Mr. Sherman to handle these two propositions and make each seem right, and maybe that is why it is being persistently stated that our ambassador to Great Britain, Mr. Hay is to take Sherman's place.

**Spanish Officers in Cuba About to Give Up**

Havana: The campaign of Gen. Pando with the best of the Spanish army in Cuba has been brought to an abrupt halt in the east owing to the impossibility of continuing an aggressive campaign in default of the receipt of supplies and munitions repeatedly demanded from the government. The general and his staff have left the scene of operations on the Cauto river for Santiago City, where it is said, their intention is to take ship and return to Havana to impress upon Capt. Gen. Blanco the utter futility of making any impression on the rebel stronghold in the east until the Spanish forces are re-enforced and supplied with all essentials to carry on a campaign. He declares that he has no base of operations, the insurgents' control being so complete that it is impossible to convey supplies to Spanish columns operating in the interior of the province.

**Mrs. Ballington-Booth Cannot Recover.**

Mrs. Maude Ballington-Booth, the world-famous Salvation Army and American Volunteer worker, cannot recover. She is suffering from an aortic aneurism, and while her life is in no immediate danger, the attending physicians state that she will never be able to resume active work. Commander Booth has clung to the hope that his wife would regain her former vigor and splendid energy. Even he admits that he knows his wife's life work is ended.

**Two Findlay, O., Men Killed by Gas.**

The dead bodies of Henry Behner, aged 35, and Joseph Browneller, aged 25, who had been missing several days at Findlay, O., were found at the home of the former. The men had been suffocated by gas which escaped from a coal stove.

**To Punish Weyler for Talk Against U. S.**

El Correo Espanol, La Nacional, El Epoca and other Madrid papers that published Gen. Weyler's threats and his protests against President McKinley's message will be prosecuted. The publication had been prohibited on international grounds. It is said that Gen. Weyler will also be prosecuted.

The large planing mill of the C. J. Hamilton Co., at Buffalo, employing 150 men, was destroyed by fire together with an immense stock of made up lumber. Loss \$120,000 with \$70,000 insurance.

## ENGLISH FIRED ON RUSSIANS.

Trouble Between the China Grabbers—Other Eastern News.

London: A sensation has been caused by a rumor from Plymouth that the English admiral has fired on a Russian man-of-war in Chinese waters. Nothing is known as to the rumor at the foreign office or the admiralty.

The London papers publish also the statement that England is pressing China to declare Port Arthur a free port. It is supposed that the presence of British warships there is intended to insure freedom of access for trading vessels.

It is reported that China has given consent to Russian surveys for a railway to Port Arthur as a branch of the Russian Trans-Manchuria railway, and not a mere extension of the Chinese Tien-Tsin railway.

The arrangements with Russia for the guarantee loan are actively proceeding, and when completed the Russians on the plea of supervising the collection of the land tax, will obtain the right to enter every yamen in the empire.

It is officially announced from St. Petersburg that M. Kuril Alexeff has been entrusted with full powers to "promote the development of the commercial relations between Russia and Korea, in competition with British and Japanese influences and to aid in furthering the prompt construction of the projected orthodox church at Seoul." M. Alexeff is the representative of Russia who was placed in charge of the Korean customs after McLeavy Brown, the British representative, had been removed from the position at the instigation of the Russian government. This practically gives Russia supervision of the Korean finances.

The German missionaries at Tsao-Chow, province of Shan-Tung, having reported that the commandant of the Chinese garrison of the town had used threatening language toward them, Baron Heyking, the German ambassador at Peking, demanded that the commandant be dismissed at once. Maltreatment of German missionaries was what led to the recent seizure of Kiao-Chau by Germany. The firm demands of Baron Heyking caused considerable alarm among the Chinese officials in Peking.

## 30 CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Floor of City Hall Gave Way at London.

Out, During a Big Political Meeting.

After a warm election at London, Ont., a large crowd gathered in the city hall to listen to speeches from the successful candidates, which has long been the local custom. About 2,500 people had crowded their way into the room and there was considerable enthusiasm, which was suddenly interrupted by one of the most terrible calamities in the history of the city. While a speaker was being applauded a section of the floor in front of the platform for the speakers and immediately above the city engineer's office gave way without warning and fully 100 persons were tumbled into a sort of funnel-shaped trap which proved to be a death-trap for over one-fourth of them, for an immense safe and a heavy steam coil, weighing half a ton, toppled over into the hole crushing at least 30 to death and injuring nearly all of the others. Although the platform on which the speakers were standing was apparently the first thing to give away, the mayor-elect and many aldermen escaped the death that overtook so many others who followed them into the lower portion of the building.

## Pension Attorneys Denounced.

U. S. Commissioner of Pensions H. Clay Evans makes a sweeping and comprehensive denunciation of pension attorneys as a class. He says: "The most demoralizing feature of the pension system is the existence of 50,000 pension attorneys. The ordinary pension attorney is worse than the most pestiferous 'varmint' that ever invaded the hen roost. If there are frauds on the pension rolls they have been planted there by the pension attorney." The commissioner is considering a plan to do away with these attorneys and have the persons appointed to look after cases directly under government supervision. The result would be a great saving to the veterans and the government and liability to frauds would be reduced to a minimum.

## Bismarck Still Lives.

The following printed in a London paper as a dispatch from Berlin was flashed all over the world and created considerable excitement: "The one remark on the lips of everybody is, 'Bismarck is dead.' Although expected for months, the event has caused a great shock. It is the sole topic of conversation in the hotels and cafes." Later advices showed the report to be absolutely untrue. Prince Bismarck is suffering severely from nervous troubles, gout and insomnia and while he cannot live a great while there is no apparent signs of his passing away soon.

## Big Lock-Out in England.

After a bitterly contested strike for an eight-hour day last July 100,000 machinists of England have refused to accept a compromise of 51 hours per week and now the employers have declared a lock-out.

The sixtieth anniversary of the pope's first celebration of mass was observed at the vatican. Full 3,000 delegates from Catholic societies and parochial committees were admitted to the Sala Della Loggia of the vatican.

P. H. Mabry, agent of the Southern Express Co. at Brunswick, Ga., who embezzled more than \$15,000 from the agency there and escaped, was captured about four miles out of Savannah. Mabry was searched and \$15,070.73 was found on him. He said he walked all the way from Brunswick, over 100 miles.

## HANNA DOWNED—FIRST ROUND

Anti-Hanna Republicans and Democrats Organize the Ohio Legislature.

The opening session of the Ohio state legislature was marked by the first battle for the U. S. senatorship to succeed Hon. M. A. Hanna, who, as is known to all, is the principal candidate. The revolt against the chairman of the national Republican committee—which became so apparent in the state election last November—came boldly to the front in the organizing of the legislature.

The Hanna candidate for speaker of the house was Alexander Boxwell, against whom the anti-led by Gov. Bushnell, Mayor McKisson, of Cleveland, and Hon. Chas. L. Kurtz—put up Rep. H. C. Mason, of the hall of the house the wildest scenes were witnessed during the first hour of the session. All of the 109 members were in their seats. As the ballot proceeded there were loud cheers as the doubtful members responded to their names, and when the roll call approached the close and Mason secured the necessary majority, there was a long demonstration that delayed the official announcement of the vote. The ballot resulted: Mason 56, Boxwell 52. The anti-Hanna combine then completed the organization of the house, electing John P. Griffith speaker pro tem, and Chas. H. Griffith chief clerk. The remainder of the preliminary business was transacted without much trouble.

In the senate the Hanna Republicans felt sore. One of the first things to be considered was the appointment of a joint committee on arrangements for the inauguration of the governor. When this joint resolution came up in the senate, the Hanna Republican senators declined to vote on account of their opposition to Gov. Bushnell. The resolution was adopted by the Democratic side of the senate chamber, assisted by Senators Shepard and Weightman, Republicans, and Senator Voigt, fusionist. This action of the senate caused quite a stir about the state house.

In the senate the combine controlled everything on all votes, but no test votes were taken in the house after the organization was completed. The feeling that had been engendered in the preliminary conference was shown in all roll-calls. The feeling on the Republican sides of both houses was intense. Senator Garfield was clerk of the senate till it was organized, and he was very emphatic in his utterances.

The result of the organization of the legislature again revived the rumors that the Hanna men would now combine with the gold Democrats for the election of Calvin S. Brice as a gold standard man, rather than have Bushnell and McKisson elected for the long and short terms as silver Republicans. This is denied by Hanna men, however, who claim that there are yet battles to be fought and won and they felt that by the time for holding the joint senatorial caucuses and the joint balloting for senator the voice of the Republicans throughout the state rising in protest against the combine would cause enough of the opposition to come over to the Hanna standard to insure his re-election to the senate. They at once carried the war into the home counties of the "bolters."

The port of Havana is to be opened to exportation again. The port was closed by Capt. Gen. Weyler's edict of May 14, 1896, for the purpose of cutting the tobacco industries of the United States, particularly those of Tampa and Key West, off from their supply and thus to paralyze those Cuban colonies of the United States, which was becoming the fostering strength that made the insurgents formidable. There are about 70,000 bales of tobacco now choked in the warehouses of Havana ready to be shipped to the states the moment the port is opened. The present crop is also promising.

Six members of the family of Adolph Leich were killed by flames and smoke in a fire that occurred in his home in Jersey City.

## THE MARKETS.

### LIVE STOCK.

New York—Cattle. Sheep. Lambs. Hogs. Best grades... \$1.00 \$4.50 \$5.40 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.50 \$3.00

Chicago—Best grades... \$4.75 \$5.10 \$5.00 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.75 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

Detroit—Best grades... \$4.00 \$5.00 \$4.25 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

Buffalo—Best grades... \$3.75 \$4.50 \$4.75 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

Cleveland—Best grades... \$4.25 \$5.25 \$4.50 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

Cincinnati—Best grades... \$4.00 \$5.00 \$4.25 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

Pittsburg—Best grades... \$4.00 \$5.00 \$4.25 \$3.50 Lower grades... \$2.50 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$3.25

### GRAIN, ETC.

Wheat. Corn. Oats. No 2 red. No 2 mix. No 2 white. New York 98 @204 34 @204 22 @204 Chicago 98 @204 26 @204 21 @204 Detroit 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204 Toledo 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204 Cincinnati 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204 Cleveland 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204 Pittsburg 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204 Buffalo 98 @204 27 @204 21 @204

\*Detroit, Hay, No 1 timothy \$9.00 per ton. Potatoes, 60c per bu. Live Poultry, turkeys, 10c per lb; chickens, 6c; ducks, 7c. Eggs, strictly fresh, 15c per doz. Butter, dairy, 15c per lb; creamery, 22c.

**The Second City of the World.** With the opening of the New Year New York City became Greater New York and the second city in size in the world. Robert A. Van Wyck was inducted into the office as the first mayor under the new conditions with a great deal of enthusiasm on the part of his followers who greeted the new year with a noisy demonstration.

Wm. Nesbitt, a young farmer near Mayton, was waylaid by three highwaymen and relieved of \$200.