

Athletic sports are taking strong hold in the European universities.

Japan has greatly increased her cavalry in the last few years, and still more recently added nearly forty field batteries to her artillery.

The removal of a man's veins would seem an impossible operation.

The other day a man made a tour of the diamond houses in Maiden Lane, New York, with a pair of diamond earrings, for which he had paid twenty years ago \$700.

To determine whether the shore line has not been shrinking a corps of engineers belonging to the United States coast and geodetic survey department has been at work on the Pacific coast.

The recent census taken throughout Switzerland has shown a remarkable increase in the number of inhabitants.

Paris is about to lose one of its great historical landmarks.

The superintendent of the New Haven schools has recently recommended that all his teachers wear short skirts the year around.

The foreign ministers at Pekin have prepared a list of high Chinese officials whose execution they demand as a punishment for their complicity in the Boxer outrages.

A church choir, complete in all its parts and composed exclusively of Chinese vocalists, accompanied on the organ by a young Chinese matron.

England has ordered five Holland submarine boats—her first experiment in submarine navigation.

MURDER AT HAMBURG.

Coroner's Jury Decides That Victim Met Death by Foul Play.

PROMINENT MEN ARRESTED.

James Ryan, One of the Men Charged With the Crime, a Prominent Business Man of Howell—Accused Men Released on Bail—Other Items.

Verdict of Murder Rendered.

After a week of "rumors" and talk of foul play, an inquest was held on the 19th in the case of John Fitzsimons, who was found dead on the 12th on a farm he had made arrangements to manage, a couple of miles from Hamburg.

Tried to Lasso an Ex-Convict. An attempt was made at Jackson on the 20th to lynch Joseph Moran, ex-convict pardoned by Gov. Pingree.

Suicide at Niles. W. J. Gilbert, former mayor of Niles, reputed to be wealthy and one of the best known and most respected residents of Berrien county.

Disease in Michigan. Reports to the state board of health by representative physicians in active general practice in different parts of the state.

G. A. R. Encampment Date Changed. The annual encampment of the Michigan G. A. R., which has been announced to be held at Flint, July 5 and 6.

Durand's Water Works O. K. Durand's new water works are now in operation and it is said that business at the local saloons has been very poor for a few days.

Michigan Beet Sugar Manufacturers Will Meet at Bay City, April 4 to Organize a Permanent Society.

The common council of Jackson has accepted Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$70,000 for a public library building.

Additional rural free delivery service has been ordered established at Saginaw, with three carriers, to take immediate effect.

So far this season the catches made by the Grand Haven fishermen have been very small, and the men are discouraged.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Omer has a business men's association. Milan is to have a new \$10,000 hotel.

Fifteen cases of measles are reported at Coldwater.

Armad was seorched to the extent of \$12,000 on the 19th.

A "Jack the Kisser" has been operating at Lansing recently.

Hearing on the railroad taxation bills has been postponed until April 2.

The Grand river at Eaton Rapids is steadily raising and serious damage is looked for.

The court house at Manistiquie was burned to the ground on the 19th. Loss, \$12,000.

There is something more than \$1,000,000 in savings deposits in the banks of Clinton county.

Baldwin is to have a huge portland cement plant, which will mean another town for that place.

Charles Smith, treasurer of Bath township, Clinton county, was robbed of \$640 in cash on the night of the 21st.

Nearly 1,000 school children of Saginaw have been vaccinated and there are now 40 cases of smallpox in the city.

The Michigan schoolmasters' club will hold its spring meeting at Ann Arbor, March 29-30.

The disappearance of the snow shows thousands of quail dead in fence corners and other protected places where they were caught by heavy snowstorms and smothered and frozen.

Clinton county township treasurers seem to be "onto their job." In four townships not a cent was returned as delinquent, while the unpaid tax for the whole county amounts to only \$5,831.

A Paw Paw real estate man received an offer from a Chicago man who wanted to exchange 61,000 gallons of rye whiskey for a Van Buren county fruit farm.

The business men of Middleton, Gratiot county, believe that "in union there is strength," and have formed an improvement association to secure the location in the village of a cheese factory and other industries.

John D. Rockefeller, the standard oil king, has disposed of his interests in the iron business, including mines, railways and lake transportation lines.

A meeting of the Oakland County Maccabee association was held at Pontiac on the 19th.

Stock raising in the upper peninsula is soon to be given a practical test.

Word has been received at West Branch from Eureka, Cal., that John W. Wood has surrendered to the police there.

In Leroy township, Calhoun county, a farmer has this sign stuck up inviting hunters to make themselves at home.

Fergus, Saginaw county, is most prolific. While boring for coal, rock salt was struck, and now a salt block is being built.

Banker Graham, of Grand Rapids, is defendant in a \$5,000 damage suit brought by Peter Danne, who charges that the banker pumped 123 bird shot into him with a gun.

A stock company has been formed by Grand Rapids parties who have bought the two water powers at Alaska and La Barge, Kent county, for the purpose of supplying electric light and power to Caledonia, Middleville and Hastings.

Passenger train No. 14, east bound on the Michigan Central, struck and killed a young man, probably a tramp, at Wayne on the 24th.

DOINGS OF THE 21ST SESSION.

The house passed the following bills on the 19th: Authorizing the county of Crawford to borrow \$10,000 and issue bonds for the purpose of building a court house in Crawford county.

The senate passed the following bills on the 20th: Amend Battle Creek charter; amend Ishpeming charter; to vacate part of the village of Grand Marais, Alger county.

The following bills were passed by the senate on the 21st: To prevent a greater exemption from taxation than five years on homestead lands; to exempt G. A. R. halls, etc., from taxation; to license insurance agents; to prohibit docking horses.

The house passed the following bills on the 21st: To incorporate the public schools of the village of Delray, Wayne county; to facilitate the commencement of suits against joint defendants residing in several counties.

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USED AN AX AND A CLUB.

Mother Battered Her Six Children to Death.

THEN CUT HER OWN THROAT.

Although Horribly Cut and Suffering From Loss of Blood it is Thought She Will Recover—She Gives no Reason for the Terrible Crime.

Woman's Awful Deed.

Mrs. Lizzie Naimore, of near Coldbrook, Mass., while in a fit of insanity on the 21st killed her six children at her home, a farm house half a mile from Coldbrook.

Father Murdered His Three Children.

Jacob Dearborn Marr, a farmer living eight miles from Clinton, Me., killed his three children, aged 15, 7 and 7, with an ax, shortly after the family had risen from the dinner table on the 21st.

Havana's Death Rate. A report has been received at the war department at Washington from Gen. Wood, showing that the death rate for the city of Havana for the month of February was 19.32 per 1,000.

Big Blizzard in Wisconsin. A dispatch from Cumberland, Wis., dated the 20th, says that the severe blizzard which has prevailed throughout western Wisconsin for the past 36 hours is the worst seen for years and has played havoc with railroad traffic.

More Applications Than Jobs. More than 500 applications for chaplaincies in the army have already been filed with the President.

NEWSY BREVITIES. A dispatch from San Francisco, dated the 19th, says the 30th U. S. V. I. will be mustered out April 4.

A snowstorm approaching a blizzard in severity, swept over the Missouri river valley on the 19th, completely blocking street car traffic in many cities and delaying railroad traffic.

The Mountain City Milling Co.'s large elevator at Frederick, Md., containing 40,000 bushels of wheat and corn, was totally destroyed by fire on the 19th.

An elephant escaped from the Zoo in Indianapolis on the 19th and before it could be recaptured it had done considerable damage in a barber shop and had badly frightened a number of people.

A new counterfeit bill has appeared. It is a \$5 note of the National Iron bank of Morristown, N. J., series of 1892, check letter A, portrait of Garfield.

When the jury in an assault case at Tiptonville, Tenn., reported that they could not agree that Ike Fitzgerald, the assaulter of a 19-year-old white girl named Miss Mina Davenport, was guilty, the mob seized him and hustled him from the court room and hanged him to the first tree.

CUBA AND PHILIPPINE NEWS.

The committee on relations of the Cuban convention met in Havana on the 23d to consider the report drawn up by its secretary, Senor Juan Gualberto Gomez, on the Platt amendment.

In the province of Cavite, four insurgent officers and 53 men with much ammunition have surrendered to Capt. Baldwin of the 4th U. S. Infantry, and one insurgent officer and 12 men with 16 rifles to Col. Walter S. Schuyler of the 46th volunteer infantry.

The attendance at the services of the Evangelical church in Manila is not diminished. Protestantism is spreading rapidly in the province of Pampanga.

Gen. Fullon and 180 of his command armed with rifles, surrendered to Col. Scott of the 4th volunteer infantry, at Antique, island of Panay, on the 23d.

The U. S. army transport Grant sailed from Manila for San Francisco on the 23d with the 29th and 33d regiments of volunteer infantry.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

An agricultural station is to be established at Hawaii.

The estate of the late Benjamin Harrison is estimated to be worth \$380,000.

A sudden thaw in South Russia of the recent phenomenal snows is causing the rivers to overflow.

The transport Kilpatrick with 400 sick soldiers arrived at San Francisco from Manila on the 17th. Four privates died on the voyage.

By the explosion of an ammonia tank on the steamer New York many persons lost their lives and much damage was done to the vessel.

According to the latest report Cashier Johnson of the First National bank of Niles is short \$130,000.

A storm prevailed all over the state of Colorado on the 24th, in some places reaching the proportions of a blizzard.

The prospects of peace are still considered hopeful at Pretoria. The Boer losses last month were 160 killed, 400 wounded and 1,000 captured and surrendered.

The bubonic plague continues to spread at Cape Town. There is an average of six fresh cases officially reported daily.

A dispatch from Pretoria, dated the 20th, says that Philip Botha, a brother of the Boer commander-general was killed on the Doornberg and that his two sons were wounded.

The strike of coal miners of the Fremont (Col.) county district has been ended by an agreement satisfactory to both sides, and work will be resumed April 1.

Capt. Shanks, of the 18th U. S. Infantry, has captured Diocino, the noted Tagal leader, in Cadiz province, island of Panay. Two rebels were killed and three, including Diocino, were wounded.

The plan to form a new combine of the leading blast furnace-interests of the valleys, Pittsburg and Cleveland, with a probable capital of \$25,000,000, is to be carried out or abandoned by May 1.

Advices from Seoul announces that the Korean government has dismissed from office McLeavy Brown, director general of Korean customs, and that Great Britain is protesting against his dismissal.

Judge Jos. M. Bartholomew, for 10 years justice of the supreme court of North Dakota, who retired from the bench Jan. 1, dropped dead on the walk in front of his residence in Bismarck, N. D., on the 24th.

A river of flaming oil swept down upon the little village of Glen Gardner, N. J., while its inhabitants were asleep on the morning of the 24th, and reduced 11 building, stores and residences, to ashes.

The bill which provides for a manual training school in Manila, as well as a normal school for the training of native teachers, opens up a new territory for American teachers.