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It is said that automobiles have so cheapened the cost of harvesting grain in the immense California fields that wheat can be raised there at less actual cost than in the Argentine Republic.

The frequent walks across the Swiss-Italian frontier of girls of a seminary near Masianco, says a Rome dispatch, aroused the suspicious of the customs officers, who finally stopped a procession of 40, walking two by two, and ascertained that each girl was smuggling cigars or cigarettes. The aggregate value was \$30,000.

A prize of 3,000 marks presented to the Berlin Academy of Science by the Marquis de Chasseloup, a Parisian of partial American descent, for the best modern work on American history, has been awarded to James Ford Rhodes, a native of Cleveland and a brother-in-law of Senator Hanna. Mr. Rhodes was so honored on account of his "History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850."

A writer in the London Spectator remembers to have seen the border country of Suffolk and Essex lighted night after night with blazing ricks, fired as a protest against the introduction of thrashing machines. Where, to-day, he asks, is the man under fifty who can use a flail? The question is only an emphatic way of referring to labor-saving machinery. Imagine for a moment an attempt to harvest Western crops without a reaper.

A resident of Springfield, Ohio, was recently robbed of \$16, and one "Dan" Sullivan was arrested. When the man was searched the money could not be found. The officers were confident they had the right man, and after watching him for a short time noticed that "Dan" was carefully guarding his corn-cob pipe. He had it in his mouth, filled with tobacco, but it was not lighted, and, striking a match, Lawless put it to the pipe and told "Dan" to enjoy himself. He obeyed the order, but after smoking a few seconds weakened and told the other that the money was concealed in the bottom of his pipe.

Fifty casks of a special design and the strongest possible construction will soon be sent to Bering Sea by the United States Revenue Marine service, and placed upon the highest hummocks of the flow-ice. It is hoped by tracing their future course to test the direction of the currents that cross the polar regions. The casks are twenty-eight inches long and sixteen inches in diameter, so as to be seen easily. Inside of each are directions printed in several different languages, asking the finder to write to the nearest United States consul, giving the latitude and longitude in which the cask was found, and the date. Admiral Melville, who designed the casks, believes that it will be possible in this way to determine whether the ice-packs drift from the Arctic westward, or south and east to the Atlantic.

The Ashville (N. C.) Citizen says: "Those who have read of the recent deeds of violence committed by negroes in Louisiana while banded together under the pretense of being organized for religious and benevolent purposes are not surprised to learn that a negro mafia is about to be started. The negroes in that vicinity have been becoming very insolent and self-important and seem to have the idea that a secret organization is all that is necessary to enable them to accomplish their purpose of dealing out death to every white man who may strike a negro or become an object of their malice. The new order is said to be under the leadership largely of negro preachers, who, having no use for the ordinary virtues that are supposed to be advocated from the pulpit, have been devoting their questionable talents to the preaching of lawlessness."

The movement for the preservation of British scenery resulted in the formation of the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest and Natural Beauty. A London editor suggests that the trust profit by a few of the "superfluous millions" of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, by inducing him to buy Exmoor, or the English Lakes, or the River Thames, or the Snowdon District, or the Trossachs. The trust would see to it that builders and advertising firms did no injury. There are tracts without number in our own country, the beauty of which ought to be guarded for the benefit of generations to come, which invite the attention of men between whose overflowing purse and philanthropic purpose no great gift is fixed. Nature has her rights, as well as man, and it is a wanton invasion of them to mar and destroy unnecessarily what God has made beautiful and health-giving.

At Afragola, a village near Naples a young sailor, disapproving of the courtship of his sister by an undesirable lover, and having in vain tried to put a stop to the affair, followed the couple the other day in the country lanes, and as soon as he caught sight of them fired two shots at them from his revolver. His sister, slightly wounded in the neck, fainted away from fright, and her brother, believing he had killed her, threw himself upon her, weeping, kissed her, and then shot himself in the right temple. He fell dead upon the fainting girl's body.

## THE GOOD STATE OF MICHIGAN

### A Mysterious Death Excites the People of Saginaw.

### A COUNTY AGENT'S TROUBLE.

#### The Governor Issues More Pardons—An Engineer's Fatal Mistake—Events and Gossip From All Parts of the State Stewed Down for Ready Reading.

#### Was a Murder Committed?

The Saginaw police have secured evidence that either a murder, suicide or accidental drowning occurred there within the last week. On the 3d inst. a man's complete outfit, hat, clothes, underclothes, shoes, etc., were found on the bank of the river, and at the time of the discovery appeared to have been there about a week. The pockets were turned inside out. Next Capt. James Walsh, of the police force, found near the same spot small bits of paper that when put together proved to be an insurance certificate. It was issued by the Loyal Guard to John Charles Kumert, aged 29 years, at Plymouth, Mich., and bears the date of July 18, 1901, and was for \$2,000, payable to a sister of the holder, Maggie M. Kumert. A receipt for the July assessment, amounting to \$1.58, and bearing date of July 16, was found with the certificate. John Kumert left Plymouth Aug. 26 for Saginaw, intending to stop at Coleman. Relatives at Coleman report that he left there for Saginaw to secure employment on the Pere Marquette as a fireman. His name is not on the books of the company either as an employe or applicant, and no one has been found who remembers seeing him in Saginaw.

#### A County Agent's Trouble.

County Agent M. W. Snyder, of Grand Rapids, against whom ugly charges have been made to Gov. Bliss, appeared with his attorney to demand an investigation at the hands of the governor. The matter was not taken up by his excellency until late, and a question as to the governor's right to order an investigation, as in the case of other county officers, was raised. There was some doubt on this point, in view of the fact that the governor has power to remove a county agent summarily. The question was finally referred to the attorney-general's department, which is now making an investigation. In the meantime an order has been entered suspending the county agent and providing that the duties of the office shall be exercised by Aaron C. Keeler, of Grand Rapids, who has been an assistant in the county agent's office for some time. Mr. Keeler is said to be a clean man in every way. It is Snyder's intention, if he cannot secure an investigation, to obtain redress against those who, he claims, have persecuted him.

#### Another Starve Reported.

Anton Gurchik, a well-to-do German, of Detroit, concluded a fast of 42 days Sunday noon when he ate three lamb chops, two potatoes and a tomato. He said that the food tasted better than any he had ever eaten. At night he ate some oatmeal with fresh milk and a baked apple. He avers that he felt no inconvenience from the fast and he is satisfied that his long fast has entirely cured him from the trouble in his stomach, which the best physicians could not cure with medicines. The doctor who treated him says that he will eat but two meals a day for a month, and then he can eat any time and anything he pleases. Mr. Gurchik and his wife are very earnest in the statement that he had not eaten a morsel of food in six weeks prior to Sunday.

#### Deadly Dynamite.

John Eichman, engineer at the Ajax dynamite works of Henry H. Thomas on the Kawawlin road, near Bay City met with a shocking death in a peculiar manner Friday morning. Between the nitro-glycerine factory and the dynamite packing house there was an old iron pipe through which the nitro-glycerine was conveyed from the former to the latter prior to the explosion last season. This pipe has not been in use since. Eichman went to remove it and in making the uncoupling of a joint used hammer and chisel. While he was at work the pipe exploded, sending the top of his head, tearing off all his clothing and blowing his body 15 feet. There must have been some nitro-glycerine in the pipe. The explosion tore the side off the nitro-glycerine factory, but otherwise did not disturb it. In the factory was 1,200 pounds of the explosive.

#### More Pardons Granted.

Acting upon the recommendation of the pardon board, Gov. Bliss has pardoned John Page, who was convicted in the Hillsdale Circuit Court for the crime of arson, and sentenced in November, 1899, to imprisonment in the Ionia reformatory for six years. Page is 61 years of age and childish, and has been a patient in the hospital ever since he was incarcerated. His daughters, who reside in Denver, Col., have arranged to care for him at their homes. The governor also paroled Albert M. Tracey, convicted in the Jackson County Circuit Court of larceny, Sept. 17, 1900, to Ionia for 20 months.

#### Killed by a Beer Bottle.

Howard Burchfield threw a pop bottle at Dan Hickey, a Charlotte saloon-keeper, in front of the Williams House. The missile missed Hickey and struck a boy named Leonard Green, of Eaton Rapids, on the head and he died from the injury inflicted. A coroner's jury has found a verdict to the effect that Burchfield committed the act willfully and maliciously and he will have to answer to the charge of murder. Green's funeral took place at Eaton Rapids yesterday.

#### The Postoffice at Duck Lake, Calhoun county, has been discontinued.

Alva Wood, of Benton Harbor, depended upon the Lord to pay his taxes, and now he's defendant in an execution suit.

#### The excursion boats of Detroit were delayed Saturday night by smoke and did not land their passengers till 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

## MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

The potato rot has put in its appearance in Prescott.

Thousands of gypsies are holding a convention in Detroit.

A Prescott farmer reports 40 bushels of wheat to the acre.

Eighty big school and church bells were placed by the Northville foundry during August.

B. C. Jones has been appointed postmaster at Belmont, Kent county, vice G. N. Reynolds, resigned.

Firebugs are creating a reign of terror in Niles and every effort is being made to run them down.

Mrs. Patrick Costello, 65, walked to Clear Lake, six miles from home, and drowned herself. Despondency.

The annual reunion of the Allegan County Soldiers and Sailors' Association will be held Sept. 18, 19 and 20.

The reports to the sugar beet companies indicate that Michigan will produce a fine crop of these roots this season.

Marshall's women taxpayers turned out to vote at the school election and helped William H. Porter to succeed himself as trustee.

The only breach of promise suit started in Allegan Circuit Court in many years has been dismissed on petition of the complainant.

Branch county points to the fact that 29 colored children of school age reside in the county, an increase of nearly 100 per cent in 10 years.

The 2-year-old son of William Wynn, living south of Colon, was struck by a Michigan Central passenger engine Saturday and instantly killed.

The Detroit, Pontiac, Lapeer & Northern Electric Railway Co., capital \$1,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

Janette Clark, a colored girl of Battle Creek, has been discharged from the Girls' Industrial Home as incorrigible. She was utterly unmanageable.

The home of R. Summers, of Howard City, was burned to the ground, caused by a small son trying to light a fire in stove. Loss \$700; no insurance.

J. C. Post, attorney of Holland, with County Register of Deeds Peter Euche, and other capitalists, will build and open a bank at Grand Haven.

Supply of late fruits in Kalamazoo county is enormous. Peaches almost go begging at 50 cents per bushel, while plums, melons and tomatoes are equally plentiful.

Bertha Reynolds, of Owosso, has brought suit against her ex-husband, Charles Anderson, for damages for securing a divorce in another state unknown to her.

Officer C. C. Rittenhouse, of St. Joseph, dived from the Three L. railroad bridge, and saved the life of Elmer Hasselgren, who was going down for the third time.

George Smith's portable sawmill near the Grand Trunk tracks, Lapeer, caught fire and was burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$1,500; no insurance.

J. T. Pearce and Alfred Cameron, two young business men of Lake Linden, were drowned in Portage lake by the overturning of a rowboat in which they were racing.

Experts inform the state board of auditors that a few repairs to the roof and stone work, which can be made at slight expense, will make the state capitol as good as new.

Lincoln J. Carter, the playwright and theatrical manager, has secured an option on a 20-acre tract on the lake shore, near Benton Harbor, and will erect a summer cottage.

Potatoes in Wexford county will be a larger crop this year than for many years, and will average over 150 bushels per acre. The corn crop will be larger than for ten years.

Rev. W. S. Ament, the Chinese missionary now in Owosso, will return to Pekin this fall. Mrs. Ament will accompany him. Their children will attend school at Oberlin, O.

Patrick Burns, in the employ of the Peninsula Cedar & Lumber Co., Menominee, was accidentally shot by his companion, Edward Johnson, while out hunting near Trout Creek.

During a row in Bay City Charles Davis assaulted Joe DeLunne, of Escalville, slashing his throat. The wounded man's condition is critical. Davis claims self-defense.

Henry Young, under arrest in Elsie for a criminal assault on Alice Price, a 9-year-old girl, attempted suicide by cutting his throat just before his examination. He will recover.

In return for concessions made the Pere Marquette company agrees to build a new passenger depot in Bay City to cost \$40,000 and to spend \$10,000 in beautifying the surroundings.

A. B. Cummins, of Hillsdale, ex-register of deeds, pleaded guilty to a charge of false pretenses, and will be the principal witness against Swaney, his brother-in-law, charged with forgery.

Word has been received of the conviction at Unalaksha of the men Harrington and Newton for the murder of Con and Florence Sullivan, formerly of Muskegon. The two men have been sentenced to be hanged.

Silas Pinkell, an employe of the Church Manufacturing Company, Adrian, was badly wounded Wednesday while testing a handfire extinguisher. Acid burned his clothing off and he may lose his sight.

The wood works plant of McGraft & Son, Muskegon, was destroyed by fire Monday. The loss is \$75,000 and the insurance \$28,000. One hundred men are thrown out of employment. The origin of the fire is not known.

Investigation shows that the alleged ill treatment of a girl in Manistee by soldiers at the recent encampment is hardly true. It is said the girl denies being brutally treated, and the doctor who was called to attend her said the girl had been drinking and that was about the only trouble with her.

Mrs. Letta Gilmarin, of Bay City, and John A. See, of Clio, accountant and manager, who have been boarding together at a private house in Lapeer since Letta's accident, Aug. 28, have been bound over to the November term of the Circuit Court. Bail was fixed at \$500 in each case, which they were unable to furnish.

Jacob Mortenson, of the Garth Lumber Co., Garth, Mich., and Wausau, Wis., has closed a deal for the purchase of 30,000 acres of redwood timber land in Oregon; consideration \$500,000.

Company F, Fourth Michigan Infantry, met in reunion at Clayton, Mich., on the 20th of the veterans being present. They were royally entertained by the Rowley post, G. A. R., and the Ladies' Relief corps.

The law to prohibit the sale of colored oleomargarine went into effect Friday, but there is no indication from the Detroit retail or wholesale dealers that they propose to make any change in their trade.

Charles Jenner Thompson, paroled by Gov. Bliss, was released from the Detroit house of correction Saturday, after serving six months of a year's sentence for embezzling money from his employers.

A 3-year-old daughter of Merritt Osborne, a Pere Marquette switchman, was fatally hurt Sunday in Saginaw, while playing about a flat car loaded with iron. A rail was loosened and fell upon the child.

The 20,000,000 feet log drive, which has been on the way from Houghton lake since last May, has arrived at Muskegon. The drive has been hard and long because of the low water in the Muskegon river.

Charles Crowhurst escaped from the Kalamazoo asylum Monday, and walked to his home near Benton Harbor, arriving there ahead of a telegram sent from the asylum notifying the sheriff of his escape.

D. S. Etheridge, of Quincy township, sold to a Detroit firm \$247.85 worth of butter in 12 weeks. His farm consists of only 40 acres. His amount exceeds that usually produced on a farm double that size.

Two rural mail delivery routes have been planned for Richmond township, covering routes 25 miles in length and extending northeast and northwest. Three others are being inspected with good chances of being established.

Before the eyes of his mother little Arthur Barz, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Barz, of Detroit, was caught on the fender of a swiftly moving Michigan avenue car and then ground to death under the wheels.

The Association of Michigan Postmasters closed their session at Port Huron Thursday. The discussion at the meeting developed that the postmasters are not a unit on the question of parcels post and penny postage.

James McCumber, of Richland, while driving home from Galesburg was struck by an express train on the road crossing. McCumber and his horse were both killed instantly. He was deaf and did not hear the train.

The law of the last legislature creating the thirty-eighth judicial district of the county of Monroe went into effect Friday, and Gov. Bliss promptly made it operative by appointing Harry A. Lockwood, of Monroe, as the first circuit judge.

An Algoma Central engine ran down a hand-car near Wilde Station Sunday, killing A. Mazzo and M. Lawrence, section men. The four others of the gang escaped by jumping. The men failed to see the locomotive on account of the fog.

Joseph McGraw, a Michigan Central gate tender, was run down by an interurban car near Michigan Center, and so badly injured that he died. John McGraw, a farmer, was on the car and was shocked to find that the injured man was his brother.

State Oil Inspector Judson reports that the receipts of his office for the quarter ending June 30, were \$7,413.93, and the expenses, including salaries and traveling expenses, were \$7,321.53, leaving a balance of \$92.40 to be covered in to the state treasury.

Pickpockets were busy during the Monroe regatta and several persons reported the loss of their pocketbooks. Four men were arrested as suspects. They gave their names as Charles Johnson, Detroit, and Charles Roy, Edward Standish and Wm. Thompson, of Toledo.

Judge Josiah Turner, of Owosso, is 90 years old, and he celebrated the event in fitting style. In 1857 he served on the supreme bench, and later was elected judge of the seventh district, serving 25 years on the bench. He was also consul at Amherstburg under President Harrison.

Will Lorenz, a farmer living near the shore of Lake Michigan, not far from Whitehall, was attacked while at work in the field by a fair-sized wildcat. He succeeded in escaping from it and went to the house and got a gun. With the aid of a large dog he finally tired the animal and shot it.

Edward Gignere, of Gladstone, caused a panic on the principal street of the city Wednesday night by shooting right and left with a revolver. Before he could be stopped he had seriously wounded one man. He was drunk when he did the shooting, and is now in jail awaiting a hearing.

The tax commission's force of clerks is working nights and Sundays on the county percentages required by the state board of equalization. It is expected that these percentages will be completed within a day or two, so that county representatives will have a chance to digest them before their final session next Monday.

By a rear-end collision, a mile west of Chase Sunday, Engineer Henry Hatzwell, of work train No. 45, and Thomas Moore, of Baldwin, a section foreman, were seriously injured. Hatzwell's shoulder was dislocated and Moore's spine badly strained. Four other trainmen were slightly hurt. The cabin car and a box car on the extra, into which the work train ran, were demolished. Hatzwell's home is in Saginaw.

The Todd family is holding a reunion at Trenton this week. The seven brothers have not been together since the civil war. They are all six feet or over and range from 50 to 70 years in age. The brothers have brought their wives, children and relatives with them, and fully 100 members of the Todd family will enjoy the week's exercises.

The members of the state forestry commission, accompanied by Prof. Davis, of the university, and Expert Sherard, of the national forestry commission, are in the upper peninsula to examine the lands set aside by the legislature for a forestry reserve.

## CHEERING NEWS CONTINUES.

### The President's Full Recovery is More Promising.

### SENSATIONAL REPORTS DENIED

#### Latest Reports of the Wounded President's Progress—Assassin in Confinement—Mrs. McKinley's Remarkable Fortitude—Other Events of Interest.

#### The President Gains Hourly.

Reports from the sick room of President McKinley Monday were most encouraging, every one showing that he was gaining. The physicians' bulletins all expressed the fact, and belief in their truthfulness was complete. The period for peritonitis to appear is rapidly passing away and there is not a sign of inflammation. The promptness with which the operation was performed and the skill with which it was accomplished are telling their story. The tissues were sutured so quickly that they probably began to heal immediately. "The president's good health and the long period of careful living behind him are in his favor, but above all his indomitable will and his fine courage are the factors counted upon to pull him through. Vice-President Roosevelt and members of the cabinet who have fuller information than the bulletins show, express every confidence in the full recovery of the sufferer. Mrs. McKinley is bearing up with remarkable strength and her visits to the bedside increase her strength and confidence in her husband's full restoration to health. William McKinley has made up his mind to live, and live he will.

#### Recovery Seems Certain.

From the latest reports Tuesday morning the indications are very favorable for the president's recovery, as every hour, the physicians say, the danger of complications from peritonitis or blood poison decreases. The president himself is very cheerful and has expressed confidence in his recovery.

#### Sensational Reports.

Many sensational reports are being circulated about cabinet action looking to the apprehension and prosecution of Emma Goldman and leaders of anarchist organizations, of mysterious directions from the secretary of war to the chief of police in Buffalo, and of developments of a startling nature that are anticipated. The great majority of these reports, in the words of a cabinet officer, are "manufactured out of whole cloth." The prosecution of Czolgosz is purely a local affair. The federal government can have no hand in the prosecution of a local offender; his trial will take place in the local courts. The only request Secretary Root has made to the superintendent of police and the district attorney here was one designed to prevent the would-be assassin from being made a hero by exploitation, and the local authorities have done everything in their power to comply with it. The police have been unable to verify the report that Emma Goldman was in this city one week ago, but they are endeavoring to trace her movements immediately before and after the president was shot. It is practically admitted that so far they are without any evidence that directly connects her with Czolgosz's crime.

#### Czolgosz Weakens.

Leon Czolgosz has begun to show signs of weakness, both physical and mental. He no longer has the indifferent appearance of the first two days. His eyes are dark and sunken and his whole body shows that the effect of his crime is at last telling on him.

#### Nasty Hawaiian Politics.

A determined effort is to be made by the American party in Hawaii to get rid of Gov. Dole. It leaked out in connection with the case of Judge Abram S. Humphreys, of the first judicial district of Hawaii, against whom charges have been made by the Bar Association of the Hawaiian Islands. According to the Humphreys supporters, the Dole government has become insufferable. It is charged that his officials are getting money from various kinds of protected vice, and that his industry that can be arranged by supervision to contribute to the Dole machine is so arranged and compelled to pay. The charges against Humphreys are the outcome of some nasty local politics on both sides. Now that the charges have been brought and people from both sides are on the ground the campaign against Dole will be waged fiercely until the president gets back. In his brief answer to the charge against him Judge Humphreys makes some frightful charges concerning a stockade where vicious women are allowed to go at night, the nature of which cannot even be hinted at in the columns of a newspaper. He charges that the income from this resort goes to the officials of the government of the territory.

#### Able to Pay and Must.

Deputy Attorney-General Chase has just recovered for the state \$936 from the guardian of Jane Fox, an inmate of the Pontiac asylum from Oakland county. The woman has been supported in the asylum for several years at state expense, although she had property worth about \$2,500 and a pension. The attorney-general's department has a number of similar cases under investigation. In each case the patient is made to reimburse the state for maintenance.

#### Three Murder Cases.

The docket for the September term of the Circuit Court in Jackson contains three cases of more than ordinary interest. The defendants are Frank Daniels, of Sandusky, O., charged with the murder of Ira Logar in Jackson city; the conclusion of a drunken row; Frank Biery, of Tompkins, charged with the murder of Arthur Whitehouse, who died from a bullet wound received at the occasion of a charivari party visiting Biery and his bride, and David H. Creech, charged with intent to kill a divorced wife. He shot her but not fatally.

#### Expiated a Remarkable Crime.

Jas. Fleming was hanged in Deer Lodge, Mont., Friday for participation in one of the most remarkable crimes on record. On Aug. 8, 1899, Eugene Cullonane, an aged resident of Washington Gulch, was found murdered. Clinton Dolson, Charles Oliver Benson and Ellis Persinger were imprisoned for the crime. In January last Persinger informed the prison officials that Clinton Dolson and James Fleming, another convict, had conspired to murder Capt. Oliver Dolson, father of the convict. Fleming's term was about to expire. The prison authorities gave the story little attention. Fleming was released. On Feb. 15 he was seen in Washington Gulch. Feb. 20 the body of Capt. Dolson was found in his cabin with a bullet wound in the head. On the wall was fixed a rifle with a string attached to the trigger. A forged confession lay on the table, in which Dolson was made to say he had committed the Cullonane murder. This evidently was done for the purpose of freeing the conspirators. A will, leaving the entire estate to his son, was also found. Fleming was captured and convicted of murder on circumstantial evidence. Clinton Dolson also was convicted and sentenced to be executed, but was respited until Oct. 25.

#### The Huron Disaster.

Owing to the fortunate slackening of wind and sea and the heroic efforts of a life-saving crew, what promised on Saturday night and early Sunday morning to be one of the greatest shipping disasters of recent years on the great lakes, has become of secondary importance. Out of the crews of seven vessels which went ashore within a half mile, just above Port Huron, not a life was lost. Just what the property loss will be cannot yet be determined. One schooner, the Amaranth, of Detroit, is a total wreck; the Quito and the Wawatam worked themselves free on their own steam; the whiteback 202 is high and dry on the beach, but it is thought can be saved; the Pauly, of Detroit, the schooner Page and the tug Sarnia may be released without injury. The gale and the great cloud of smoke that came down over the lower end of Lake Huron, caused the disaster by obscuring all lights, so that nine vessels in all went ashore. The life-saving crew took off 95 people from the stranded vessels and not a life was lost. The property loss will be very heavy.

#### Cash Basis Equalization.

Attorney-General Oren has given an opinion on the powers and duties of the state board of equalization in the matter of equalizing the valuations of the various counties of the state. He holds that anything short of an equalization on the basis of cash valuations would be unconstitutional, the board having no authority to depart from what they believe to be actual cash values. This means that no percentage less than cash value can legally be made the basis of the equalization, but, of course, leaves the board to determine what such cash value is. The opinion disposes of ex-Commissioner Campbell's proposition that the board determine what the cash value is, and then equalize on a basis of 75 per cent of such valuation in order to keep the local assessors in line and not unduly increase the annual revenue of the Michigan university.

#### Two Wrathful Women of Niles.

Henry W. Grover, a printer employed at the office of the Niles Daily Sun, was terribly horsewhipped Monday morning at the office of the Sun by Mrs. John Copp and Mrs. W. Scott. The women were furious at a scurrilous newspaper article which they attributed to Grover, and they used their rawhide with telling effect. People who noticed the set determination in the faces of the ladies as they passed through the streets on their way to the Sun office, followed them, and the crowd cheered them as they rained blow after blow upon Grover's coatless form. The ladies were accompanied also by their brothers, who looked on until the former had exhausted their strength. The police then put in an appearance but no arrests were made.

#### A Roller-Coaster Victim.

Clarence D. Miller, aged 34, was killed on the roller-coaster, near the approach to the Belle Isle bridge, Detroit, Monday evening. Miller's death was tragic, and peculiarly sad in view of the fact that he was to have been married this month to Mammie Burns, a pretty and attractive young lady whose home is at Mt. Morris, Mich. He had gone to the roller-coaster a little after 8 o'clock and was seen to rise in his seat when the car reached the top round. He was whirled out and fell to the inclined plane below, striking in such a position that he lay across the tracks. An ascending car struck him there, and he doubled up, falling between the tracks to the ground fifteen feet below. The injured man was taken to a hospital, where he died early next morning.

#### Married Her Father-in-Law.

Social circles of Plainfield, N. J., are startled over the announcement of the marriage of John V. Berkman to his former daughter-in-law, the divorced wife of his son Edward. The marriage was performed in Hoboken, N. J., August 12 last by the Rev. Mr. Mead. She is 35 years old and he is past 60. A year ago Mrs. Berkman, Jr., was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, who since then has been abroad. She made her home, after securing the divorce, with her father-in-law, her present husband. He is quite wealthy, and is a member of the Lidgewood Manufacturing Co., of New York.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF.

Commander Seaton Schroeder, U. S. N., governor to Guam, is in San Francisco, en route to Washington.

The Austrian emperor has conferred the title of hereditary baron, free from taxes, on Dr. Francisco Kaska, of Mexico.

Henry Kenney, negro, under arrest in Chicago, claims that he saw a negro named Lightfoot and another man, unknown, shoot and kill Herbert Noyes in Cleveland, May 24, 1900. Noyes had just escorted two women friends home from the theater.