

FEEL THEIR TO \$180,000.

Such was the Good Fortune of an Escanaba Resident.

WILLED TO HIM BY AN UNCLE

Whom He had Never Seen—The Fortune was Left by an ex-Spanish Soldier Who Deserted and Joined Arms in the Cuban Cause.

Truth Stranger Than Fiction.

That the truth is far stranger than fiction has been demonstrated in Escanaba by Joseph E. Reinger inheriting \$180,000 with several years' interest from an uncle who recently died in Spain. The remarkable part of the story is the romance connected with it which is as follows: Mr. Reinger's father came to this country several years ago from Brussels, Belgium, leaving behind a younger sister and his parents. Some time after Mr. Reinger had settled in America he received a letter from his sister announcing her marriage to a young Spanish officer by the name of Lantigo Fenoll, who was at the time an attaché of the Spanish legation in Brussels. A few months after the marriage Fenoll was promoted to a responsible position in Valencia, Spain, and moved there with his wife. After that Mr. Reinger ceased to hear from them. Last December a letter was received from Mr. Fenoll, telling of his great success in Cuba and how he had amassed great wealth by deserting the Spanish cause and joining the Cubans; that he was again free from military life and was going back to Spain for his wife and daughter. On arriving in the country he had deserted he was shocked to learn of the death of his wife; was discovered by a Spanish spy and sentenced to 38 years in prison. In prison he was befriended by the prison priest, by whose aid he was enabled to mail the letter, which closed by requesting some aid to escape the terrible punishment he was being put to. Feb. 5 word was received that Mr. Fenoll was dead, and a copy of the will which leaves to his nephew \$180,000 with the interest, and giving him the care of his daughter. The prison priest, Fr. Pedro, with his young charge, is now on route for Escanaba, where the young lady will doubtless make her future home.

Mine Statistics.

The labor commissioner has collected interesting information from the managers of the 31 coal mines of Michigan which were in operation Dec. 1 last. The average number of mines in operation during the year was 25, and the average number of persons employed in all the mines was 1,638. The average for each mine being 53. The average number of hours per day worked by employees was 7.7, and the average number of days worked per month was 21.5. The average daily wage paid was \$2.34. The miners used 19,006 gallons of oil during the year, which is an average of 51 gallons per month to each mine. Twenty mines used 36,553 kegs of powder, an average of 140 kegs per month for each mine. The aggregate tons of coal mined number 84,476, an average of 70,390 tons for each mine or an average of 2,267 tons per month for each mine. The aggregate cost of the yearly output was \$1,164,000, or an average cost of \$1.38 per ton. The commissioner says that the cost of the product of the Michigan coal mines now exceeds \$100,000 per month.

Very Rapid Legislation.

The Michigan state legislature on the 14th broke all records as far as the "oldest inhabitant" recollects in the passage of important legislation under the guise of it being merely of local importance. The legislature rushed through both houses a bill reorganizing the board of public works department of the city of Detroit. The present board of works was demolished in its entirety, and a new measure enacted calling for the appointment of a superintendent of public works who is to become master of the situation, naming his own staffs and making all board appointments. The term of office is four years, and the salary \$5,000. D. W. H. Moreland, former president of the board, has been appointed to the position.

Street Car Company Must Pay Taxes.

The supreme court on the 12th affirmed the decision of the Wayne circuit court in the case of the Detroit Street Railway company vs. the common council of the city of Detroit. The board of assessors assessed what are known as the old lines of the company's property at \$5,000,000, an increase of over \$800,000 over the year before. The mandamus was fought out on this one case, although the principle applied to all the lines of the company. The opinion was written by Justice Hooker and concurred in by the entire bench. It covers 32 typewritten pages. The tax commission is jubilant over the decision.

In all probability Pontiac will secure the state fair this year.

The new telephone line from Hanover to Jackson is now completed.

A stock company has been formed and stock subscribed to the amount of \$25,000 for a new opera house at Cadillac.

John S. Slack, of White Pigeon, arrested charged with attempting wife murder, shot himself dead on the night of the 11th.

J. D. Anderson, of Floodwood, trapped the largest wildcat on the 14th ever seen in the northern country. The animal weighed 97 pounds.

In a contest recently closed Miss Maud Bronson, of Hudson, wrote 11,788 words on a small size postal card, beating all previous records.

MICHIGAN NEWS ITEMS.

Brighton is to have one free mail delivery route March 1.

The Belding Shoe company filed a chattel mortgage to secure creditors on the 11th.

There is considerable talk at Pontiac at present about erecting two opera houses there.

Orion is talking electric street lights to take the place of the kerosene lamps in use at present.

Cadillac is to have a tannery. The Rice Leather Co., of Petoskey, will establish one there.

Two smallpox cases were discovered at Saginaw on the 14th, many people have been exposed.

The Pingree contempt case will be submitted on briefs without argument in the supreme court.

The poultry and pet stock fanciers of Alpena county have formed an organization for mutual benefit and the holding of annual exhibitions.

A Capax farmer who raised chicory last year realized \$1,382 from 20 acres and this year he is going to plant 50 acres to the coffee substitute.

The attendance at the farmers' institute in Coldwater was a record-breaker. Ex-Gov. Luce was present at every session and took an active part.

A freight wreck on the Michigan Central at Francisco on the 9th resulted in a loss of \$30,000. Twelve cars and their contents were demolished.

The problem has been solved. Gov. Bliss on the 13th appointed C. D. Lawton, of Lawton, and Wm. T. Dust, of Detroit, as members of the state tax commission.

Baton county grangers are making contracts with Alcona county farmers for raising field peas for seed. They claim that insects will not permit their being raised in Eaton.

Andrew Carnegie, the steel king, has offered to build a public library building at Grand Rapids to cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, providing the city will donate the site and give \$10,000 a year to support it.

Fifteen St. Joseph citizens has offered to put up a \$15,000 electric light plant and furnish arc lights to the city at the rate \$70 per year, and at the end of three years to turn the plant over to the city.

A demented woman confined in a cell in the court house at Grayling, set fire to the building on the 14th, which burned to the ground, causing a loss of about \$15,000 over and above the insurance.

The clergy of Niles are unit in the crusade inaugurated for the passage of laws prohibiting the sale of marriage licenses on Sunday. They assert that it is an abominable practice and a disgrace to Berrien county.

Sam Alpin, the Greenville murderer, was on the 9th convicted of the murder of Lewis Campbell, an old soldier, on Aug. 18, last. After murdering Campbell he hid his body under a barn and covered it with quicklime.

G. B. Woodard, a coal and oil prospector of many years' experience at Gaines, Pa., has opened an office in Ashley, and is forming a local stock company and leasing land for the purpose of drilling some test wells.

Ex-Gov. Pingree, his son Hazen S. Jr., and Col. E. R. Sutton, left New York for England on the 12th. The governor is going abroad on business and his son and Col. Sutton are going to South Africa on a like mission.

By the spreading of the rails on the Grand Trunk line near Mr. Clemens on the night of the 9th, 13 new, heavy laden coal cars were piled up and the contents strewn along the track for a considerable distance. The damage is estimated at fully \$15,000.

Not content with its hasty marriage reputation, St. Joseph is endeavoring to secure the Ferris wheel as an additional attraction for the city. Negotiations are now in progress with the present owners of the big wheel looking to its removal to St. Joe.

The authorities of Berrien county are trying to find Clarence Wagner, aged 70, who courted Mrs. Mary Schaus of Coloma, and it is alleged, skipped out with \$250 of her money. The story leaked out on the 14th when it was learned that Wagner could not be found.

Surveying for the proposed Eastern & Northwestern road, to run from Toledo to Benton Harbor, via Dowagiac, is in progress at Sister Lakes. A section of about 10 miles of the road is now built from Dowagiac to Sister Lakes, for which the ties are now being purchased.

The name Bad Axe has been mutilated various and sundry times and in an unlimited number of ways, but the last straw was added the other day when a letter arrived that was addressed to Battle Axe. It was covered with post marks, having traveled all over Michigan.

The 1st annual meeting of the Michigan Village association will be held at Lansing, March 5 and 6. The 300 villages have been invited to participate, and each village will be allowed two delegates. This association was organized in Detroit, July 11, last, to promote the commercial welfare of the villages in the state.

A new gas company has been organized at Port Huron, which proposes to furnish its patrons with gas at 90 cents per 1,000 feet for lighting purposes, and 40 cents for fuel purposes.

Great Record Keeper Emma E. Bower of the L. O. T. M., has completed her annual report for 1900. It shows a disbursement of \$282,042.48, and a balance on hand of \$76,423.52. The membership on Jan. 1 was 57,411, an increase of 7,899 during the year. The deaths in 1900 were 258. The total disbursements in deaths and disabilities since organization, was \$1,112,113.60.

DOINGS OF THE 41ST SESSION.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 14th: To authorize consolidation street railway, electric light and gas light companies operating in contiguous territory in Muskegon, Newaygo, Kalamazoo, Jackson and Calhoun counties; authorizing the township of Lawrence in Van Buren county, to issue bonds not to exceed \$8,000 for the building of a town hall; amending charter of city of Port Huron to correct errors in boundaries and to create a park commission; vacating incorporation of village of Palmer in Marquette county; converting the Detroit board of public works into a one-man head organization; to consolidate schools in the city of Hudson and Hillsdale county into the Hudson public school system; to incorporate the public schools of the village of Jerome; to change and determine the wards of the city of Ludington; changing name of Minnie Boorman to Minnie Howard; for organization of school districts in Ossineke township, Alpena county; providing for the appointment of a stenographer for the probate court in Lapeer county; giving summer resort associations power to renew their corporate life for 30 years; providing for regulation of foreign building and loan associations; increasing the salary of the Wayne county clerk from \$3,500 to \$5,000, and cutting off his fees.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 14th: To allow the water commissioners of Marquette to bond for \$125,000, or not to exceed 5 per cent of the assessed valuation; requiring that hereafter the appointment of state salt inspector shall be confined by the senate; to amend the law relating to selling or leasing railroad property; Kent county primary election bill; requiring that the secretary of the health board be a member of the board; for the suppression of foul brood among bees; abolishing the board of works of Detroit; changing the boundaries of Ludington; proposing an amendment to constitution to provide for a court of appeals; to enable the township of Grosse Pointe, Wayne county, to bond to macadamize Jefferson and Mack avenues.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 15th: Detaching certain territory from township of Breitung, Dickinson county, and attach same to township of Sagola; providing for the collection of taxes in Manistique; providing for collection of taxes in township of Hiawatha; abolishing the board of works of the city of East Tawas; memorial to congress relative to election of United States senators by direct vote of the people; authorizing trustees of the village of Highland Park to borrow \$6,000; to incorporate the village of Applegate in Sanilac county; making salary of Kent county circuit court commissioners \$1,500 a year instead of paying them in fees; changing date of annual meeting of Lenawee county board of supervisors.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 15th: Making a single school district in the city of Negaunee and authorizing the issuance of \$30,000 bonds for school improvements; authorizing East Tawas to levy an assessment of 1 per cent of assessed valuation to pay debts; providing for registration of electors in East Tawas; amending charter of Grand Rapids relative to changing date for sale of delinquent taxes; creating single school district in St. Clair; admitting veterans of the Spanish-American war to the Soldiers' Home; allowing M. E. churches to elect trustees who are not members; authorizing supervisors of Bay county to fix salary of chairman of the board.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 15th: To incorporate the public schools of the village of Jerome, Hillsdale county; to amend the act incorporating the public schools of Hudson; to authorize Portage township, Houghton county, to borrow money for fire protection; to vacate the incorporation of the village of Palmer, Marquette county; to ratify the reorganization of the Pioneer Iron Co.; providing that hereafter the county commissioner of schools of Wayne county shall be elected for four years instead of two.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 15th: Appropriating \$7,000 for a deficit in current expenses of Soldiers' Home; for the suppression of foul brood among bees; requiring that teaching under certificates from the state board of education shall file their certificates with the county commissioner of schools; to organize Negaunee into one school district and allow it to bond for \$30,000 to refund debts, build new buildings, etc.

The following bills were passed by the house on the 15th: Ratifying the reorganization of the Pioneer Iron Co.; extending term of the Wayne county school commissioner from 2 to 4 years; authorizing township board of Grosse Pointe to gravel, pave and otherwise improve Jefferson and Mack avenues; licensing lying-in hospitals; providing separate trials and separate places of confinement for children under 16 years of age.

A bill to abolish political conventions in Kent county was passed by the senate on the 14th by a vote of 17 to 9.

The house again broke the record on the afternoon of the 14th by introducing 94 bills.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 15th: Authorizing the Bay county supervisors to fix a salary for the chairman of the board; creating a single school district in the city of St. Clair; to detach certain territory from Breitung township, Dickinson county, and attach to Sagola township; to authorize St. Clair township, St. Clair county, to borrow \$5,000 to pay a judgment for personal injuries.

The time limit for the introduction of bills will expire on Feb. 20.

Great distress still exists in many sections of Russia.

MANY SALOONS WRECKED.

Aided by Hundreds Mrs. Nation Destroys More Property.

TOPEKA JOINTISTS THE LOSERS

Crusaders Started Out at Daylight, Demolished One of the City's Finest Saloons, Ruined Property Stored in a Cold Storage Plant and a Barn.

Did Not Rest on Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Nation put in a busy Sunday in Topeka on the 17th and as a result the capital city has experienced more genuine excitement than can be remembered by the oldest inhabitant. Mrs. Nation literally crammed the day with thrilling episodes. She succeeded in having the contents of a notorious joint smashed, broke into a cold storage plant in search of liquor, ruined the mirrors in several bars found stored in a livery barn, addressed a large mass meeting of men and women and was arrested four times. The last time that the law laid its hands upon her was when Mrs. Nation emerged from the church where the mass meeting had been held.

Got Five \$1,000 Bills.

Five \$1,000 bills have been stolen mysteriously from a Kansas City bank. The name of the robbed bank and the manner of the theft are being kept quiet. It is said, however, that detectives have traced the bills to a former Kansas City woman, who is said to have tried to pass one of them at a Chicago department store. After the bill had been examined and found genuine, she is said to have substituted for it a counterfeit \$1,000 bill in payment for a bill of goods and to have received \$700 in change. The bills are believed to have fallen into the hands of some clever counterfeiter.

60 Men Killed by an Explosion.

A special from Victoria, B. C., dated the 15th, says: What is feared will prove to be one of the most horrible mine accidents in the history, not only of the province, but of the dominion, took place today at the Union mines owned by the Wheeling Colliery Co., of which James Dunsuir, the premier of the province, is the principal shareholder. The telegraphic advices received so far give no complete story of the accident, but it is estimated that about 60 men were killed.

Marital Law at Madrid.

It is learned at Washington that owing to the inability of the civil government of the province of Madrid to maintain public order, full authority in the province has been turned over to Capt. Gen. Weyler. It has been found expedient to declare martial law, and Gen. Weyler has occupied all of the most important points of the city with his troops. It is believed that changes in the ministry are unavoidable.

Oil Gusher in Indiana.

An oil well, which has a flow of more than 7,000 barrels a day, and which has already inundated five acres of land with petroleum, was struck on the 12th in the Blackford county (Ind.) field, six miles northwest and eight miles west of Montpelier. The contractors claim the well is a crevice freak and that the enormous output cannot be maintained any great length of time.

Fever Causing Many Deaths.

The fever season at Lorenzo Marquez is exceptionally disastrous. Many deaths of prominent British subjects have occurred. The majority belonged to the imperial railroad administrative staff, and had to be removed to a hospital ship in batches. Patients from Komatipoort are arriving daily. The hospital ship is now filled to its capacity. The mortality among the Boer refugees is heavy.

NEWSY BREVITIES.

It is now announced that the Danish West Indies will not be sold to the U. S.

Gov. Nash on the 13th ordered out 10 companies of state troops to stop the Jeffries-Kuhlin fight in Cincinnati.

Chas. Voss, of Milwaukee, on the 12th murdered his wife with a butcher knife and then committed suicide. Thirteen children survive them.

A washout on the Southern Pacific railway, near Mills City, Nev., was responsible for the death of four people and the injury of five others on the night of the 15th. The washout was caused by a cloudburst.

It was announced on the 9th that it was Andrew Carnegie's intention to give away \$1,000,000 a month from that date until he dies. He could do this quite easily and still have a sufficient amount of money left to keep the wolf a considerable distance from the door.

According to a dispatch from London, dated the 17th, all Europe is experiencing a return of winter weather. Severe cold and snowstorms are reported from all parts of England, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The blizzard continues in the Odessa district. In Switzerland many villages are cut off. Numerous deaths are reported.

The followers of Gen. Maximo Gomez triumphed on the 11th in the Cuban constitutional convention. The clause making him eligible to the presidency of the republic was adopted by a vote of 15 to 14. There was no discussion. There is also a growing disposition to eradicate all radical clauses before submitting the completed work to the U. S. congress.

Chas. C. Mann, aged 72, a retired stock broker, and for years a prominent Democratic politician, committed suicide at his home in Philadelphia on the 12th by shooting himself in the head.

CHAPPED HANDS.

Wash Them Thoroughly and Rub Them in Running Water.

Discomforts arising from chapped hands can be almost entirely avoided, says the Providence Journal. All that is needed is that the hands should be thoroughly rinsed in running water after they have been washed with soap. The hands, indeed, should never be washed in still water. This practice, so common as to be almost universal, is chiefly responsible for the roughening of the hands, and for producing the uncomfortable so-called "chapped" condition of these useful members, a condition directly resultant from the alkali remaining in the water from the soap. To prevent this the hand washing should be accomplished under a running faucet, which is also like the rain or shower bath, much more wholesome, as well as more tidy, than any other plan. Some radicals in this matter believe it would be a service to mankind if plumbers could be induced to omit the plugs from wash bowls, a procedure not likely to be accomplished at the present stage of popular education. In the contemplation of water, the human mind seems to revert at once to still water, a trait we have probably inherited from our savage ancestors, who had no opportunity of applying water save from ponds, rivers and lakes. Money expended in pure soap, it should be added, is well laid out. The purest soap to be had is none too good and care should be taken to secure it, but whatever soap is used see that the hands are thoroughly rinsed and afterward dried.

The First Oil Well.

Pennsylvania has the honor of discovering the first coal oil well. This was in 1859, by Colonel Drake, in the outskirts of Titusville. The state a number of years ago erected a monument to the discoverer. The first well was not a great gusher, but as oil was then selling for about \$14 a barrel gushers were not necessary to produce a fortune in a few weeks. The methods of production were as crude as the oil, the old-fashioned well sweep being used to bring the oil to the surface. There was no casing then, as now, and no shooting of wells in the up-to-date way now employed.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROM QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on the box. 25c.

When Love Sleeps, Envy is on the Watch.

Ghosts may talk, but few people understand the dead languages.

TO CURE YOUR HAIR AND YOU LOSE IT.

Parke's Hair Balsam renews the growth and color. HINDENROSS, the best cure for corns. 15c.

Ambition may be a virtue, but it is the parent of many vices.

A betting man doesn't have to be fat to be a heavy loser.

Pike's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.

Wm. O. ENDSLEY, Vanburner, Ind., Feb. 19, 1900.

All you can find in some authors' workshops is old saws.

When cycling, take a bar of White's Yucatan. You can ride further and easier.

"Two can live as cheaply as one if it is a case of love to."

"All the Sweetness of Living Blossoms," the matchless perfume. Murray & Lamson Florida Water.

A double wedding is one kind of a four-in-hand tie.

THANKFUL TO Mrs. PINKHAM

Letters Proving Positively that there is No Medicine for Woman's Ills Equal to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



(ALL LETTERS ARE PUBLISHED BY SPECIAL PERMISSION.)

"I cannot say enough in regard to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It has done me more good than all the doctors. I have been troubled with female weakness in its worst form for about ten years. I had leucorrhoea and was so weak that I could not do my housework.

I also had falling of the womb and inflammation of the womb and ovaries, and at menstrual periods I suffered terribly. At times my back would ache very hard. I could not lift anything or do any heavy work; was not able to stand on my feet long at a time. My husband spent hundreds of dollars for doctors but they did me no good. My husband's sister wrote what the Vegetable Compound had done for her, and wanted me to try it, but I did not then think it would do me any good. After a time, I concluded to try it, and I can truly say it does all that is claimed for it. Ten bottles of the Vegetable Compound and seven packages of Sensitive Wash have made a new woman of me. I have had no womb trouble since taking the fifth bottle. I weigh more than I have in years; can do all my own housework, sleep well, have a good appetite, and now feel that life is worth living. I owe all to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I feel that it has saved my life and would not be without it for anything. I am always glad to recommend it to all my sex, for I know if they will follow Mrs. Pinkham's directions, they will be cured."

Gratefully yours, MRS. ANNIE THOMPSON, South Hot Springs, Ark.

CHANGE OF LIFE.

"I was taken sick five years ago with 'The Grippe,' and had a relapse and was given up by the doctor and my friends. Change of Life began to work on me. I flowed very badly until a year ago, then my stomach and lungs got so bad, I suffered terribly; the blood went up in my lungs and stomach, and I vomited it up. I could not eat scarcely anything. I cannot tell what I suffered with my head. My husband got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and before I had taken half of it I began to improve, and to-day I am another woman. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine has saved my life. I cannot praise it enough."

M. A. DENNEY, Millport, N.Y.

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"I commenced taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound about 3 months ago, and cannot express the wonderful good it has done me. Menstruations were so profuse as to leave me very weak for some time after. Was also troubled with leucorrhoea, tired feeling, bearing down sensation, pain across the back and thighs. I felt as though there was a heavy weight in my stomach all the time. I have taken two bottles of the medicine, and now have better health than I have had for four years."

MRS. LIZZIE DICKSON HODGE, Avalon, Ohio.

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