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A Terrible Case of Pestilence, Drunkeness and Death.

AN AWFUL SIGHT IN A DETROIT HOTEL

Death of a Prominent Citizen of Reed City—What the State Grange Did Yesterday—Man and Wife Held for Murder at East Tawas.

DETROIT, Dec. 17.—A terrible case of pestilence, poverty and death has just been discovered here. Thomas Grant and family lived at 108 Woodbridge-st., in a dilapidated frame house. Last Sunday his wife died and was buried Wednesday, an infant being cared for by the neighbors. Since the funeral the house has been closed, and nothing has been seen of Grant or the children. This morning a neighbor, becoming suspicious, broke in the door and found a ghastly scene. Lying with the dead mother was her son, aged about four years, and the baby, only a few days old. All the children were clean with a shrunken look of fever. A three-year-old girl was dead, an eight-year-old boy, emaciated and dying, and the others almost unrecognizable. The house was cold, and neither fire nor food was to be had. The Board of Commissioners will do everything to relieve the afflicted children.

THE CHANGERS.

What They Say They Want in the Way of Legislation.

LANSING, Dec. 17.—Resolutions were adopted requiring the Legislature to provide that the taxes paid into the county treasuries of the respective counties instead of into the municipal treasuries as now; requesting the Legislature to change the age of consent in females from 10 to 16 years; in cases of rape requesting Congress to make the Secretary of Agriculture a cabinet officer; asking the Legislature to provide for the better protection of travelers and employes from accidents caused by railroad engines; also to make provision for the proper examination of inmates at the Agricultural College. A resolution asking for legislation relating thereto in civil causes to have a separate jury trial was voted down almost unanimously.

Resolutions in the condition were adopted, providing for representation of women's societies in the State grange, as it has been found that present representation is unconstitutional and also authorizing the conferring of the sixth degree in the fall or spring, and leaving the conferring of the fifth degree exclusively to the pomona grange.

The afternoon session in consideration of a new policy of the grange were discussed, and the report will adjourn after the installation of officers tonight.

Death of a Prominent Reed City Man.

REED CITY, Dec. 17.—A telegram was received here yesterday afternoon from Mc-Donald, Florida announcing the death of D. M. McMillan, who went from here four weeks ago hoping to improve his health, having consumption. He was one of the oldest residents here, having been in the mercantile business here for the past fifteen years. He was one of the largest property owners here. He leaves a wife and three small children. His remains will be taken to Detroit for interment.

Last Saturday a son, 13 years of age, who lives west of Milton Junction, was brought up before Justice Donnelly on Tuesday, charged with stealing a ring. Superintendent of Poor Lewis was notified and took him in charge and will have him sent to reform at Adrian.

How the Members will Vote.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It is probable that all the Democrats of the Michigan delegation except Chipman, will vote "aye" to-morrow on the motion to consider the Morrison tariff bill. Mr. Chipman's changes his position within the past twenty-four hours so will vote "no." Mr. Fisher is not willing to support all the features of the Morrison bill, but he says that in the House it may be amended to suit him, and he expects to support it. Mr. Conger leans a little in that direction, too. All the others are strong against free trade and to take the bill straight.

Held for Murder.

BAY CITY, Mich., Dec. 17.—Charles Harper and wife have been held for trial for the murder of the Kennedy girl. The jury in the case of Kennedy's death was unanimous in their verdict that a girl died by Harper, and that Mrs. Harper assisted in disposing of Kennedy's body.

Knocked Out in One Round.

MT. MORRIS, Mich., Dec. 17.—Arrangements for the fight between Jack Dempsey, of Rochester, and Jack Burke, of Buffalo, for $1,000 a side and the championship of the State, have been completed. The fight will take place in this village on Christmas night, and will be for a purse of $250, the winner to get $150 and the loser $100. Both men are in training and will be in excellent condition when they enter the ring.

AFTER ILLEGAL VOTERS.

Fourteen Men Arrested on Indictments Found in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—Fourteen men were arrested this afternoon by United States Deputy Marshals upon bills found by the United States Grand Jury which charges them with illegal voting at the late election. Among the prisoners are Michael Kinsella, letter carrier, clerk of the Criminal Court, and Peter R. Wightman, secretary of the Municipal Assembly, while the others are "of the class known as 'shot gunners.'" They ran in order to vote in the middle of the afternoon. They were taken to the police station, fifty-two in a body, and thoroughly "sat on." It will be difficult to identify many of them.

Handsome Gifts His Reward.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The President has appointed S. H. Hardwick, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Committee, to the deputy commissionership of internal revenue. The appointment will take effect January 1, 1887.

MILLIONAIRES FROM OIL WELLS.

Eleven A. Fee, who, broke and penniless, struck oil at Oregon, were Relieved.

Daniel Gilmore has handed Fee on the front to the tune of the benefits of the pool, who, you remember, by the wrecking of the Fee No. 1 Gusher all went down last week.

The Oregon Transportation Company has announced that the contracts for carrying the Argentine mails will expire on November 30, and that further proposals will be received.

The Pittsburg Locomotive Company was ordered to deliver at the government's expense the air brake gear valued at $5,000, which will go on the United States cruisers now building at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco.

It was said Friday in Wall-st. yesterday that Alonzo Thurman, the banker, had arrived at the Union depot and by his actions caused considerable excitement, amounting to between $10,000 and $20,000.

THE "WIZARD" WINS.

Schaefer and Slosson "Hoodooed" by a Black Cat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Before the doors of Central Music Hall opened tonight for the Slosson-Schaefer billiard match every reserved seat in the hall had been sold, and a large crowd flocked about the hall waiting for the doors to open. The match was 500 points, number unseen for $2,000 a side, and all the receipts to the winner. Promptly at 8 o'clock Slosson and Schaefer entered the hall. As they sauntered down the left side aisle in the direction of the platform they were loudly applauded by the 1,500 people in the hall. John W. McCullough, of St. Louis, stepped forward to make the opening address. He said that it was unnecessary to introduce the players; they were too well known. The game would be played on 18.2 balls, and the referee would win. He named as umpires J. A. Thatcher for Schaefer and Eugene Carter for Slosson, and as referee, Henry Rhines, of Chicago. Schaefer won the lunk and selected the black ball. He shot it after the red as it stood on the spot. He hit the mark but failed to move the white ball at the other end of the table. With the exception of a phenomenal draw shot by Schaefer, in his half of the second inning, neither player did any work until the sixth inning, when Slosson made fourteen buttons. In the seventh innings Schaefer, by skillful nursing, succeeded in adding forty-eight to his score. In the fourteenth inning Slosson, although finding the balls in bad position, succeeded in piling up fifteen caroms in a series of pyramidic shots, four and five cushion shots. Schaefer scored only three buttons in his portion of this inning. The game dragged until the twenty-fifth inning, neither player appearing able to get the balls where he wanted them. Slosson aroused enthusiasm in his half of the nineteenth by making a furious two-cushion reverse "English" shot. In the twenty-eighth, however, Schaefer sent the spheres spinning all around the table and rattled out twenty-eight ordinary caroms. Slosson followed with a run of twelve. The score at this time was Schaefer 121, Slosson 99.

At the end of the thirty-third inning the score stood Schaefer 284, Slosson 196. The average at the close of the thirty-sixth inning was Slosson 5 5-46, Schaefer 4 18-46.

From this time until the forty-first goose eggs were frequent. Schaefer did not catch as many as Slosson, but both got enough to astonish their backers as well as themselves. In the forty-first, however, Schaefer potted the balls along the upper rail for twenty-eight beauties, a three-cushion draw with considerable "English" on the cue ball being the feature of this run. Slosson was playing in hard luck and with poor judgment. The game was a bad one and the superstitious sports attributed the miserable playing to the presence of a black cat which walked around the table several times just before the beginning of the game, and which had to be dragged out by two ushers before the players took to the cues. In the 111th inning Schaefer scored 500 while the last mark made by Slosson in the 120th inning was 430. When the final shot had been made by the "Wizard" a majority of the attendants arose, yelled and threw their hats in the air. Schaefer was picked up by the crowd down the middle aisle. He was in the hands of his friends and he smiled at their capers. It is estimated that $25,000 changed hands on the contest.

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST.

The Whaling Bark Atlantic Wrecked Near San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—At 2:30 o'clock this morning the whaling bark Atlantic was driven ashore a mile and a half below the Cliff House, and went to pieces in a few minutes, not a spar remaining standing. The wreck was strewn along the beach for three or four miles. About twenty-five men are believed to be lost. The captain and mate, with eight or ten men were saved.

At the time of the disaster a dense fog and heavy sea prevailed. The Atlantic left here yesterday afternoon for a cruise in the South Pacific, after which she was to proceed North. The Atlantic was an old vessel, having been built in 1851; was 251 tons register, and was owned by J. & W. R. Wing, of New Bedford, Mass. She was commanded by Captain P. Warren. It is not yet possible to ascertain the names of the lost and saved.

Later—The Captain's Story.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Captain Warren makes the following statement of the wreck: "There was a heavy head swell and no wind when we were towed out to sea yesterday. The currents were so strong that we could not get out of the swell. The sea was so heavy that our anchors would not hold and were dragged ashore. We struck at 12:45 a. m. The immense waves were washing the men overboard all the time. The vessel went to pieces in an hour and a half after she struck. We succeeded in lowering two boats, but both were capsized before getting the boats away from the vessel. It was pitch dark and foggy. In the first boat were S. Doty, first mate, Anton Perry, third mate, and four or five of the crew. That was the last we saw of them. In the second boat were myself, Second Mate Ring and five men. We were swamped, but the sea carried us in until we touched bottom and dragged ourselves ashore."

REPUBLICANS IN CAUCUS.

Vacancies Filled and a Committee on Order of Business Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There was a caucus of the Republican Senators this afternoon, which occupied an hour and a half. The vacancies existing on a number of committees by reason of retirements from the Senate, resignations, death, etc., were filled. The principal changes were by the selection of Mr. Dolph, of Oregon, as Chairman of the Committee on Claims and Mr. Spooner, of Wisconsin, as Chairman of Coast Defenses. After the Committee on Vacancies were disposed of, a number of subjects came up and were debated in a spirited manner, the Inter-State Commerce bill and the tariff being the main topics. The outcome of it all was the selection of a committee of nine, with Mr. Edmunds at the head of it, to have charge of the order of business during the remainder of the session.

The "National" Opera Again.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Sun and Herald at an interview today state that Mary Louise Smith's mother said that Theodore Thomas had resigned the directorship of the National Opera. Directors Reynolds and Morrell refuse. Fifteen more chorus children have been engaged. Miss Juch will sing in Marquette in Brooklyn on the 20th. Another star will appear with the opera after that is current gossip.

The Manager Denies the Story.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Manager Locke, of the National Opera Company, said tonight in regard to the interview with the mother of Miss Juch, published in the New York Mail and Express this afternoon, that it was another lot of the tissue of malicious falsehoods which are to the statement recently from New York and Chicago in the effort to injure the National Opera Company. He denies the statements in the interview positively.

A Little Battle in Texas.

MARION, Dec. 17.—A conflict with revenue officers occurred here today between a band of moon shiners and a body of police who were trying to arrest them. Several were wounded on both sides, but three of the former were arrested.

DILLON AND O'BRIEN

They Meet with an Accident on the Road to Dublin.

BOTH ARE CONSIDERABLY INJURED.

They are as Determined as Ever to Go On With the Good Work—Members of Parliament go to Ireland.

DUBLIN, Dec. 17.—Dillon and O'Brien arrived here today. Both are much disturbed and hurt physically. In addition to the troubles yesterday at Loughrea, when they were arrested for acting as tenants' trustees, they met with an accident on the road here. The horse drawing the car on which they were riding from Loughrea to Athenry, bolted on the way, and both were thrown violently to the ground. The gentlemen were badly shaken up and considerably bruised by their fall.

Mr. Dillon was confined to his room today by the effects of the accident yesterday, together with the bruises he sustained from the rough handling he received at the hands of the police at Loughrea. When visited by a reporter this afternoon, he looked weak and wearied, but expressed to be in good spirits. He expressed his intention of attending a National League meeting on the estates of the Earle of Kenmore at Killarney on Sunday next and said at the regular League meeting in Dublin on Tuesday he would declare whether or not he would give bail in the cases against him. Mr. Dillon's friends agreed that he ought to give bail, thus compelling the authorities to try him at once, before his recognizances are estreated.

Mr. O'Brien's hands were badly torn by his fall from the jaunting car, and his left arm is severely sprained, causing him acute pain. In reference to the raid of the police at Loughrea, Mr. O'Brien said that so far as the seizure of the money was concerned the police were completely outwitted. Profiting by his newspaper experience and actuated by the instincts of a live journalist, when he saw in and about the town a large number of policemen in gray clothes, he divined the reason of their presence and immediately made arrangements for the safety of the money and documents in his possession. A large sum of money and many valuable papers, Mr. O'Brien said, were removed to places of safety from under the very eyes of the police, and the stupid fellows, pursuing the single idea of breaking up the gathering and bringing confusion upon the National Leaguers and their adherents, couldn't grasp the situation.

The National League, notwithstanding the action of the government, intends to continue its campaign, but henceforth will observe more caution and circumspection than hitherto. Mr. O'Brien will address a meeting at Longford on Sunday and Sir Thomas W. Esmonde, member for West Dawn, will speak at Derey, county Wexford.

Jeremiah Jordan Defies the Police.

DUBLIN, Ireland, December 17, 1886.—Mr. Jeremiah Jordan, member for West Clare, and Mathew J. Kenney, member for Middle Tyrone, arrived at Kilrush, County Clare, today, and will receive, as trustees, the rents of the tenants on the Vandaleur and Barton estates. The police have been made aware of the arrival and the purpose of their visit, but have as yet abstained from interference. It is expected, however, that action similar to that taken at Loughrea, will be resented to.

TO SHOW THEIR DEVOTION.

Members of Parliament Going to Ireland to Help the Anti-Rent Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Secretary Brady, of the Irish Parliament Society, states this evening that a number of members of Parliament have started for Ireland to take their chances in participating in the National League's anti-rack rent campaign, which they will prosecute vigorously. The Nationalists are laughing at the stupidity of the police who raided the rent officers at Loughrea yesterday in not acting earlier than they did. Had they done so they might have seized many thousand pounds instead of the paltry sum they found when they arrived.

Acquitted and Cheered.

CORK, Dec. 17.—Doctor Bronson and three Kerry farmers were tried in the Cork assizes today for "moonlighting" in Kerry and acquitted. When the verdict was brought in the crowd, which filled the court-room, cheered the jury and the defendants. The latter, after they had been formally discharged by the court were escorted through the streets by a tremendous crowd, whose enthusiastic cheering was almost deafening.

At the Cabinet Council.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A cabinet council was held in Downing-st., today, which lasted three hours. The chief business discussed was the question of British occupation of Egypt, and a circular note to the powers was approved, explaining the views of the English Government, and upon the financial and military solution of Great Britain in Egypt. The action of the Irish Executive against the National League Anti Rent Campaign was also approved by the cabinet.

They Will Sue for Damages.

MESSRS. Dillon, O'Brien, Harris and Shee, by have decided to begin legal proceedings against the Loughrea police, for the recovery of the money, books and papers seized yesterday.

THE TENURE OF OFFICE ACT.

The Bill to Repeal It Passes the Senate by a Vote of 30 to 22.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Democratic Senators made very active inquiries before and while the rule on the bill to repeal the Tenure of Office act was taken. The result promised to be close and they insisted upon the presence of every possible Democratic Senator. They seemed somewhat elated over the result, as to the feeling that the passage of the bill relieves the President in making removals from the restrictions now resting upon him. It is generally believed the House will promptly pass the Senate bill.

Doctors Who Fought With Swords.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Further inquiry regarding the duel fought early Thursday morning in Humbolt Park has elicited in the information that the contestants were two medical practitioners of the city, who had a fierce encounter and fought with swords across the table. One is said to have received a slight thrust in the arm and the other a slight scratch on the face. The names cannot either be ascertained, but the police are carefully investigating the matter, and additional duels will probably follow in a few days to frighten them timely.

Home Rule Promised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—For Eastern and Western Michigan: Snow, variable winds, nearly temperature.

THE THEATRES.

"Chispa" is a sort of a wild account of probable and improbable life in the mountains of the land of gold with a glimpse of the Sierras and the sea. A little injun, a little Mexican enough of the sentiments to suggest a greaser or two and a character who suggests "the glorious climate of California." It was written by Mary M. Dodge and Slosson Thompson, the latter one of the bright lights of the Chicago News. "Chispa" would be quite a drama if we had never seen "Miss" by the same authors. Miss Louise Litta is rather a pretty young woman when her husband, E. C. Dobson, the celebrated banjoist, has taught to play the banjo marvelously well. She played a number of solos and duets with Mr. Dobson and, incidentally, appeared as Chispa in the above-said play of that name at Powers last evening. The play was prettily set and well acted, Smith, of jolly memory—was funny as Don Jones of Bachelor's Walsh, while Charles Kilon was ludicrous as Indian Jake. The other members of the company do not call for special mention except that Mr. Dobson's banjo playing was, of course, excellent. Tonight Litta will reappear in "Chispa," playing several banjo solos and presenting every lady in the audience with a cabinet photo of herself as a souvenir.

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The appearance of the San Francisco Minstrels at Redmond's Opera House tonight will certainly be heralded with delight by theatre-goers, and the excellent programme which will be presented will be found replete with novelties. The organization embraces many well known minstrel brightlights, and is one of the cleverest companies now on the road. The street parade at noon will be watched with considerable interest, and the military band will be found a new feature of traveling organizations.

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J. M. Hardie and Sara Von Leer will appear at Powers Opera House for five nights Christmas week commencing Tuesday, December 21 and will present the following plays: Tuesday, "A Brave Woman;" Wednesday, "Our Boys;" Thursday, "Camille;" Friday, "Led Astray;" Saturday Christmas matinee, "A Brave Woman;" Saturday evening, "The Canadian Brothers." Prices during this engagement will be 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents. Reserved seats at 50 cents can now be secured at Speaker & Hodgeman's.

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William Black general representative of T. H. Minnett's attractions is in town ahead of "Passion's Slave," which will be seen at the Wonderland all next week.

A LETTER FROM D. A. BLODGETT.

He Tells a Detroit Paper Why He Supports Colonel Stockbridge.

The Detroit News of last evening contains the following letter from a well known citizen of Grand Rapids:

TO THE EDITOR.—Since my return home, a few days ago, my attention has been called to a reference in the Marquette dispatches to my reasons for supporting Colonel Stockbridge for the Senatorship. It was said, in substance, that Maj. A. B. Watson and myself were about the only supporters of Colonel Stockbridge in this city, and that we were "heavily interested in those upper peninsula land schemes" and "know if Colonel Stockbridge is elected he can be relied upon to aid in protecting their (our) interests." As to our being the only Republicans who support Colonel Stockbridge the fact is that a large majority of the truest and best Republicans—rich and poor alike—are in favor of his election. Already about thirty such Republicans have declared themselves through the local press as preferring Colonel Stockbridge to any other candidate, and many others have privately expressed to me the same preference. Among those who have publicly announced themselves for Colonel Stockbridge are Attorney General Taggart, ex-United States District Attorney Stone, Daniel McCoy, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, Hon. M. C. Burch, ex-Postmaster Moore, Harvey J. Hollister, General E. H. Pierce, and other men of prominence.

As to the statement that Major Watson and myself are interested in lands in the Upper Peninsula, the truth is, neither of us ever owned a foot of land there and I have not been in that peninsula in thirty-nine years.

I support Colonel Stockbridge because I believe first, that there is no other candidate whose qualifications better fit him for the office; second, that he will give more general satisfaction to all classes of people throughout the State than any one else of those who have been named, and, third, that there is no one else who so much deserves the gratitude of the party.

D. A. BLODGETT.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 16.

THE HONORABLE BODY.

Public Servants Who Have a Fondness for Secrecy.

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, since the resignation of Commissioner Killean, and the appointment of E. E. Hawkinson his stead, work in perfect harmony. The past few meetings have been attended by the full Board, and but one dissenting vote has been cast. They meet at 5 o'clock every Thursday afternoon and the programme is about as follows: Invariably representatives of the morning papers arrive at the office of the Board about five, and the list of arrivals, applications, resignations and communications are given to the reporters by the clerk. When the members of the Board arrive and it is time to open the meeting, the reporters are requested to leave the room, and an executive session is held. This lasts from half to one and a half hours, after which the reporters are again admitted. Then the clerk reads the minutes of the past meeting, which are of no interest to the public, as it has all been published. The arrivals, etc., which they have already been given, are read and disposed of. The three committees then make their reports and if there is not cause for holding another executive session the meeting is adjourned. The time in which the reporters are present varies from a quarter to three-quarters of an hour. There are numerous matters disposed of in these executive sessions, which, in the interests of public welfare, no person cares to see the light of day. It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that if the members of the Board, instead of holding executive sessions, would hold open meetings, and thus allow the public to know what is being done, it would be much better for all concerned. At the meeting a week ago last Tuesday evening Messrs. Mitchell and Hawkinson were instructed to investigate the circumstances in relation to the Detroit affair. The Board of Aldermen has passed a resolution requesting a similar action of that body without having any information from the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners. At the meeting Thursday instead of reporting the results of their investigations, they adjourned to the executive session, and was also granted the privilege by the newspapers of the press.

How Games Is Warren Fond.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—John Logan D. Warren, editor and proprietor of the Boston Commercial Bulletin and the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, died at his residence, Newton, at 10 this morning. Mr. Warren had been confined to his bed for a week, but had been considered by his physicians to be out of danger. Today he had a relapse, and died quickly.

Allen Gets Six Months.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—John Fisher and Harry Allen, the pugilists who fought a prize fight in Delaware county, on the 7th inst., were sentenced today to six months imprisonment each in the county jail.

AS THE PRESS SEES IT

What Michigan Editors Say About the Senatorship.

STOCKBRIDGE FIRST IN THE RACE.

He is Generally Believed to be Best Qualified to Represent the People of Michigan in the Senate.

The press of the State continues to devote considerable attention to the approaching Senatorial contest. The Kalamazoo Telegraph, published at Col. Stockbridge's home where he is best known, says: "Hon. Francis B. Stockbridge, of Kalamazoo, is a man who has been an employe as well as an employer. Beginning his business career in comparative poverty, he has literally worked his way to the competence he now enjoys. He knows what it is to be a laborer as well as an employer of labor. It is not strange, therefore, that his relations to those in his employ have been of the most friendly character. Giving his personal superintendence to his business, working with his men and not above them, he has been brought into intimate and friendly relation with the people in his employ, and in this way he has an actual, practical knowledge of and a hearty and generous sympathy with the ideas, feelings and needs of the workingmen. And this knowledge and sympathy have brought him fast and devoted friends in all the great number of men whom he has from time to time had in his employ. It is one of the brightest spots in Colonel Stockbridge's life that at one time when misfortune overtook him by the burning of one of his mills, the workmen in his employ came to him with an offer to help refund, from their earnings when they had a situation, the wages paid them while in his service. While the Colonel did not feel at liberty to accept the generous and timely offer, the fact that it was made is more eloquent than volumes of eulogy. And looking over the names of those mentioned in connection with the office of Senator from this State, the Telegraph firmly believes that no one could be chosen whose election would so tend to a just and satisfactory solution of the labor question as would the election of the candidate of Western Michigan, Frank B. Stockbridge."

The Lowell Journal, in the course of a well considered editorial on "Conger's successor," says: "Western Michigan has had splendid opportunities in the past to attain influence and power in the councils of the Republican party, but each time her disgraceful lack of harmony, bickerings and jealousy have driven her from such enviable advantage to unenviable disadvantage. Disgrace, mortification and defeat, until her claims—or her wishes—are no longer regarded as sincere, although her demands are everywhere acknowledged to be just, and with united support would surely win. But victory is no sooner within our grasp than minor candidates, whose greatest strength lies in an appeal to local pride (which is not a very strong argument in itself) tickled by the vanity of unearned prominence, personally 'pay their ouster into the ring' with no hope of success, their service consisting in dividing a support that might otherwise be united, harmonious and successful, should the choice of the great majority be permitted to prevail. The Journal is prone to belittle the claims of local candidates but Western Michigan is larger than any city or any county; it is almost a State of itself in area and resources and can boast of a self-made son who has always been alive to the business interests and welfare of her citizens, irrespective of party; a man who, from humble parentage and limited opportunities has by his own energetic efforts, risen to wealth and influence, known in every town and hamlet of the State as an able, industrious, kind-hearted, generous man of the people, prominent in the councils of the party he helped to organize, the Journal wishes him success in his present laudable ambition, and sincerely hopes that the list of Senators to the Fiftieth Congress will contain the name of Francis B. Stockbridge."

The Flint Globe, one of the leading Republican papers of the State, comes out in a strong editorial for the election of Mr. Stockbridge. Its editor, Hon. A. L. Aldrich, has long been recognized as an able and influential Republican who has himself been honored with responsible public positions, and enjoys a wide personal acquaintance with the public men of our State. After alluding to Colonel Stockbridge's "Spartan integrity" and his great services to the party, the leader says: "The Globe does not claim for Colonel Stockbridge absolute perfection, but it does insist that he has a preponderance of those manly attributes that qualify him in an eminent degree to perform the responsible duties of United States Senator, and it sincerely believes that among the other eminent gentlemen named in connection with the office there is none who would serve the State better or be more fairly representative in the Senate of all that is best and most worthy among Michigan people."

After quoting the above the Battle Creek Journal adds: "The recommendation given will strike everyone who knows Mr. Stockbridge to be as just as it is manly and forcible stated, and it is significant not alone for the high character of the paper, but from the source of the State from which it comes."

"Ren" Barker, editor of the Reed City Clarion, quotes in his paper an interview with him, published a few days ago in the Traverse Herald, in which he expresses a vote for Congressman Gibbons, but says he felt inclined to support Stockbridge, and reaffirms the same sentiments. He says: "About every man that we have talked with on the subject, say that they prefer to have Mr. Gibbons, retained in the House, that he can do more good there than in the Senate, that his election by the Legislature would endanger the election of a Republican representative in Congress from this Whole District. Looked at from that standpoint, with our best chance, McMillan withdrawn, we think the next best man, the man who is most qualified and most well recommended is Col. Frank B. Stockbridge, of Kalamazoo, who is a Democrat and has always voted and worked with the party, but who is by the necessary grace and energy with which he has pushed his own business affairs, and his unswerving integrity of character, a man who would bring strength to the party in the Senate. There are a dozen politicians prominently mentioned for the Senate, but each one is open to objections that would be fatal to his success. He is a politician, it is of that school which places patriotism above partisanship, but, withal, partisanship above political efficiency. He is as stalwart and positive in his politics as he is in his business, and is honest in both. No Republican in Michigan would, in the Senate of the United States, reflect greater credit upon the State than Frank B. Stockbridge, and the Legislature will honor itself by electing him."

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

E. B. Alger Has a Narrow Escape Near Grandville—His Horse Killed.

E. B. Alger, of this city, was quite severely hurt yesterday afternoon near Grandville by being struck by the Chicago & West Michigan passenger train, which is due here at 5 o'clock. Mr. Alger was driving home from Grandville with a horse and buggy. The accident occurred on the gravel road, near the toll gate. The engine struck the horse, killing him instantly, and Mr. Alger was hurled a distance of thirty feet. The train stopped and backed up and took him aboard and brought him to the city. He was then taken to his home at 177 Jefferson-ave., and Dr. Johnson summoned, who dressed his wounds and did all he could for the sufferer. Mr. Alger received a severe cut across his head, besides other bruises. He is also hurt internally, and complains considerably of a pain in his back.

Some of the train men who witnessed the accident, say that it was a terrible sight to see the horse thrown several feet in one direction, the buggy in another and Mr. Alger lying in a snow bank with the blood flowing from his wounds. It was some time before the train got back to the scene of the accident, and when they picked up Mr. Alger they thought he was dead.

Who Is to Blame for It?

Much complaint is heard at the Union Depot about the Michigan Central trains being allowed to hold the inside track when passengers are alighting from trains on other roads. Passengers are often obliged to climb over a Central train in order to get ahead of another, and the complainants charge that the Central officials do not try to avoid such dangerous inconveniences.

A Pleasant Party.

Miss Lulu Parr, of 348 Bowery-st., was given a "surprise" last evening, by about thirty of her young friends, from the East and West sides. Music and games were the order of the evening and judging from appearances, enjoyment reigned supreme, with the select little company present.

The Divorce Mill.

Phebe A. Bignell was yesterday granted a divorce from her husband, Chas. W. Bignell, on the grounds of cruelty and habitual drunkenness in the Superior Court. Mattie H. Wilson was also relieved from her matrimonial relations with Geo. S. Wilson, who, she charges, failed to support her.

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Alphonse King Tries to Walk With His Wooden Shoes From the Bartholdi Statue to the Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Alphonse King the water walker who tried to walk across the Niagara River last Saturday, attempted today to walk on the water from the Bartholdi Statue to the Brooklyn bridge. Harry Webb, the well known sporting man, and two friends were in a skiff accompanying him. King was dressed in an ordinary suit, except that of his feet, he wore hollow shoes, thirty-two inches long, eight inches wide and nine inches deep. He did not carry a balance pole. It was windy and the water was rough. King had great difficulty in keeping his balance, and progressed very slowly. When approaching the turn around the battery the waves lashed against the water and he suffered from cold. Webb was afraid the boat would upset and was nearly frozen. He beckoned King to walk faster. King tried to increase his pace but the wind and strong current prevented him from doing so. Finally, unable to make headway, he gave up the struggle. He was taken aboard the boat, kindly was given rum and his limbs were rubbed, while the boat was rowed to the battery, where all landed. King says he will not make another attempt there while this weather lasts. He thinks he has the greatest aversion imaginable to rough water.

He was on the water an hour and five minutes. He has walked across the Mississippi and once walked a mile and a half on the Ohio river.

Butchers After the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A committee appointed by the National Butchers Protective Association will present to the President and Congress tomorrow a memorial protesting against the practice of shipping dead meats embalmed and refrigerated from the West to eastern markets a practice particularly fraught with great danger to the public health, because of the doubtful character of the cattle slaughtered from this trade. They will urge remedial legislation.

A Good Victim for Lynchers.

NEWARK, N. J. Dec. 17.—The death of Mrs. Agnes Oswald, who was assaulted by a tramp near Foshay pond, Wednesday night, is hourly expected. She was in a delicate condition and the shock promises to be fatal. Hands of men are now scouring the woods for the tramp, but thus far they have been unsuccessful. The entire town assembled to assault a stalwart rascal of 40 and beat him to death, but he escaped.

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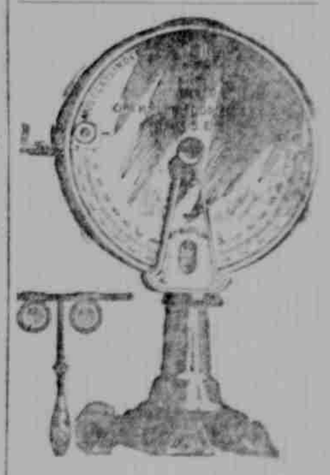

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