

L'Anse.

We have not for some years visited this place, but the reports of unwonted activity there flying through the air are not without foundation. Always excepting Marquette, we have considered L'Anse as the most prominent place on the south shore of Lake Superior from the head of the Lake to the Sault Ste. Marie, and one where there will, from its very natural location and centre command a large amount of local traffic.

The Last Child.

The venerable Mrs. Mary Chase Barney was stricken with paralysis in her right side last Monday. She has been confined to her bed for the last eighteen months from the effects of a paralytic stroke. The venerable lady, now in her eighty-eighth year, is a daughter of Samuel Chase of Maryland, a Judge of the Supreme Court, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and the last surviving child of any of the signers of that instrument.

Jury Brokers.

Frauds have been perpetrated recently by the substitution of jurors, which, it is thought, will result in many new trials. Judge Abel, of the Criminal Court, sentenced P. J. Hussey, a jury broker, to ten days' imprisonment and \$50 fine, and Henry Jones, for falsely representing Lewis Hartmann as a juror, \$100 fine. The Judge regretted that the law was not more explicit for the punishment of misdemeanors of this kind, but hoped that if ever before a similar attempt was made to corrupt the integrity of the jury box all persons inclined to engage in this speculation should take warning by the case of Johns.—New Orleans paper.

Steamboat Explosion.

The steamer Chautauqua, Capt. Murray, exploded her boiler last Monday afternoon while wooding at Whitney's Landing, six miles below Maysville.

About thirty passengers were aboard. Nearly all are wounded or dead. The engineer was not aboard, and the fireman was running the engine at the time of the explosion. The cause is not known. The boiler has been in use since May last.

Murder in Washington.

In an affray between one McCarthy and one Harden on the night of the 14th, five pistol shots were fired by Harden. Three of them took effect, and McCarthy died a few minutes afterward. There had been an old feud between the two and when they met on the street they came to blows almost instantly. Harden was terribly beaten about the head, and after having his wounds dressed was taken to the guard house.

Suicide.

Coronna was horrified Saturday week with the news that Mr. Converse, a prominent citizen of that place, had committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver. The following are the particulars of the unfortunate affair, partly related by himself: On Saturday, shortly after noon, Mr. Converse started for a field of corn near his dwelling, with the intention of shooting himself there. A neighbor passing by called to him several times and finally succeeded in getting him to the roadside, where, after asking a few questions, the neighbor drove on. Mr. Converse then went into the hay-loft of his barn, where, after writing some matter in a book, he put the revolver near his ear and fired. The shot knocked him senseless for a little time, and after recovering, he arose and un-

hooked the barn door nearest his residence. He then fell to the floor and attracted attention by pounding on the side of the barn. A servant girl discovered that a person was hurt and summoned the aid of two men passing by, who found Mr. Converse and carried him to his house. Medical and surgical aid was immediately summoned, but so far no aid has been given to the unfortunate man, save a temporary relief from pain. An effort was made to extract the ball, but owing to its unknown position it was abandoned. Up to the present writing Mr. Converse has been failing and no hopes of his recovery are entertained. The cause of this terrible self-destruction is supposed to be his financial troubles, which are said to be very complicated. For some time past his troubles have been working constantly on his mind and resulted in the dreadful resolve and the more dreadful carrying out of the determination. Mr. Converse has been long a resident of that city. He was formerly Register of Deeds of Saginaw county. At the time of his rash step he was engaged in the hardware business.

A Ghostly Ball of Fire.

William Pritchard, a negro of only 15 years, in jail at Townsonton, Md., condemned to death for the murder of his child, has been visited by a Baltimore American reporter, who says: The most singular thing about the boy is that he is what is called by Spiritualists, a natural "medium."

He says that he was entirely unconscious of the gift himself until about two years ago, when he accidentally discovered that he could make a table dance about by putting the tips of his fingers on it.

He is not a Spiritualist, for the reason that he knows nothing of Spiritualism; but there is something peculiar in his physical organization that gives him control over forces that are not understood by men of science. It is used to be his evening solace to sit on his bed, on the floor of his cell, and placing his bench in front of him, make it dance and caper about by drumming on it with the tips of his fingers.

On Sunday evening, a week ago, however, there was an incident recorded which has put an end to all his play with spirits. About 9 o'clock Mr. Linzey, the Deputy Warden, heard a terrific screaming in the lower tier of cells, where the colored prisoners are confined. Supposing that some of the prisoners had broken out and were trying to escape, he seized his pistol and ran down stairs, expecting to encounter some desperate ruffians who had broken the bars of their cell.

He found the cells all safely locked, but the inmates in the greatest terror. Pritchard was screaming "murder!" "murder!" and in the most frantic manner appealing to God and man for mercy. When he had become sufficiently calm to give an account of what happened, he told Mr. Linzey that he had been sitting playing with his bench as usual, when suddenly there was something like a warm breath of air swept in through the window and rolled along the floor like a ball of fire.

He sprang from his bed, but the instant he touched the floor it seemed to get under his feet, and to follow him as he jumped about trying to get away from it. He related the story to the reporter in language singularly accurate and appropriate. Said he, "If I had been lying down and dozing I would have supposed it was all imagination; but I was sitting up with my wits all about me, and not thinking of anything of the sort." Since then, he says, he has been afraid to touch his bench with his fingers, or to make the least motion that might invite another visit from the terrible apparition.

The Bodies of Mr. Gates and his Wife Found.

The mystery surrounding the missing Gates and his wife, supposed to have been drowned in Gull Lake near Kalamazoo in May last, is now solved. The bodies have been found. The body of Mr. Gates was found lying on the shore, where it had evidently floated, on Saturday week. The body of Mrs. Gates was found along the shore Sunday, not a very great distance from that of her husband. They had evidently been in the water a long time. The bodies have been buried. All search had long ago been abandoned, and the people patiently waited for the waters to give up their dead. The bodies were found within a very few rods of where the boat lay on the morning after the drowning. Mr. Gates' body, which came up first, seemed considerably bloated, so that the clothes were very tight. The right sleeve of his shirt was torn off. One side of the face seemed to have been picked at, and was considerably decomposed, but otherwise it was only bloated. The body of Mrs. Gates was found only

about six rods away from where Mr. Gates' body was recovered; this was on the north side of the lake, near Thomas' mill. The clothes she had on her when drowned were nearly all torn off, and her body was much decomposed.

FIRE.

The Grand Rapids Eagle of the 15th says: About half-past 3 this morning a fire broke out in a store owned by Michael Slotmacher, near the corner of Walbridge and Ottawa streets. The flames soon communicated with Mr. Slotmacher's dwelling, south of the store, and to a house on the north owned by him, but occupied by a man named Baker. Scarcely any of the furniture or goods in these three buildings were saved, the occupants, who were in bed, barely having sufficient time to escape. The building next on the south of Mr. Slotmacher's, owned by J. H. Martin and occupied by Frank Babcock, caught fire and was pretty much ruined. Another small dwelling on Walbridge street, the property of Mr. Slotmacher, occupied by John Daugherty, was burned. Mr. Daugherty formerly lived in Spar-tan, where he was burned out and lost nearly all the property he had. This second misfortune is a serious matter with him. Mr. Slotmacher's loss on the buildings and store is about \$3,000; insured for about \$1,350. Martin's loss on building, and others on furniture, about \$1,000; insurance not known.

Coal Mine Horrors.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Aug. 14.—A fire-damp explosion occurred this morning in the Eagle shaft, by which Benjamin Davies was instantly killed, and 20 men imprisoned behind the debris, with no means of escape until cleared away. The men are probably dead, or will be before they are reached.

Of the 20 men working in the mine, 13 were employed on a new gangway and are imprisoned by the falling roof. Three others, working in other parts of the mine, escaped uninjured.

SRANTON, Pa., Aug. 14.—The bodies of five of the victims of the Pittston disaster have been recovered. A large force of men are at work removing the debris, and every effort is making to recover the bodies of the others, who are now known to be 12 in number.

Near Eddyville, Iowa, on Friday week, Wm. Briggs, intending to reopen an old coal shaft, sent his son and daughter to dip out water. The son went down a ladder and was suffocated by fire damp. The sister not hearing him also descended. Briggs, his brother, and a hired man, not hearing the children, also descended, one after another, and all were suffocated.

Sinking of a Railroad Embankment.

The Greenville correspondent to the Detroit Free Press, of Aug. 16th, says: "At 4 o'clock this afternoon the embankment at Trufount's mill and across the corner of Muskalunge Lake, on the grade of the Detroit, Lansing & Lake Michigan Railroad, two hundred feet in length, sank under thirty feet of water, and is sinking at this writing. The filling was completed, and men were moving the track or the dummy cars, when, feeling the bank sinking under them, they fled for safety, and in five minutes the whole bank was covered with water. Mr. Brown, one of the contractors, was on the ground, and says it will postpone the completion of the road to Howard only two days.

Fate of Eating Ice Cream.

The Rev. Elkan Herzman, Pastor of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, Chicago, having failed to comply with the regulations requiring all Israelites to fast strictly one day during the past week, by eating ice cream, the congregation are determined to remove him. Last week Sunday morning another Rabbi occupied his desk and an affray ensued during which one of the leading officers of the Church seized Mr. Herzman, divesting him of his sacerdotal robes, and conducted him to the door with instructions to leave, threatening to kick him out if he returned. Herzman complained at Police Headquarters, but was informed that they could do nothing. He threatens to prosecute for one year's salary and assault.

Shooting Affray.

A fight occurred at Crab Orchard, Kentucky, on the 16th, between Geo. Dallings and Grove Kennedy, in which one shot was fired. But the parties were separated without serious injury. The next night two friends of Kennedy, one named Geo. Best, met Dallings at the Harden House, Crab Orchard, and a fight ensued, revolvers being used freely. Dallings was mortally wounded, and has since died.—Frank Smith, who was the only spec-

tator of the affray, received two shots, and was instantly killed, and Best was severely wounded. The fight was the result of an old feud.

Murderous Assault.

As Alderman Cuddy, of New York, was about closing the Essex Market Police Court on the 13th, a tall, strong Irishwoman approached the desk. An officer with a prisoner followed. As the woman removed a shawl from her head the Alderman uttered an exclamation. The eye was closed, and the lid puffed out to the size of a hen's egg. A long strip of flesh dangled from the right eyebrow. Both cheeks were covered with gashes two and three inches long, filled with clotted blood. Her throat was also scratched and bloody. She charged that her husband Patrick Daly had beaten and kicked her. Daly was committed.

A letter from a gentleman at Quincy, Florida, to the Augusta Ga., Chronicle speaks in the most enthusiastic terms of the merits of the Swedish laborers recently arrived in Georgia and Florida. The following is a paragraph from the letter: "I have had one with me since last October. From the first day he picked as much cotton as any hand in the field; made the best fireman that I ever had around a sugar furnace; beat all the hands at splitting rails, and is as good a plowman as there is on the farm. The best of all is, he never drinks, lies or steals, and he is but a type of the balance of them."

A New Sensation.

Galveston, Texas, is excited over the appearance of an immense orang outang in its vicinity. The animal is described as being about seven feet high and covered from head to foot with a thick coating of hair. Its eyes shine like fire, and it boasts of a double row of murderous looking teeth.—When last seen it had in one hand a large crooked stick, and under one arm a young calf apparently just killed.—A hunting party has been organized to capture or kill the monster.

Attempt at Lynching.

Demonstrations have been made upon the Rockford, Ill. jail for the purpose of seizing and lynching the negro who committed an outrage upon the little daughter of the Rev. Mr. Walton, but none proved successful. It is said that other attempts will follow.—On the 12th the Sheriff swore in as special deputies several men who were engaged in the first attempt to secure the negro for the purpose of lynching him.

News Items.

Cap. Hall's arctic ship polaris arrived at Holstenberg July 31.

All is quiet at Fiji. The new government is working satisfactorily.

John T. Tait, of Philadelphia, died Monday week.

The missing mail steamer Espen, from Cadiz, has arrived at Havana. She broke her shaft and was nine days under sail.

New Zealand citizens are determined to form a joint stock whaling company to compete with American whalers in those waters.

Large beds of coal being opened in Ohio county Ky., along the line of the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad, are attracting the attention of the citizens of Louisville as affording the probable source of a steady supply of fuel not subject to the accidents of river transportation.

Edward LaPointe was arrested in Saranac, Ionia county, on the 12th, for horse stealing in Jackson County, early in May.

Hillsdale College is in want of funds and its friends are appealed to for aid.

John Jones forged Elijah Reeson's name to an order for \$23 25, and got the money at Howell. He was arrested and committed.

The officers of the Livingston county Agricultural Society are making preparations for the largest and best fair that was ever held in that county. It was expected that the last rail between Lansing and Detroit would be laid on Wednesday.

Mike Murry, a desperado, stabbed a man in Clair county a few days ago inflicting serious injuries. Mike is now in Midland jail.

Michigan contains 6,111 lakes within its boundaries.

In 1864 there were fourteen dairies in Boston, and now there only eight.

The largest watermelon brought to the Mobile, Ala., market this season weighed 57 3/4 pounds.

A boulevard around Utica, New York is proposed. It will make a drive a trifle over eight miles in length.

An old lady, writing to her son out west, warns him to beware of bilious saloons and bowel alleys. A baby who kisses its mother and fights its father, may be said to be partial to his mother and martial to his father. The American "Shakers" are organizing "missions to the heathen," and

have begun by sending an elder to London.

The corn crop is so abundant in Jasper county, Mo., that farmers are offering to bargain their corn on the stalk at 10 cents per bushel.

A young man who inquired as to what business would enable him to occupy a high position in society, was advised to try the roofing business.

The lions and leopards of Central Park are fed once a day; monkeys twice; the keepers three times. Is there a Darwin among the Commissioners?

The cheerful grasshopper is not a burden to the planters of Georgia and Alabama. He destroys the grass that infests the cotton-fields, and saves labor thereby.

Terre Haute, Ind., has a law against hitching horses to shade trees, and a case is to be tested whether a man can be arrested for hitching his horse to his own shade tree.

San Francisco papers report that a grayback whale, 80 feet in length, was thrown upon the beach, between Fort Point and Seal Rock, in a high tide, on the evening of the 30th ult., and was captured.

A Boston physician says that four young girls, full of intelligence and promise, have been killed outright by the severity of the tasks imposed upon them in a high school in that vicinity.

General Hartmann, Governor of Strasburg, has just forbidden the ladies of that city to wait henceforth at the stations for the purpose of offering assistance to French soldiers returning to France.

A Sacramento man gave a young lady a lottery ticket, which afterward drew \$300. He then went and told her that it had drawn \$30 and asked her to go halves with him. She consented and gave him the ticket for \$15.

It has been decided to consolidate into one institution, the Homeopathic Medical College, the Women's Medical College and the Homeopathic Hospital of Cleveland, and also to abandon the present buildings and erect more commodious hospital buildings nearer the heart of the city.

The grape crop in Missouri is enormous this season, and prices are reduced to a very low figure.

It is said that Alfred Russell Wallace, an eminent traveler and ornithologist in England, is to be created baronet.

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